



SUMMONS TO ATTEND AN EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 13 April 2011 at 7.00 pm
Council Chamber, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane,
Wembley, HA9 9HD

To the Mayor and Councillors of the London Borough of Brent and to each and every one of them.

I hereby summon you to attend an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of this Borough.

GARETH DANIEL
Chief Executive

Dated: Tuesday 5 April 2011

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The press and public are welcome to attend this meeting

Agenda

Apologies for absence

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1 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

2 Library Transformation Project

- a) Petition - Keep Preston Library open/oppose the sale or redevelopment of the site

The following petition has received over 5000 signatures and, in accordance with the provisions of the Council's petition scheme, is referred to Council for debate:

Keep Preston Road Library open

We the undersigned petition the council to keep Preston Road Library open and give full consideration to alternatives to the removal of essential local library services to the Preston ward under the Brent "Library Transformation Project". We oppose the sale or redevelopment of the site that does not include a Brent public library.

- b) Motion - Saving Brent's Libraries 1 - 2

To consider the motion set out in the requisition submitted by Councillors Allie, Brown, Colwill, Lorber and HB Patel for an Extraordinary meeting **(see attached)**



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- The meeting room is accessible by lift and seats will be provided for members of the public.
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Motion in the name of Cllr Paul Lorber, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group and Cllr Harshadbhai Patel, Leader of the Conservative Group

Saving Brent's Libraries

This Council notes:

- The massive support from local people across Brent for the campaign to save local libraries, as evidenced by local activities and the petitions presented to Brent Council.
- The alternative proposals made by local groups to save local libraries in response to the limited options agreed by the Executive as part of their 'Library Transformation' proposals.
- The willingness of local people to volunteer to help keep their local library open.
- That between 2006 and 2010 all existing (12) local libraries were kept open and received increased investment with a view to shared services and activities.

This Council resolves to:

- Support local community groups in their attempts to save their local library.
- Implement efficiency savings in the head office and support functions, the costs of which are currently recharged to local libraries (including the costs of ICT, stock purchases and development).
- Continue the programme of expanding shared use of library buildings and encouraging their use on days when the library building is closed.
- Expand library opening hours with the help of local volunteers while encouraging complementary activities.
- Provide financial support for those libraries where a viable business case has been made and where an effective local community group has shown a willingness to working partnership with the Council to deliver an efficient and community based library service.
- To recommend to the Executive to find additional efficiency savings from the central overheads of the library service and to allocate sufficient resources from the reserves to enable a proper community libraries plan to be developed.

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