



Meeting: PERFORMANCE & FINANCE SELECT COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 8th December 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**

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**

p.1 3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting Held on 4th November 2008**

The minutes are attached.

4. **Matters Arising**

p.11 5. Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources

Deposits with Icelandic Banks - Update

This paper sets out progress with the recovery of deposits made with Icelandic banks, the current lending list and recent deposits made, and options for members' scrutiny of the Council's investment strategy.

Representatives of Butlers, the Treasury adviser, will attend the meeting to give a presentation and to respond to questions from Members on this item.

p.21 6. **Waste Contract Performance**

This report provides an update on the performance of the Council's Waste Services Contract with Veolia, specifically with respect to recycling, street cleansing, missed collections and complaints.

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.

p.29 7. Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

Complaints Annual Report

This report analyses the complaints about Brent Council considered by the Local Government Ombudsman; describes the Council's performance under our own procedure; and reports on developments in the Council's complaint handling arrangements. For the first time, the annual reports on the statutory social care complaints processes are presented with this report to provide Members with a comprehensive picture of complaints made against the Council.

The reports on the statutory social care complaints process in appendices 1 and 2 are attached.



8. **Asset Management Task Group Report 3**

This report will be circulated separately.

p.61 9. Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources

Value for Money Benchmarking for Corporate Services

This report informs the committee about work carried out by the UK Public Sector Audit Agencies (the Audit Commission and National Audit Office in England together with their equivalent bodies in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) on developing benchmarking indicators for corporate services and the actions being taken in the council in response to this work.

p.?? 10. Report from the Directors of Finance and Corporate Resources and Policy and Regeneration

Performance and Finance Review, Quarter 2

This report summarises Brent Council's spending, activity and performance in the second quarter of the 2008/09 financial year and highlights key issues and solutions to them. It takes a corporate overview of financial and service performance and provides an analysis of high risk areas. The report is accompanied by appendices providing budget, activity and performance data for each service area, the Local Area Agreement, ring fenced budgets and the capital programme. Vital signs trend data and graphs are also provided along with the council's overall budget summary.

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)**

None.

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

None.

14. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Performance and Finance Select Committee will be on Tuesday, 17th February 2009 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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