LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Full Council – 8th September 2008

Items Selected by Non-Executive Members under Standing Order 39

(a) From Councillor Powney

Operation and role of the Executive

Following numerous examples where members of the Executive have denounced Council policy, will the Executive draw up a statement in how it exercises collective responsibility? In particular, when speaking are Lead Members expressing personal views, the views of their parties or a coalition view? Will the Executive also state what it thinks the relative role of Lead Members and officers are now that we have moved to an Executive/Scrutiny system? Will the Leader of the Council announce a date by which time such a statement might be forthcoming?

(b) From Councillor Anwar

Cleaner streets in Brent

The difficulties in maintaining a clean, pleasant environment for Brent's residents should not be underestimated. The hard work of the street cleaning teams, in particular my local street sweeper Mr Adekunde Idowu Shina, is something which residents are increasingly noticing and which has resulted in the Borough having the cleanest streets for decades. I would ask the Executive to consider ways of expressing the Council's thanks to the many hard working members of the street cleaning teams across Brent for their efforts.

(c) From Councillor Leaman

Rehabilitation of offenders

Reoffending has reached epic proportions in this country. If we are to steer people away from a life of crime, we must find a way for people to start anew. In its community safety role, can the Executive look into new ways of helping ex-offenders to rehabilitate into society and stop reoffending?