

Asset Management Task Group – Report 1

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SUMMARY

Members of the Performance and Finance Select Committee have requested a review of the Council's relationship with the Third Sector. A schedule of actions has been devised by officers and was approved by Members at the previous meeting. The schedule is attached to this briefing.

At this stage of the review Members have requested a schedule of all known lettings/occupation of Council premise by the Third Sector be compiled in order to facilitate their understanding of the potential issues. This schedule is attached.

The schedule has been compiled from information known to P&AM and is considered to be a complete list but given the devolved nature of asset management within Brent the service directorates have been provided with the schedule and have been requested to amend as appropriate. Any changes to this schedule will be brought to the next meeting. A report for Chief Executive covering the Council's wider engagement with the Third Sector has been produced in collaboration with Policy & Regeneration. This report covers issues such as proposal to review our current policies with regard to the Third Sector. It also refers to the Quirk Report which is the Governments recent initiative in regard to community assets. The Council has a variety of relationships with the various community groups active within the Borough, and a cohesive strategy is clearly now desirable.

The schedule contains all the known community buildings that Brent Council owns or leases. It includes the Third Sector groups who are occupying Council property under no formal agreement with the Council, or whose lease has now expired and who are holding over . In some of these properties the Council itself has taken the role of lead tenant, often because a department is running a service from the

particular building.

This schedule has been sent to all the Directors of Service requesting that they identify any buildings that their service area is currently using, sponsoring, or occupying, that we may have omitted from the schedule.