

## Briefing notes on Issues included in the Forward Plan Issue 2003/04

**SERVICE AREA:** Education, Arts and Libraries

Report ref	Report title
	School Caretaker Houses Surplus to Caretaking and School Educational Use
<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>In view of the recommendation from Members following the report titled 'School Caretaker Houses Surplus to Caretaking and School Educational Use' of 21 July 2003, officers have begun to undertake necessary steps to instigate a disposal strategy for each property. Corporate Property Services are looking at the individual properties but because of the spectrum of differing possible outcomes for disposal, cannot provide advice on one single best solution until consensus is achieved on the way forward for marketing for disposal. There are a number of differing issues concerning access, development potential, boundary lines, disposal of leasehold or freehold interests, which are yet to be resolved. In parallel and in consultation with Housing, Asset Management Service in EAL is in correspondence with a RSL (Teacher Housing Association) to establish best proposals in relation to medium-term leasing for key workers at Sudbury former caretaker's house. As noted in the report that was presented to Members in July, Sudbury school has declared the caretaker's house surplus to requirement and would prefer disposal on a leasehold basis, as this would ensure that the deployment of the caretaker's house remains flexible. All proposals received, in connection with disposal, whether from the open market or from a RSL are to be fully assessed by Brent Council officers. It is agreed that a further meeting, drawing together differing officer stakeholders to discuss issues of disposal of each property, whether on leasehold or a freehold basis, is to be held prior to a further report being presented to Members.</p> <p>These issues of disposal strategies are ongoing and are not yet concluded; this means that a comprehensive report cannot be completed in time for the Executive Committee in November.</p> <p>It is understood that the development of a key worker housing policy, where disposal to a RSL of a site with retained nomination rights and which is to be consistent with the Executive recommendation, is to be led from the Director of Housing.</p>	
<p><b>Nature of Decision to be taken/Intended Outcome</b></p> <p>Members will be requested to note the recommendation of the disposal strategy or strategies that are applicable to the individual sites in the follow-up report.</p>	

**Timescale for decision:**

The anticipated date of the follow-up report to Members is February 2004.

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