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Trading Standards Joint Advisory Board

Monday, 28 November 2011 at 7.30 pm

Council Chamber, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate. Election of Chair for the meeting (from amongst the Brent members) Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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1 Election of Chair

2 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.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting

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4 Half Yearly Report: Six Monthly Report on the Operation of the 5 - 10 Service

This report provides details of the restructuring of the service and the work of the Trading Standards Consortium during the first six months of 2011/2012.

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5 Future Proposals for the Formation of a Dedicated Proceeds of 11 - 18 Crime Financial Investigations Team

This report provides details of the proposals for the expansion of the Proceeds of Crime Team.

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6 Any other urgent business

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7 Date of the next meeting

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TRADING STANDARDS JOINT ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES

9 JUNE 2011

Chairman: * Councillor Keith Ferry

Councillors: * Susan Hall London Borough of Harrow

* Phillip O'Dell

Eddie Baker London Borough of Brent

* Lesley Jones* Sami Hashmi

1. Appointment of Chair

RESOLVED: That Councillor Ferry be appointed as Chairman for this meeting.

2. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

RESOLVED: To note that there were no declarations of interests made.

3. Minutes of the previous Meeting held on 21 March 2011

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2011, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

^{*} Denotes Member present

4. Matters arising

Additional Services

In response to a question, officers advised that in addition to the verification of weights and measures, an additional source of income was through the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA). Trading Standards would recoup approximately 20% of the sum awarded in successful cases undertaken in relation to the Act. Trading Standards officers had agreed with the Brent Finance Department that any funds awarded would remain within the base budget for the department.

2012 Olympics

Officers advised that discussions were currently taking place by Central Government in relation to how to tackle counterfeit goods and the sale of unlicensed merchandise. It was anticipated that more experienced officers would be heavily involved in the operational duties around this time, with agency staff ensuring the continuation of the service. Issues regarding ticket touting would be dealt with by the police.

RESOLVED: That the items be noted.

5. Annual Report of the Head of Trading Standards for the Year 2010/11

The Head of Trading Standards introduced a report which detailed the work of the Consortium during the Financial Year 2010/11. In response to questions, he advised that:

- in relation to the case of the rouge trader who elicited approximately £86,000 from a North Harrow resident, it remained unclear as to whether any of the money was returned as the case was being handled by the police;
- a family who were overcharged by a hospital for surgery, were now based in Hong Kong. Officers continued their investigations due to the family being based in the borough at the time of the offence;
- officers were currently involved in three POCA cases, and conducting weight and measurement testing for approximately six boroughs. A small percentage of officer time was spent investigating POCA cases. It was anticipated the money recouped from the proceeds would be sufficient to pay for the financial investigator responsible for conducting the investigation. At the time the budget for the service was set, the volume of work was measured and was continually monitored within the service by the management matrix and reviewed monthly. Targets were generally being met or exceeded. Action would be taken to address underperformance;
- the restructure of the service at Brent was not yet complete. It was hoped that it would provide the opportunity to develop a better,

strengthened monitoring model. A report detailing the results of the restructure would be provided to a future meeting of the Forum;

- Trading Standards were responsible for advising businesses on the types of identification to accept, such as a drivers licence or passport for example;
- Ministers remained clear that all enforcement powers currently held by the Office of Fair Trading would be transferred to Trading Standards. It was unclear as to how this transition would take and what level of national or international investigations Trading Standards would be expected to undertake;
- equipment used by officers at Brent would remain where it was currently based. Evidence may move whilst the new Civic Centre for Brent was being built.

Members were pleased with the results detailed in the Annual Report and urged officers to continue with the high standard of service they were providing.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

6. Date of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: That the next meeting would be held on 28 November 2011 at Brent Town Hall.

7. Any Other Urgent Business

Vote of Thanks:

The Board thanked all officers for their involvement in the high standard and variety of the work conducted in the Trading Standards service.

RESOLVED: That the item be noted.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.20 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR KEITH FERRY Chairman

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LONDON BOROUGHS OF BRENT AND HARROW

TRADING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD - 28th NOVEMBER 2011

REPORT NO. 02/11 FROM THE HEAD OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS PROTECTION

FOR INFORMATION

<u>TITLE OF REPORT: Six Monthly Report on the Operation of the Service: April – September 2011</u>

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates Members on the restructuring of the Service and its performance over the first six months of the current financial year.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Members consider the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are no financial implications contained within this report.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The current staffing situation is contained within the report.

