



Full Council – 14th September 2009

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

Funding of free bus travel in London

This Council notes the threats from the Labour Government to reduce public expenditure to compensate for their complete failure to handle the public finances properly.

This Council further notes that Gordon Brown has claimed to have ended boom and bust, but Britain went into one of the deepest recessions in the developed world. Over the last year, 2,000 people have lost their job every day. The Bank of England has warned that we face a difficult and protracted recovery and, even when the recession ends, Britain will be left with a massive debt crisis. Under Labour we have the largest budget deficit of any large economy and the highest debt level since World War Two.

In particular, this Council notes that the Labour Government has threatened to remove £52 million in funding of free bus travel in London for the elderly and infirm. This Council believes that this will result in this cost falling on the Brent Council Taxpayer.

This Council resolves to support London Councils and the Greater London Authority in outright opposition to this unwarranted and unfair attempt by the Labour Government to transfer these costs to Brent Council taxpayers.