

SUMMONS ITEM 11(i)

FULL COUNCIL 28th June 2004

Motion selected for debate by Councillor Bob Blackman, Leader of the Conservative Group.

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS IN BRENT

This Council notes the consultation that is taking place concerning the special education needs provision for Brent over the next ten years.

This Council notes the soaring number of mainstream schools falling in to debt after changes in government education funding and is now concerned that the special schools in Brent will also bear the brunt of drastic change and financial cuts.

This Council is aware of the serious concerns of the five special schools in Brent with the threat of putting special needs children in mainstream schools where the children's special needs would not be met.

This Council therefore calls on the Executive to listen to the advice of the Headteachers of the 5 Special Schools, the governors and parents who are directly affected, to make sure that the future of the special schools in Brent is secure.