

**FULL COUNCIL
26th June 2006**

**Motion selected for debate by Councillor Ann John,
Leader of the Labour Group.**

Labour Manifesto

This Council notes the result of the recent local elections in which Labour polled 36.7% of the votes cast compared with 29.5% for the Conservatives and 29.0% for the Liberal Democrats. Nonetheless, this produced an outcome in which the Liberal Democrats secured the largest number of seats thus demonstrating the fact that our electoral system does not always result in the most popular party winning the most seats. However, we believe that the public will expect that, as the largest group, the Liberal Democrats should form an Administration and that they should attempt to do so. We note that they have so far failed to do this.

As a result, the Council lacks clear political leadership and a clear sense of direction, something which the previous Labour administration gave Brent and which was widely recognised. In the absence of this, we resolve to adopt the Labour manifesto (a copy of which has been circulated by e-mail to all councillors) which seeks to build on the steady progress made in recent years.