5.0 DETAIL

5.1 The report is attached as Appendix 1.

NAGENDAR BILON

Head of Consumer and Business Protection

Appendix 1

Six Monthly Report on the Work of the Trading Standards Service

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The last six months has seen the biggest ever restructure of the Trading Standards Service and the move to Wembley from the purpose built accommodation in Willesden Green which had been the base for the for the former Middlesex County Weights & Measures Department and then the Consortium since 1936. This report contains details of the above mentioned restructuring exercise and the operation of the Service for the first six months of 2011/12.

2.0 Restructure

- **2.1** As Members will be aware the Trading Standards Service has recently undergone a major restructuring exercise resulting in the deletion of seven front line posts from the previous establishment of twenty-nine and the transfer of three administrative staff to a central Business Support Team.
- 2.2 The restructuring followed as a result of financial pressures on both Brent & Harrow Councils to make significant savings in response to the Government's reduction in funding for public services. In view of this, both Brent and Harrow Councils reduced their budget for Trading Standards by £200,000 each which resulted in an overall contribution of £1,291,000 for this financial year, i.e. £676K and £625K for Brent and Harrow respectively.
- 2.3 Following consultation with the staff, the new Trading Standards structure was finalised in May 2011 and the Service was incorporated into the new Consumer and Business Protection Unit based within the Environment and Neighbourhoods Department. The table below shows the outcome of the interviews for the various Trading Standards posts that were affected by the restructuring exercise:-

Previous Team	<u>Post</u>	New Team	<u>Post</u>
Trading Standards	Trading Standards Head of Service		Head of Service
Development & Support	Assistant Head of Service	Harrow Trading Standards	Service Manager
Brent Trading Standards	Assistant Head of Service	Brent Trading Standards	Service Manager
Harrow Trading Standards	•		Senior Prosecutor
Harrow Trading Standards	Team Leader	Deleted	N/A
Brent Trading	Team Leader	Brent	Principal Officer –

Standards			Regulation
Harrow Trading	Team Leader	Harrow	Principal Officer –
Standards			Regulation
Brent Trading	Team Leader	Brent	Principal Officer –
Standards			Regulation
Brent Trading	Senior Enforcement	Deleted	Redundant
Standards	Officer		
Brent Trading	Assistant Enforcement	Deleted	N/A
Standards	Officer		
Harrow Trading	Assistant Enforcement	Deleted	N/A
Standards	Officer		
Development &	Service Development	Deleted	Redundant
Support	Officer		
Development &	Senior Customer	Safer Streets	Service Improvement
Support	Services Officer		Officer
Harrow Trading	Civil Advisor	Deleted	Redundant
Standards			
Brent Trading	Civil Advisor	Deleted	Redeployed
Standards			
Development &	Customer Services	Safer Streets	Business Support
Support	Officer		Officer
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Support	Officer		Officer

- **2.4** The new structure was implemented in August 2011 at the same time when the move from Willesden Green to Wembley took place. I am pleased to say that the preparation for the relocation was extremely well organised by the officers which meant that there was very little disruption for our customers and the Service was up and running within 36 hours of the move.
- 2.5 However, the consequences of the reduction in the Trading Standards budget and the deletion of key posts has invariably had an impact on our ability to provide certain services to our users. As a result of the deletion of the Civil Advisor posts, we can no longer provide help and assistance to consumers regarding their disputes concerning defective goods and services, which, in the main, will affect the more vulnerable members of our local public.
- 2.6 There has also been an overall reduction in the units of work and certain activities have had to be halted or curtailed. For example, we can no longer carry out proactive inspections of medium and low risk business premises and, in the case of high risk premises, our previous commitment of conducting 100% visits will now not be achievable. Other enforcement activities that will be affected include, projects, investigation of consumer complaints, underage test purchasing operations, responsible trader scheme and talks and presentations. However, every effort will be made to continue to provide essential Trading Standards services through greater prioritisation and more collaborative working.

3.0 Service Finances & Performance

3.1 The table below shows the contribution made by both Councils towards the Trading Standards budget and the expenditure for salary and non-salary costs for the first six months of the year. As can be seen, the vast majority of the expenditure is in relation to staff salaries (86%), which is in the main invested in the provision of front line services. As Members will be aware, the Trading Standards Service operates a unique and robust performance management system, which measures the performance of individual members of staff as well as providing a value for money assessment of how the joint Trading Standards Service is performing for both Councils.

