

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Full Council – 8th September 2008

Motion selected for debate by Councillor Paul Lorber, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group

An environment fit for Brent residents

This Council:

1. Welcomes Brent residents' positive response to the recent introduction of compulsory recycling.

2. Notes that:

- Over 10,000 new green boxes were ordered by residents in the six-week run up to the introduction of compulsory recycling
- Over 25% more recyclable waste was collected in July 2008 than in July 2007 – before the compulsory recycling start date of 4th August - and green box tonnages were up by 60%
- August saw a significantly higher tonnage again
- Brent is now recycling around 28% of its waste

3. Notes that for the first time in decades Brent's streets are among the cleanest in London, according to the latest official independent survey carried out by ENCAMS and Capital Standards which found no litter, stones, dirt or grit in 7 out of every 8 Brent streets inspected.

4. Notes that this represents a 20 per cent rise in street cleanliness, making Brent the 4th cleanest borough in London having previously been ranked 17th, and that this is a direct result of this Administration's decision to invest an additional £2.1million a year in making Brent cleaner, greener and safer.

5. Offers its thanks to all those residents who have enrolled as StreetWatchers, enabling the Council to respond quickly to any areas of concern.

6. Reaffirms its commitment to making Brent a cleaner, more sustainable Borough, acknowledges the efforts our residents have made in this area, and looks forward to further progress on recycling, sustainability and the creation of a cleaner, greener local environment.