



General Purposes Committee

Wednesday, 11 August 2010 at 7.00 pm

Committee Rooms 1, 2 and 3, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

Membership:

Members

Councillors:

John (Chair)
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Beswick
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HB Patel
Thomas

first alternates

Councillors:

McLennan
Jones
Arnold
Beck
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Sneddon
Chohan
Colwill
Van Kalwala

Second alternates

Councillors:

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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

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Brent Council faces many challenges over the next four years but its current structure is ill-equipped to meet them. In important respects, we remain a very fragmented organisation with a traditional departmental structure which, with a few exceptions, has remained largely unchanged for nearly two decades. The arrival of a new Administration and the adoption of a new Corporate Strategy inevitably prompts us to examine our internal arrangements to ensure they are still fit for purpose. This need is reinforced by the acute financial crisis facing local government which means that we need to review critically everything that we do to ensure that frontline services are protected and resources are not wasted on inappropriate structures, out of date ways of working and inefficient business processes. The proposals in this report set out how we can meet the very real financial challenges facing local government while enhancing our ability to deliver the ambitions set out in the new Administration's policy programme. *(Appendix also referred to below)*

Wards Affected: All Wards **Contact Officer:** Gareth Daniel, Chief Executive
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