



Meeting: PERFORMANCE & FINANCE SELECT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 11th March 2008

Time: 7.30 pm

**Venue: Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD**

AGENDA

Membership:

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Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

1. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests (if any)**

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

2. **Deputations (if any)**

p.1 3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting Held on 22nd January 2008**

The minutes are attached.

4. **Matters Arising**

p.11 5. Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) Refreshed Score for 2007

This report outlines Brent's refreshed Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) score at the end of 2007. Brent Council has been described as improving well and demonstrating a 3 star overall performance in the 2007 scorecard update. CPA is due to be replaced with Comprehensive Area Assessment in 2009. The presentation provided with this item outlines the focus for the future under CAA and offers themes for consideration when scrutinising future performance and finance.

Bridget Duley, (Policy Manager, Policy and Regeneration) will present the report at the meeting and respond to Members' questions.

p.19 6. Report from the Directors of Finance and Corporate Resources, and Policy and Regeneration

Performance and Finance Review - Quarter three (Sep – Dec 2007)

These reports summarise Brent Council's spending, activity and performance in the third quarter of the 2007-08 financial year and highlight key issues and solutions to them. They take a corporate overview of financial and service performance. They are set out in terms of the main budgets and provide a general overview and analysis of high risk areas. The reports are accompanied by appendices providing budget, activity and performance data for each service area, ring fenced budgets and the capital programme. Vital signs trend data and graphs and the overall budget summary are also provided.

Phil Newby (Director, Policy and Regeneration) and Duncan Mcleod, (Director, Finance and Corporate Resources) will present the report at the meeting and respond to Members' questions.



- p.97 7. Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

A comparison of Brent's performance 2006 - 2007

Each year the council reports against a set of national measures called best value performance indicators. Once this information has been audited, it is available for all councils to use to enable them to analyse how well they are performing compared to other councils. The Audit Commission have recently released the data for 2006/07. While this information is nearly a year old now, it is still a very useful gauge of how well the council is performing. This information is also widely used by government agencies and inspection bodies to judge how well the council is performing.

This report assesses whether Brent is performing within the top, middles or lower quartile for each indicator and whether performance has improved or declined since the previous year.

Cathy Tyson (Assistant Director for Policy, Policy and Regeneration) will present the report at the meeting and respond to Members' questions.

8. Performance & Finance Select Committee Work Programme

Members are asked to consider future topics to be included in the Select Committee's Work Programme.

The following web links have been included for members' information:

The centre for public scrutiny - advice, guidance and best practice case studies:
www.cfps.org.uk

The centre for public scrutiny's publications:
www.cfps.org.uk/publications/index.php

9. Items Requested onto the Overview and Scrutiny Agenda (if any)

There have been none.

10. Recommendations from the Executive for Items to be Considered by the Performance and Finance Select Committee (if any)

There have been none.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be determined at the Full Council meeting of 21st May 2008.



12. Any Other Urgent Business

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.



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