SUMMONS ITEM NO: 10(b)

Full Council 22nd January 2007

Motion selected for debate by Councillor Ann John, Leader of the Labour Group.

Bicentenary of Abolition of Slavery in the UK

This Council notes that 25 March 2007 marks the bicentenary of the Abolition of Slavery Act. We resolve to commemorate this important anniversary with a programme of events including acts of remembrance for the victims of slavery and educational programmes. We note that Cllr Beswick, on behalf of the Labour Group, called on the Administration to earmark at least £3,000 for this purpose (in addition to external funding) during the course of the First Reading debate on 27 November 2006. This Council therefore instructs officers to confirm that work is in hand and to report on progress to date.