# LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT COUNCIL MEETING – 20<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004

## Items Selected by Non-Executive Members under Standing Order 40

# (a) From Councillor Rands

#### Northwick Park Golf Course

Ten years have passed since the Northwick Park Golf Course was first discussed and the Golf Course is still not completed. Each year that passes there is another excuse why the vision does not become a reality. No progress has been made during the summer, which must be the best months for such work and the council has allowed this snail's pace to continue. Work has still not started on the driving range and the stadium could be completed before the Golf Course! I therefore call on the Executive to expedite the work on completing this much-needed project.

#### (b) From Councillor Freeson

### **Provision of Swimming Facilities**

Brent needs better sports facilities - swimming being among the most important for good health – reducing antisocial behaviour. We had seven public swimming pools 35 years ago. Two more were planned. Today we have one pool and two replacements to be built. We have regressed amid high capital and running costs. Yet we are much richer today than previously. Given their importance to health – indeed also London's Olympic bid – we need a programme to provide more swimming pools and related facilities across Brent. I urge examination of ways to provide sites and finances for action in the run up to 2012.

#### (c) From Councillor Lorber

## **Litter Bins and Recycling Facilities**

Rubbish in Brent's streets and Open Spaces continues to bring dissatisfaction. Local newspapers and others recognise that the Council has not tackled the problem, and complaints to councillors are frequent.

Brent Council MUST tackle the basics. I urge the Executive to:

- Set a target of 1,000 Bins in EACH ward
- Within this, introduce Combined RECYCLING AND LITTER Bins
- EMPTY RUBBISH BINS twice a day, four times in shopping areas
- CLEAR areas AROUND Bins
- ENFORCE against dumpers/ litterers through Fixed Penalties and other means, using all resources including Street Wardens

and report back with full proposals.