

SUMMONS ITEM 9 (i)

FULL COUNCIL 25th October 2004

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

Anti Social Behaviour Orders

This Council warmly welcomes the decision by the courts to uphold Brent Council's decision to "name and shame" those people issued with ASBOs recently. This Council believes that this action will assist in helping to make our streets safer.

This Council calls on all Councillors to express support for the use of ASBOs as a weapon in the fight against crime and condemns those who refuse to support action against thuggish and yobbish behaviour. In particular, this Council condemns the Liberal Democrat Party for voting against this legislation.

However, this Council is concerned that measures being introduced requiring police to fill out a form every time that they stop an individual, represents bureaucracy gone mad. This Council notes that each form will take an average of 7 minutes to complete and will deter police officers from carrying out their duties. This Council calls on the government to scrap this unnecessary bureaucracy.

This Council also notes that signs of those who are potential offenders can be identified as early as 6 years of age but if sufficient support is given to the family and the young people at an early age, the long spiral into a life of crime can be avoided. This Council believes that this requires the input of several agencies to achieve this end and calls for a review to be held on how such measures could be introduced. This Council believes that this measure may help to prevent crime rather than having to punish perpetrators at a future time.