

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT**

**Full Council – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008**

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

**Icelandic Banking Crisis**

This Council notes that Brent has £15m on deposit with two Icelandic banks, Glitnir and Heritable Bank and further notes that a number of Icelandic banks have recently fallen foul of the credit crunch and been taken into administration by the Icelandic government.

This Council believes that we have acted prudently in this matter, have followed the correct procedures and have fully acted in accordance with Treasury guidance which states that councils should 'seek the highest rate of return consistent with the proper levels of security and liquidity'.

This Council condemns the conduct of the Icelandic Government in declaring that they will refuse to honour the debts of their own financial institutions and resolves to take all necessary legal steps in cooperation with the LGA, London Councils and any other interested bodies to secure the safe return of funds owed to this Authority. This Council also calls on the British Government to take all the requisite legal steps to secure the safe return of these funds.