3.2 For the first six months of the year, the Brent and Harrow teams have achieved 47.5% and 43.1% of their respective annual units of work. The slight shortfall in the outputs is mainly due to the consequences of the long restructuring process where staff were affected by the uncertainty and the ensuing relocation to Wembley. I am hopeful that the second half of the year will see a return to a more stable working environment which will invariably result in a return to our normal level of performance.

	Brent	Harrow	Overall
Full Year Contribution	£676,000	£625,000	£1,291,000
Other Income (Sept 2011)	£58,166	£36,575	£94,741
Salary Costs (Sept 2011)	£265,659	£288,429	£554,088
Non-Staff Expenses (Sept 2011)	£60,495	£60,495	£120,990
Units of Work (Full Year)	11,175	10,475	21,650
Actual Unit Achieved (Sept 2011)	5,310 (47.5%)	4,510 (43.1%)	9,820 (45.4%)
Value for Money (Sept 2011)	£321,213	£269,093	£585,571

4.0 Investigations & Prosecutions

4.1 Both borough teams have continued to find opportunities to work with partner agencies such as the police, HMRC and UK Border Agency when appropriate. This type of cross agency work is very useful in ensuring that a wider range of offences are considered when dealing with possible offenders. For example, during the Harrow 'Days of Action', where particular geographical areas are targeted for compliance, two traders were found to be in possession of fake and unsafe mobile telephone accessories. Both traders appeared at Harrow Magistrates Court where they pleaded guilty and were fined £2000 and £1250 respectively and ordered to pay a contribution of £2530 towards the cost of the investigation. The Service also operates a 'Rapid Response' scheme in reaction to certain types of tradesmen who target the more vulnerable members of the public and con them out of their hard earned savings. Officers aim to visit the residents as soon as possible with the assistance of the police. In one such case, a local resident was coaxed into agreeing to pay £7,000 for

- a repair to a wall. Once a victim had been identified then another rogue builder turned up and demanded £3,000 for repairs to another wall and the scam only came to a halt after our officers had intervened and persuaded the consumer to not to make any further payments.
- **4.2** Another example of excellent partnership working arose following a tip off from HM Revenue & Customs concerning the importation of counterfeit labels used to manufacture fake clothing. Investigations showed that the trader was operating from residential addresses in Brent and Harrow and when Trading Standards Officers searched the properties they found over 2,000 counterfeit labels and buttons. In addition, over 25,000 tablets and sachets of erectile dysfunction medicines worth up to £50,000 on the black market were also discovered. Officers then worked with the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency to bring legal proceedings against the defendant who was sentenced to a four month custodial sentence following his conviction at Harrow Crown Court and will be deported after he is freed from prison as he has been in the UK on a student visa which has since expired.
- 4.3 Enforcement of underage sales remains a high priority for the Service and, to this end, we have created a free toolkit for businesses to use to help them to comply with the relevant legislation. Despite this, some traders continue to sell age restricted products to children and, where this happens, the Trading Standards Service usually prosecutes the businesses unless they can prove a statutory defence. An example of a recent case involved the prosecution of a business that had sold a canister of cigarette lighter refill containing butane to an underage child during one of our test purchasing exercises. Butane is known to have killed a number of children in the United Kingdom who sniffed the gas to get a 'high'. The owner of the business was fined £800 and ordered to pay the Service £840 towards the cost of the investigation.
- **4.4** Fireworks are sold primarily during certain times of the year by businesses who have obtained the appropriate registration. In order to be registered, they have to be able to store their fireworks in a suitable manner and to minimise the risk of accidents. However, in one case bought before the courts this year, a Harrow business was found to be woefully irresponsible by allowing fireworks to be strewn across the floor and on top of magazine racks where they were freely accessible to members of the public. The business was fined £3,000 and ordered to pay costs of £995.
- **4.5** Acting on another top off, this time from our colleagues working at Felixstowe Port, Officers suspended 15,000 unsafe adaptors used to charge iPod accessories from a warehouse in Wembley. Subsequent investigations revealed that the company had already supplied a further 18,000 unsafe adaptors to two national high street retailers. Following our intervention, the importer instigated a full product recall which fortunately led to the majority of the unsafe chargers being taken off the market. The company was fined £1,500 and ordered to pay £1,460 in costs. All the faulty adaptors have now been destroyed.

