

## **SUMMONS ITEM 11(i)**

### **FULL COUNCIL 31<sup>st</sup> January 2005**

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

##### **John Billam Sports Hall**

This Council notes that a decision was made to sell the John Billam Sports Hall to the Gujarati Arya Association (GAA) for use by the community. This decision was taken in order that the Sports Hall be refurbished and that changing rooms be provided for users of the playing fields. This Council notes that the deposit was only finally received after pressure from Conservative Councillors who questioned what had happened about this payment.

This Council notes that the balance of £425,000 in the form of a capital receipt has not yet been received.

Contractors, working on the site, allege that they have not yet been paid. It appears that GAA is not keeping to its agreement with Brent Council or with contractors. The dispute with contractors could lead to a protracted dispute preventing use of the Sports Hall by GAA and by the community. An urgent review needs to be held to establish if GAA has the funds to pay Brent Council and if the money is available why this has not yet been paid.

This Council believes that urgent action is required to protect this valuable community asset including ensuring that the Sports Hall reverts to Brent Council control in the event that the contractors take legal action against GAA

This Council therefore resolves to instruct the Chief Executive to investigate this matter in detail to ensure that the Council's position is protected and to report to the Executive as a matter of urgency on the actions required to be taken.