



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE

Monday 17th August 2009 at 7.00 pm

Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley, Middx

AGENDA

LEAD MEMBER

PORTFOLIO

Cllr P Lorber (C)	Corporate Strategy & Policy Co-ordination
Cllr R Blackman (VC)	Resources
Cllr J Allie	Housing & Customer Services
Cllr D Brown	Highways & Transportation
Cllr R Colwill	Adults, Health & Social Care
Cllr J Detre	Regeneration & Economic Development
Cllr H Matthews	Crime Prevention & Public Safety
Cllr G Sneddon	Human Resources & Diversity, Local Democracy & Consultation
Cllr I Van Colle	Environment, Planning & Culture
Cllr B Wharton	Children & Families

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Apologies for Absence

1 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

2 **Minutes of the previous meeting: 14 July 2009** p. (i)

3 **Matters Arising**

4 **Deputations (if any)**

Children & Families Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer	
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5 Lord Laming Report	Cllr Wharton	John Christie	p. 1
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Following the death of Baby Peter in Haringey, the Secretary of State for Children asked Lord Laming to review the progress of child protection work in England at the same time as asking Moira Gibb to head up the Social Work Taskforce. Lord Laming's report was delivered in March 09 with the Government formally responding in May 09 the Executive asked for an update on this report. The Executive are asked to endorse Brent's local response to the report. The response is initial at this stage because those recommendations which are directed at the Local Authority are subject to updating through further work with the National Safeguarding Delivery Unit or through the revision of Working Together to Safeguard Children.

Housing and Community Care Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer	
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6 Authority to renew advice service grants to Brent Citizens Advice Bureau and Brent Community Law Centre Limited.	Cllr Allie	Martin Cheeseman	p. 31
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This report seeks authority to renew for a specified period the existing grant funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) and the Brent Community Law Centre Limited (BCLC). There is no provision in the Council's Constitution to extend existing grant funding, so the renewals amount to fresh grants.

7 Gypsy Roma and Traveller Inclusion Strategy <i>(Appendix also below)</i>	Cllr Allie	Martin Cheeseman	p. 41
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The Housing Act 2004 and the ODPM planning circular (Circular 01/2006) mainstreamed the accommodation needs of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) communities and placed a requirement on local housing authorities to:- assess the accommodation needs of GRT communities and based on the findings produce a strategy and action plan to work towards providing/finding solutions for the identified need and ensure that the cultural needs of these communities are respected. The draft strategy and action plan cover the next five years, 2009 – 2014 and focus on improving access to all Council/other statutory agencies' services to work in partnership with these communities towards integration and community cohesion

Central Reports		Lead Member	Lead Officer
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8	Treasury Management Annual Report 2008/09	Cllr Blackman	Duncan McLeod	p. 87
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The purpose of this report is to provide information to members on borrowing and investment activity during 2008/09. It also sets out how the Council performed against prudential indicators set in the 2008/09 budget. As the Treasury Management Annual Report needs to be agreed by Full Council. The Executive is asked to recommend the Annual Report to Full Council for approval.

Environment & Culture Reports		Lead Member	Lead Officer
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None

9	Reference of item considered by Forward Plan Select Committee		
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10	Any Other Urgent Business		
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Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No. 64.

11	Date of Next Meeting		
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The next meeting of the Executive is scheduled to take place on 15 September 2009.

12	Exclusion of Press and Public		
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The following items are not for publication as they relate to:

“Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings”.

13	APPENDIX: Gypsy Roma and Traveller Inclusion Strategy (See report above)	Cllr Allie	Martin Cheeseman	p. 101
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