- 4.6 Counterfeit goods continue to be a problem across the consortium area and the latest trend is in the sale of fake alcohol by local off licences who in turn are supplied by the proverbial 'white van man' which makes it very difficult to trace the source of these illicit goods. During the first half of the year, the Service has seized a large quantity of counterfeit Jacob's Creek wine and Smirnoff Vodka from numerous local traders. Five investigations relating to counterfeit goods being sold from Wembley Market have been concluded which resulted in the defendants being sentenced to a total of 420 hours of community service, including one who was ordered to be electronically tagged, and combined costs of £4,300 being awarded to the Service.
- 4.7 As Members are aware, Brent and Harrow Trading Standards was one of the first Council Services in the country to use the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 to deprive criminals of their ill gotten gains. In one such case, an on-line trader who sold unsafe and counterfeit laptop chargers was convicted in 2009 and sentenced to eight months imprisonment. Our Accredited Financial Investigator launched an investigation which culminated in a confiscation order being made in November 2010 for £110,113. The presiding Judge made it clear at the time of making the order that the defendant would have to pay the full amount within four months or face a default sentence of a further two years imprisonment. True to his word, the Judge sentenced him to the two years imprisonment in May 2011 for failure to comply with the order. Even when the defendant has served his additional custodial sentence, he will still owe the entire amount with interest which will accrue from the date of the order until full payment is made.

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LONDON BOROUGHS OF BRENT AND HARROW

TRADING STANDARDS ADVISORY BOARD - 28th NOVEMBER 2011

REPORT NO. 03/11 FROM THE HEAD OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS PROTECTION

FOR INFORMATION

<u>TITLE OF REPORT: Future Proposals for the Formation of a Dedicated Proceeds of Crime Financial Investigations Team</u>

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out a business case for the formation of a dedicated Proceeds of Crime Act Financial Investigations Team based in the Brent & Harrow Trading Standards Service.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That Members consider the content of the report and comment as appropriate.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 There are a number of financial implications contained within this report that require further consideration by Members.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are proposals contained within the report concerning an increase in the Trading Standards staffing complement.

5.0 DETAIL

5.1 The report containing the specific details and proposals is attached below.

NAGENDAR BILON Head of Consumer and Business Protection

<u>Future Proposals for the Formation of a Dedicated Proceeds of Crime</u> Financial Investigations Team

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 (POCA) provides a robust set of powers for investigating, restraining and confiscating assets that have been acquired as a result of criminal activities. POCA lends itself to the work of Local Authority regulators and can lead to large confiscation orders as the investigations relate to serious criminal offences and involve large scale commercial activities by defendants who usually have available assets which can readily be identified and seized by the courts.
- 1.2 When a confiscation order is paid, the money is divided in accordance with the Home Office incentivisation scheme, which means that 50% will be apportioned to the Government. The remaining 50% is divided between the prosecuting authority (18.75%), the investigating authority (18.75%) and the HM Court Service (12.5%). Therefore, where we conduct our own investigations and are also the prosecuting authority, then our share under the incentivisation scheme would be 37.5%. Over the last five years, £1,397,501 has been awarded in financial investigation cases undertaken by the Trading Standards Service, out of which Brent and Harrow's share through the incentivisation scheme has been £571,688.

2.0 Investigations

- 2.1 We now have two fully trained Accredited Financial Investigators (AFI) amongst the Trading Standards Service staff. Apart from carrying out their normal duties they also conduct financial investigations for Trading Standards and are marketing their services to other local authorities who are responsible for investigating criminal offences such as benefit fraud, envirocrime, planning and any other offence where a financial benefit has been made.
- 2.2 There have been a number of recent successes involving Trading Standards investigations. For example, the Service secured a confiscation order for £254,000.00 against a market trader following his successful conviction for supplying counterfeit goods from various stalls at Wembley Market. Another case involved two motor dealers who were found guilty of a major 'car clocking' fraud and were ordered to pay back over £120,000 of their ill-gotten gains. For a list of completed cases, see Appendix 1.
- 2.3 The Service is currently conducting a number of separate financial investigations on behalf of Brent and Harrow Councils' Planning Services, all of which relate to properties that have been converted into flats and rented without planning permission. The confiscation process will look to recover the rental income, in some cases amounting to hundreds of thousands of pounds that the defendants have obtained from letting their illegal dwellings. For a list of cases currently being investigated, see Appendix 2.

