

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

Meeting of the Executive - 8 March 2004

Report from the Director of Policy & Regeneration

For action

Wards affected

All

REPORT TITLE: BRENT' S REGENERATION ACTION PLAN 2004-2006

Forward Plan Ref: PRU-03/04-14

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report introduces draft Regeneration Plan 2004 - 2006. In 2001 Brent Council and the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), Partners for Brent, published a twenty year Regeneration Strategy detailing a range of activities under six key themes. This is the second three-year action plan setting a clear and focused work programme for regeneration in Brent in support of the Regeneration Strategy 2001-2021.
- 1.2 Since the launch of this strategy much progress has been made. Over the last 3 years we have achieved Beacon Council status in 2 critical areas of regeneration in 2002/03 for our work on Promoting Neighbourhood Renewal and most recently in 2003/04 for Removing Barriers to Work.

Neighbourhood teams have been established in South Kilburn, as part of the NDC, St Raphael's/ Brentfield and Harlesden & Stonebridge. Brent In2 Work has been established as a flagship employment agency bringing together 34 partners committed to helping people into jobs. The Council's Vision for Wembley has been published and the National Stadium is under construction.

For each activity contained within this new Action Plan the issue to be addressed, the implementation arrangements and the expected outcomes and targets are listed. The Action Plan sets a clear agenda for regeneration in Brent over the next 3 years, making it clear what activity is being proposed, who will have responsibilities to deliver it, and what contribution it will make to our overall Strategic Objectives.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members of the Executive are recommended to:

- 2.1 Endorse the draft Regeneration Action Plan 2004-06 in advance of formal consideration and approval by the Local Strategic Partnership and to delegate authority to the Director of Policy & Regeneration to make any necessary changes to the Plan following consideration by the Local Strategic Partnership.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no specific financial implications arising out of this report.

4. **STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

None, directly arising from the report.

5. **DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Regeneration Action Plan will undergo a partial Equalities Impact Assessment supported by the Corporate Diversity Team prior to being finalised and approved. The Executive and LSP will form an integral part of the process.
- 5.2 Members of the Executive are requested to consider any negative impact the proposals may have on the population in terms of race, gender, disability and age.
- 5.3 During the period of the plan, specific new areas of work will undergo Equalities Impact Assessment as appropriate.

6. **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- 6.1 There have been significant opportunities for suggestions and contributions to the Action Plan. Over 100 participants from across the Council and our partners attended facilitated summits that covered each of the six strategic priorities held between November and December last year. This was followed by a facilitated cross party workshop for Members to complete the intensive and open discussions about where the spotlight should be focused over the next three years. The output from these discussions forms the bulk of the content of the draft Regeneration Action Plan 2004-06. Subsequently the plan has been the subject of a more traditional two week consultation period.

7. **TIMETABLE**

Partners for Brent (LSP) Approval	10 March 2004
Publication of Regeneration Action Plan	April 2004
Launch	Summer 2004

8. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

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