

MOTION TO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING 19/5/03

Summons item 8 – Motions selected by Leaders of the Opposition Groups

MOTION SELECTED BY COUNCILLOR BOB BLACKMAN LEADER OF THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP

This Council welcomes the new Conservative policy on the abolition of university tuition fees, which would save the students and their families up to £3,000 per student per year.

This Council notes that there are currently 15,969 students in the Brent area that could benefit as a result of this proposal and 6,219 aged 16-17 who could decide to go onto university education. This Council calls on the Government to ditch their ill thought out plan to impose top-up fees and to abolish tuition fees completely.

This Council believes that the tuition fees are a tax on learning, discourages able students from applying for university places due to the impact of facing a huge debt even before they have begun work and prevents young people from achieving their ambitions.