3.0 Benefits

3.1 The POCA is not only a very useful tool for punishing criminals who have gained from their illicit activities, but can also generate much needed funds to subsidise the work of

local authority regulators. As such, the Trading Standards Service has taken the initiative by training its own staff to conduct financial investigations for our own cases as well as both internally and externally for other Council service areas. Both Brent and Harrow Councils have recognised that there is potential to increase the provision of our accredited financial service to other internal and external Council Departments, thereby subsidising the funds that they contribute to their respective annual Trading Standards budget. Savings of £25k for each borough were built into the 2011-12 budget. This note considers the feasibility of increasing the work to be undertaken to deliver additional savings totalling £100k for each borough over the period to 2014-15.

3.2 The table below shows the proposed net savings to be achieved from POCA.

	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Net Savings - Brent	£25K	£75K	£100K	£125K
Net Savings - Harrow	£25K	£75K	£100K	£125K

- 3.3 At present, the AFIs are conducting their financial investigations alongside their normal Trading Standards duties and from within existing budgets without any additional contributions from the two Authorities. It is believed that the current £25k contribution to each borough and a further £25k each can be delivered from the existing resources and arrangements.
- 3.4 The proposal is to set up a dedicated team to conduct POCA investigations and market their services to internal and external Council services. It is further proposed that any funds received through these means are used to fund the work of the POCA team without impacting on the front line work that is carried out by Trading Standards Officers whilst maintaining the current staffing levels. To free the existing officers to concentrate solely on POCA work, will require taking on additional enforcement resource. This resource will not only ensure that POCA investigations can be pursued but will help ensure that there are sufficient prosecutions of serious offences to provide the foundation for future financial investigations.
- 3.5 Any funds generated through the Home Office Incentivisation Scheme cannot simply be given to both Councils at the end of any given financial year. Apart from the fact that there is a Home Office condition to use the incentive monies to promote further enforcement work, any such funds must be set aside in a reserve account, which can then be carried forward to accommodate fluctuations in income. This will, therefore, provide some level of stability for the continuation of this work.

4.0 Recommendations

- **4.1**With the current financial pressures on local authorities, POCA offers an ideal opportunity to market the services of our AFIs and to generate sufficient income to subsidise our regulatory services. The attached spreadsheet (see **Appendix 3**, a copy of which will be provided to Members prior to the meeting) shows the cost of setting up a POCA team and the level of income that will be required over the next four years in order to meet the following recommendations:
 - i. To set up a dedicated team to conduct financial investigations under the POCA
 - ii. To provide a financial investigations service to other regulators both internally within Brent and externally to other Councils.

- iii. In the long term maintain the existing Trading Standards staffing complement, by replacing the two AFIs, which will enable the detection and prosecution of offenders, therefore, leading to financial investigations under the POCA. It is clear that income for which confiscation orders have already been made and which is expected in 2012-13 is sufficient to allow one such appointment and it is intended to progress in a phased manner with one immediate appointment with the other to follow when the income stream is established.
- iv. Use the income from the POCA incentivisation scheme to subsidise the Trading Standards budget thus reducing the contribution that is currently being made by the London Boroughs of Brent and Harrow by a further £100,000 each over three years.

Appendix 1

Completed Cases

Case Number	Order obtained (Available amount)	Benefit Total	Date of order and AFI	Brent or Harrow	Payment made/received
1	£400,000.00	£400,000.00	Aug 2006/RART	Harrow	Order paid in full. Incentivisation = £132,000.00
2	£30,000.00	£30,000.00	Nov 2008/RART	Brent	Order paid in full. Incentivisation = £11,250.00
3	£55,000.00	£55,000.00	Mch 2009/LW	Brent	Order paid in full. Incentivisation = £20,625.00
4	£3,000.00	£3,000.00	Oct 2009/LW	Harrow	Order paid in full. Incentivisation = £1,125.00
5	£6,000.00	£6,000.00	Oct 2009/LW	Harrow	Order paid in full. Incentivisation = £2,250.00
6	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	Oct 2009/LW	Brent	Order paid in full. Incentivisation = £15,000.00
7	£62,879.38	£1,500,000.00	May 2010/RART	Harrow	Order paid in full. Incentivisation = £23,579.88
8	£61,694.38	£1,500,000.00	May 2010/RART	Harrow	Order paid in full. Incentivisation = £23,135.39
9	£254,000.00	£600,000.00	Aug 2010/LW	Brent	Order paid in full. Incentivisation due £95,250.00
10	£110,113.00	£1,112,431.57	Nov 2010/LW	Harrow	4 months to pay - Incentivisation = £41,292.38
11	£269,815.00	£269,815.00	Mch 2010/LW	Brent	6 months to pay – Incentivisation = £101,180.63
12	£100,000	£100,000	Oct2011/RART	Brent	6 months to pay – Incentivisation = £37,500
13	£5,000	£5,000	Oct2011/RART	Brent	6 months to pay – Incentivisation = £1,875
	£1,397,501.76	£5,621,246.57			Total Received = £324,215.27 Total O/S = £247,473.01 Total Orders = £571,688.28

