

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT****Full Council – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2008****Items Selected by Non-Executive Members under Standing Order 39**

- (a) From Councillor John

**Gang culture**

Politicians in all parties share the public concerns about the growth in gang culture in Brent and elsewhere. More recently, there is evidence of children as young as eight years old being pressured to join in teenage gangs by the older gang members. Brent Council and its partner agencies are already doing a great deal but they need to revisit policies in the light of this new and alarming trend.

- (b) From Councillor Hashmi

**Protecting our local environment**

Cricklewood and Dollis Hill residents are becoming very concerned about the consequences of a Waste Dump being planned for the other side of Cricklewood Broadway. We already have experience in Brent of the Neasden Goods Yard, with lorries and pollution becoming a daily reality, and great problems getting a reluctant Environment Agency to act to protect residents' quality of life, free from environmental hazards. Can the Executive ensure that the Council uses all avenues available to express concern over the implications of a waste dump in that area, given the clearly adverse affect on local residents?

- (c) From Councillor Jackson

**Safeguarding Regeneration**

The economic crisis, plus a shortfall of funds and the failure of oversight by the previous SKNDC Board, seriously threatens the regeneration of South Kilburn. I am particularly concerned that some housing and jobs creation objectives may not now be delivered if the scheme is left to chance in current market conditions. Will the Executive review again the full extent of the programme still outstanding, and push for all necessary Government safeguards on its delivery, including funding guarantees and measures to protect private sector investment, to ensure South Kilburn residents receive the same priority as City banks?