

Full Council – 22 January 2018

Motion selected by the Labour Group

Forward Together: Brent Council's Record of Achievement

This Council knows first-hand that, under a Conservative government, and prior to that, the Lib Dem-backed Tory coalition, local councils across the country have seen their funding cut by more than half.

This Council puts on record that, although immensely damaging to many of the essential services and support that residents and communities depend upon, as a result of the determination and innovation of local authorities of all political persuasions, the fullest impact of austerity has, thus far, been averted.

This Council takes pride in the fact that, in Brent, despite the enormous financial challenge, eight years of Labour stewardship have resulted in major achievements that include:

- Creating a sustainable adult social care service that ensures elderly residents can retain their independence for longer and continue to live with dignity;
- Transforming our libraries service into one of the most successful and most accessible in the country;
- Working in partnership with our schools such that 97% are now rated as either Good or Outstanding, and, as a result, our students are amongst the UK's highest achieving; and
- In concert with developers, generating hundreds of millions of pounds in investment, building thousands of brand new homes of all tenures and affordability, creating good quality, skilled jobs, boosting the local economy, and rejuvenating neighbourhoods across the borough.

This Council recognises that, having managed to achieve so much on behalf of residents, despite huge cuts to its funding by a Conservative government, local Labour councillors have played an integral part in the decision making and scrutiny processes.

This Council looks forward to the 2018-2022 Labour administration; understands that, despite claims to the contrary, Conservative austerity will continue; and embraces the many challenges and opportunities that will present themselves

Councillor Matt Bradley
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