

SUMMONS ITEM 11 (i)

FULL COUNCIL
24th April 2006

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

Improved Environmental Services in Brent

This Council notes that improving public services can only be achieved by local government working together with central government as detailed in the report by the National Audit Office and the Audit Commission. This report states that central and local government need to work closely together and make the best use of other agencies. The emphasis is on the importance of clarity of purpose and well-defined responsibilities.

This Council believes that Brent's pavements and road surfaces are in a bad state and need to be better resourced with both Brent and central government working together on a plan for the future so that the public are not faced with cracked pavements and potholed roads in the years to come as they are at present. This is made even more urgent as Brent has seen an increased car ownership level of over 7% since 2000 and, according to new research, has one of the highest levels of traffic of any London Borough.

This Council recognises that broken pavements and poor road surfaces are one of the biggest issues in all the wards across the whole of Brent and therefore this Council calls on the Executive to carry out a borough wide survey before compiling a framework to identify all the pavements and roads that **must** be fully repaired within the next few years with its own resources and assistance from central government and other agencies. This Council believes that Brent should lead the way in formulating a serious plan for better pavements and roads for Brent.