

SUMMONS ITEM 10(ii)

FULL COUNCIL 20th October 2003

Motion selected for debate by Councillor Lorber, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

RESTORING CONFIDENCE IN BRENT COUNCIL.

This Council welcomes the recent election of Sarah Teather as Liberal Democrat MP for Brent East.

Members note however that one frequent and recurring concern raised by local residents during the course of the By-election campaign was the state of Brent's streets.

Council therefore acknowledges that far more effort is required to improve the local environment, and that improved service delivery on roads, pavements, potholes, graffiti, refuse collection, recycling, and rubbish clear-up is essential if basic public confidence in Brent Council is to be restored.

Council therefore, having heard the views of the local electorate, urges the Executive to bring forward urgent proposals to improve Brent's Environmental Services, including the adoption of Liberal Democrat proposals to divert resources currently wasted on propaganda and re-invest these on the following priority 5-point plan for improvement:

1. Recruit more street cleaners to tidy up our area.
2. An immediate clean up of graffiti on all Council property, and grants to local shops and traders to help clean up graffiti.
3. Faster action to remove abandoned and dumped cars from local streets.
4. Create anti-dumping teams and introduce a grot-spot hotline to enable local residents to report problems in their area and get these sorted.
5. More litter bins, and more frequent emptying of these.