

**MINUTES OF THE FORWARD PLAN SELECT COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September 2005 at 7.30 pm**

PRESENT: Councillor R Blackman (Chair), Councillor Dromey (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Duffin (alternate), Harrod and Nerva.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hughes, Moher and Kansagra. Apologies for absence were also received from the Lead Member for Environment, Planning and Culture (Councillor Jones) and the Lead Member for Corporate Resources (Councillor Coughlin).

**1. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

There were none.

**2. Deputations**

There were none.

**3. Notes of an Inquorate Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> July 2005**

RESOLVED:-

that the notes of the inquorate meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2005 be noted.

**4. Matters Arising**

Councillor Blackman advised those present that as the last meeting had become inquorate both he and Councillor Dromey had chosen a number of items for which requests for information could be brought forward to this meeting.

**5. Call-in of Executive Decisions from the Meeting of the Executive on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005**

The deadline for call-in was Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2005. No items were successfully called in following the meeting of the Executive on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005.

**6. The Executive List of Decisions for the Meeting that took place on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005**

RESOLVED:-

Councillor Nerva referred to the report on Short-life Properties in Allington Road and queried how the Executive decision had been communicated to tenants. The Legal Adviser confirmed that she had been instructed by the Director of Housing to communicate with Brent

Law Centre in a detailed reply that would be circulated regarding the arrangements for rehousing residents. Members were advised that this was a two-stage process involving Brent Community Housing and that details about the Executive decision had already communicated to residents. Councillor Nerva requested that all Ward Councillors be copied into future correspondence regarding this matter.

RESOLVED:-

that the Executive List of Decisions for the meeting that took place on Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2005 be noted.

7. **Change of Order of Business**

At this point the Chair referred to the lack of lead member/lead officer attendance for the requested briefing notes and suggested that the order of business for the agenda be amended as follows, in case officers and lead members arrive at the meeting late.

RESOLVED:-

that the order of business be amended, as follows.

8. **Briefing Notes/Information Updates requested by Select Committee following consideration of Version 3 (2005/06) of the Forward Plan**

***Kingsbury Pool – Update on Progress and Future Options***

Sue Harper (Assistant Director, Environment and Culture (Leisure & Registration)) provided Members with details about the updated report that would be presented to the Executive following an earlier report in November 2003. This report outlined progress to date regarding negotiations with Next Generation about the development of Kingsbury Pool. This report also highlighted the problems that had been experienced to date and listed four options for action including ongoing negotiations with Next Generation. In response to a question from the Chair, Sue Harper explained that the time frames for action depended on the option that was chosen by the Executive although Next Generation build out three sites in each eighteen month period and there is no guarantee that the Kingsbury Pool site will be included within the next list of three. Therefore, it is not possible to give definite timescales on this option.

RESOLVED:-

that the briefing note be noted.

9. **The Forward Plan (*Issue 4 2005/2006*)**

Issue 4 of the Forward Plan (05/09/05 to 06/01/06) was now before Members of the Select Committee. The Chair queried whether all the September items listed on the Forward Plan would be presented to the next meeting of the Executive. Members were advised that clarification would be circulated following the meeting.

Following consideration of Issue 4 of the Forward Plan the Select Committee requested further information to future meetings on the following issues: -

(i) *Review of Freedom of Information*

Councillor Nerva requested a briefing note to the next meeting of the Forward Plan Select Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005 regarding the Review of the Freedom of Information Act. Members asked that lead members and lead officers be requested to attend the meeting to respond to Members' questioning;

(ii) *Domestic Violence Strategy*

Members requested an update briefing note on the Domestic Violence Strategy to the next meeting of the Forward Plan Select Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005. Members requested that lead officers and lead members be requested to attend the meeting to respond to questions;

(iii) *Wembley Redevelopment – Crowd Safety and Security*

Members noted that a briefing note on the status of this report had already been requested by the Select Committee and was expected to be presented to the next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005;

(iv) *Parking Policy*

The Chair confirmed that a briefing note regarding this report had been requested at an earlier meeting of the Forward Plan Select Committee. The Chair requested that the briefing note be presented to the correct meeting of the Forward Plan Select Committee in advance of a report being presented to the Executive. It was anticipated that a briefing note would be presented to the November meeting of the Forward Plan Select Committee.

- (v) *Recommendations for Award of Contract for Bridge Strengthening and Associated Works outside Wembley Park Station*

Members of the Forward Plan Select Committee requested a briefing note on this report following consideration of an earlier briefing note by the Select Committee on this matter. The Select Committee requested that lead officers and lead members attend the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005 to respond to Members' questioning.

10. **Briefing Notes/Information Updates Requested by the Select Committee following consideration of Version 3 (2005/2006) Forward Plan**

Members returned to this item to consider the remaining briefing notes that had been requested at the previous meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2005.

- (i) Approval of Enforcement Policy
- (ii) BACES/Adult Education 3-Year Development Plan
- (iii) Private Sector Housing Strategy

Members referred to each of the above briefing notes and explained that whilst the majority of these contained a good level of detail, it was felt that attendance at the meeting by both the lead officers and the lead members would have been beneficial so that responses could be provided on outstanding questions.

RESOLVED:-

that the above briefing notes be noted.

11 **Items considered by the Executive that were not included in the Forward Plan**

Members noted that the Amendments to Brent Housing Partnership's Memorandum and Articles of Association report had been considered at the August meeting of the Executive but had not been listed on the appropriate version of the Forward Plan. At this point Councillor Harrod declared an interest as a Board member of the Brent Housing Partnership.

RESOLVED:-

that details about the item that was not included in the Forward Plan be noted.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

RESOLVED:-

that the next meeting of the Forward Plan Select Committee take place on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2005.

13. **Any Other Urgent Business**

There was none.

The meeting ended at 8.00 pm

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Chair

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