



## **Full Council – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009**

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

### **Fairness for our Caribbean residents**

This Council:

- notes the Government's plans to introduce a new banding system for air passenger duty;
- believes that any duty should be based on the level of carbon emissions produced by flights, rather than arbitrary zones based on location of a country's capital city;
- notes that actual distance travelled is a good approximation for carbon emissions;
- further notes that the new banding system will result in flights to the Caribbean incurring a higher tax than flights to the West Coast of the United States, despite being closer in distance to the UK.

Brent Council is concerned that the proposed new banding system will disadvantage many residents in the area who have friends and family in the Caribbean while doing nothing to effectively curb carbon emissions.

Council therefore instructs the Leader of the Council to write to Brent's three Members of Parliament outlining our concerns in this area, and urging them to sign Early Day Motion 1761 which calls on the Government to abolish the air passenger duty and replace this with a per plane tax based on the actual distance travelled, which would be fairer for passengers flying on busy routes.