

Full Council – 13th July 2009

**Motion selected for debate by Councillor Ann John,
Leader of the Labour Group**

Standards in Brent schools

This Council resolves to conduct an investigation into all primary and secondary schools and children's centres in Brent, to discover:

1. Whether any of them use special bonus payments to reward staff and, if so, the level of remuneration and criteria for judgement;
2. Whether any school or children centre employees are related to senior staff;
3. Whether any senior school staff members have family or other close relationships linking them to companies that have contracts with the school.

We further resolve to survey all primary and secondary schools and children's centres to detail their mechanisms for financial scrutiny by the governors, as well as mechanisms for governors and school employees involved in financial decisions to disclose any financial or related party interests.

We also resolve that the investigation should outline what arrangements the Children and Families Department has for scrutinising school and children centres expenditure to ensure that it is appropriate and value for money.

Finally, we resolve that all of the above information should be made available to the public in a report to be published by 15 September 2009.