

Motions

(b) National Non Domestic Rating Scheme – Amendments from 1 April 2010

“That this Council -

calls on the Government to consider carefully the impact of the revaluation of business properties on businesses in the current economic climate and in setting the final terms of the scheme:

- (i) reduces the multiplier to the greatest possible extent and in any event by at least 20%;
- (ii) increases the scheme of transitional relief so that no business, regardless of size, should have a bill that is more than 2.5% bigger in 2010/11 than their bill for 2009/10;
- (iii) doubles the limits that restrict entitlement to small business rate relief”.

Mover: Councillor C Whitbread
Seconder: Councillor Mrs D Collins

(c) 10:10 Campaign – Cutting the Council's Carbon Emissions

“This Council resolves to:

- (a) sign up to the 10:10 campaign (www.1010uk.org) which calls for 10 per cent greenhouse gas emission reductions by the end of 2010;
- (b) seek to cut its emissions by 10 per cent in 2010; and
- (c) encourage other individuals, businesses and organisations in the Epping Forest District to do likewise”.

Mover: Councillor J M Whitehouse
Seconder: Councillor R Frankel

(d) Queens Road Business Rates and Support for Town Centres

“This Council:

- (a) notes that traders in Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill have been subjected to a massive increase in their business rates;
- (b) recognises that whilst offering the ratepayers more time to pay the increased bills, it has no power to reduce the amount due;
- (c) believes that traders would benefit from the advice and support of a Town Centre Manager, especially at this time of economic recession, and that the viability of the road as a trading centre needs all the help that can be provided by the Council; and

(d) requests that the Cabinet provides temporary cover for the post of Town Centre Manager until the current post-holder is able to return to work”.

Mover: Councillor Mrs A Haigh
Seconder: Councillor Mrs J Sutcliffe