**ECN VCS LOCAL ELECTION MANIFESTO**

1. Any future % cuts in grants should be no greater than the % cuts in LBE frontline services
2. The Council should review further with Ealing Community Network options where service delivery by voluntary groups could save the Council money
3. The Council should use grants not contracts for core voluntary sector commissioning
4. The Council should ensure all external bidders for major community contracts are encouraged to have local voluntary sector partners
5. The Council should work with local voluntary groups to develop new joint funding bids to attract external funding for Ealing
6. The Council should work in partnership with local voluntary groups to address increasing issues of poverty and homelessness in Ealing
7. The Council and Ealing Community Network should set up a multi-agency Commission to investigate inequality in the borough and make recommendations for an action plan to reduce inequalities
8. The Council should retain Southall Town Hall for use by the wider local community
9. The Council should continue to support community premises run by voluntary groups in the borough
10. The Council should work in partnership with local voluntary groups to address increasing issues of social isolation and loneliness in Ealing