Appendix 2

Current Trading Standards Financial Investigations

Case Number	Borough	Details
1	Harrow	Relates to supply of counterfeit goods from EBay. Restraint order in place against three properties. This case is in the court system (crown court) with a guilty plea. A POCA has been set timetable has been set
2	Harrow	Trade mark infringing goods – criminal case not yet in the court system
3	Brent	Copyright infringing goods seized – criminal case not in the court system yet
4	Brent	Relates to the supply of counterfeit goods online. Restraint order put into place. Case in the court system with a guilty plea. POCA timetable has been set
5	Brent	Willesden Market job from 15 th December 2009 – counterfeit goods. Case is in the court system (crown court) and a guilty plea has been entered. POCA timetable has been set – restraint order obtained against two properties
6	Brent	Relates to the supply of counterfeit goods – case still currently being investigated and not in the court system yet
7	Brent	Wembley market job from 25 th April 2010 – supply of counterfeit goods. Criminal case is in the court system
8	Brent	Criminal case relates to the sale of clocked cars. Warrants have been executed – financial investigation has revealed assets and restraint orders have been put into place (Nov 2009) relating to four properties. Criminal case is in the court system
9	Brent	Counterfeit goods – legal proceedings in progress – A restraint order has been secured against one property, however upon application by the defence the restraint order was discharge by order of the court

Cash Seizures

Case Number	Borough	Details
1	Brent	£3,000.00 seized on 26 th January 2010 – forfeiture order made 24/9/10
2	Brent	£2,610.00 seized on 26 th January 2010 – forfeiture order made 5/1/2011
3	Brent	£40,002.06 seized on 22^{nd} March 2011 from a business premise – detention granted 23^{rd} March 2011 for six months – £4,460.00 + €2,900 seized from House, detention granted for six months – continued detention hearing listed for 13^{th} September 2011
4	Brent	£3,410.00 and €2,970.00 seized on 23 rd Oct 2011 – 6 months detention granted

External Financial Investigations

Case	Department and AFI investigating	Details
1	Brent Council's Planning Service	Case relates to a property known in Willesden which has been converted into 12 flats without planning permission. Enforcement notice not complied with hence legal proceedings. Confiscation proceedings currently being challenged due to the defendant's mental health. Restraint order out into place against three properties
2	Brent Council's Planning Service	Case relates to a property in Wembley which has been converted into flats without planning permission. Enforcement notice not complied with hence legal proceedings. Confiscation hearing is listed for 15 th Nov 2011
3	Brent Council's Planning Service	Case relates to two properties in NW10 which have been converted into flats without planning permission. Enforcement notice not complied with hence legal proceedings to be started. Confiscation proceedings to be commenced
4	Brent Council's Planning Service	Case relates to four properties all of which have been converted into flats without planning permission. Enforcement notice not complied with hence legal proceedings to be started. Confiscation hearing is listed for 3 rd Feb 2011
5	Brent Council's Planning Service	Case relates to a property which has been converted into flats without planning permission. Enforcement notice not complied with hence legal proceedings started. Confiscation proceedings started, mention listed for 8 th Dec 2011
6	Harrow Council's Planning Service	Case relates to a property in Harrow which has been converted into flats without planning permission. Enforcement notice not complied with hence legal proceedings to be started. Confiscation proceedings to be commenced

Case	Department and AFI investigating	Details
7	Harrow Council's Planning Service	Case relates to two properties in Harrow, which have been converted into flats without planning permission. Enforcement notice not complied with hence legal proceedings started. Confiscation proceedings to be commenced
8	Harrow Council's Benefit Fraud Service	Case relates to benefit fraud