

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT
COUNCIL MEETING – 26TH NOVEMBER 2007

Items Selected by Non-Executive Members under Standing Order 39

(A) From Councillor Anthony Dunn

Town Hall lettings

I am concerned at shortfalls in policy or procedure highlighted by the recent booking of Brent Town Hall for an Israel Property Exhibition featuring properties for sale in disputed territories and expropriated land.

Facilitating an event that may see breaches of international law, whichever nations, interests or circumstances are involved, does nothing for the Council's reputation within or beyond Brent.

I ask the Executive to review the lettings policies and procedures for Council venues left in place by Labour, and to request a report detailing how these can be tightened with a view to creating a more ethical lettings policy.

(B) From Councillor Emily Tancred

Street sweeping

Many Queens Park residents have been very complimentary about the improved street sweeping service they are now receiving.

However, a lot of money has been invested in this area, and it would be good to know if the experience in my ward is shared across Brent or if there are any hotspot areas where more work may be needed.

I therefore ask the Executive if they could report regularly on how satisfied people are with the local street sweeping, and if they will keep the performance in this important frontline area under review through regular evidence-based reports.

(C) From Councillor Pawan Gupta

Reporting of housing repairs

The Council regularly monitors the performance of BHP in delivering repairs to its tenants. Not all Housing Association tenants are as lucky. Many face a lack of response on basic repairs issues, and some even find themselves threatened or harassed when they complain.

Will the Executive see what more can be done to monitor performance of Housing Associations where we place people or have partnerships ; to encourage independent open forums where tenants can make comments, including online ; and whether responsiveness to tenant concerns can be considered when the Council decides which Housing Associations to work with ?