



Meeting: PERFORMANCE & FINANCE SELECT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 29th July 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 5th June 2008**

The minutes are attached.

4. **Matters Arising**

p.15 5. **Waste Contract Performance**

This report provides an update on the performance of the Council's Waste Services Contract with Veolia, specifically with respect to street cleansing, recycling, missed collections and complaints. It provides an end of year assessment of performance in 2007/08 and describes the current position in 2008/09.

A briefing note is also attached informing Members of progress in developing an Action Plan to implement the recommendations of the Audit Commission's inspection of the Council's Waste Management Service.

Keith Balmer (Director of StreetCare, Environment and Culture) and Chris Whyte (Head of Environmental Management, Environment and Culture) will present the report at the meeting and respond to Members' questions.

The Lead Member for Environment, Planning and Culture and the Lead Member for Highways and Transportation have been invited to the meeting to respond to Members' questions.

Representatives from Veolia will also be present to respond to Members' questions.

p.29 6. **Asset Management Task Group – Report 1**

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. The schedule is attached separately.



Richard Barrett (Head of Property and Asset Management, Finance and Corporate Resources) will present the report at the meeting and respond to Members' questions.

p.31 7. Property Asset Disposals

At Full Council on 21st May 2007 the threshold levels for utilisation of officer delegation in respect of property asset transactions was raised to £100,000 for rental and £300,000 for acquisitions and disposals. At a previous Council meeting in 2006 it was agreed that the Head of Property and Asset Management would be required to prepare an annual report on all such transactions and for this report to be presented to Performance and Finance Select Committee.

Richard Barrett (Head of Property and Asset Management, Finance and Corporate Resources) will present the report at the meeting and respond to Members' questions.

8. Performance and Finance Review – Activity Data in Focus

Peter Stachniewski (Deputy Director, Finance and Corporate Resources) will give a presentation at the meeting and respond to Members' questions.

p.39 9. Report from the Directors of Finance and Corporate Resources and Policy and Regeneration

Performance and Finance Review - Quarter 4 and Outturn 2007/2008

This report summarises Brent Council's spending, activity and performance in the 2007-08 financial year and highlights key issues and solutions to them. It takes a corporate overview of financial and service performance. It is set out in terms of the main budgets and provides a general overview and analysis of high risk areas. The report is accompanied by separate appendices providing budget, activity and performance data for each service area, ring fenced budgets and the capital programme. Vital signs trend data and graphs 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.55 10. Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

Brent Local Area Agreement Report 2007/08

This report is an update on the performance during 2007/08 of the stretch targets contained in the Local Area Agreement (LAA) for 2006-2009. The stretch targets are now entering their third and final year, and come the end of the year they will



be audited for eligibility of performance reward grant. The report contains just the stretch targets as they are the only element of the Local Area Agreement negotiated in 2006 which will be continued in the new LAA negotiated in 2008. The new LAA which runs from 2008 to 2011 will contain 22 priorities for improvement based on the new National Indicator Set, the 12 stretch targets (for 2008/09 only), and four local priorities. The report shows that 11 out of 19 stretch target indicators achieved their targets in 2007/08. Two indicators did not achieve their targets, and six do not have any information to report yet for 2007/08. Of the indicators yet to provide information for 2007/08, four indicators will have information provided after the end of the academic year, one will have information provided when the Sport England interim survey is completed in September 2008. The final figure for the value for money stretch target is expected in July 2008.

The end of this report contains a section on Performance Reward Grant.

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

11. Performance and Finance Select Committee Work Programme

Members are asked to consider future topics to be included in the Select Committee's Work Programme for 2008/2009.

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

There have been none.

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

There have been none.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Performance and Finance Select Committee will be on Tuesday, 4th November 2008 at 7.30 pm.

15. 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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