



## **Full Council – 17 September 2018**

### **Motion for Non Cabinet Member debate**

#### **To adopt an Annual Windrush Celebration event in Brent's Calendar**

The Government has now recognised the contribution of the Windrush generation and has established a national Windrush day for 22nd June in Britain's calendar. This means that there will be a lasting memory of the Windrush Generation in perpetuity.

Brent is one of Europe's most diverse communities and home to many BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic) people. It celebrates all cultures equally. Significant talented individuals from families of the Windrush generation have grown up in Brent. They have excelled in their respective fields of sport, health, politics, the arts, science and technology and much much more. I believe that we should be celebrating the fact Brent is well known for its cultural diversity. We have an opportunity to put on an exciting event in 2020 as we celebrate being the Borough of Culture.

But I would not just stop at the 2020 celebration. We should be celebrating the pioneers from the Windrush generation every year to make sure that it has a lasting legacy. This is to make sure that we remember the contribution of their efforts to rebuild Britain after the Second World War and the fact that the Windrush generation has fully contributed to all aspect of British life.

I also propose that we agree the proposal to recognising the contribution of the Windrush generation by:

- (1) Brent holds an annual Windrush event on 22nd June every year, and
- (2) Proactively support communities across Brent to access Government funding to celebrate Windrush annually.

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