

Partnership and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 20 March 2014 at 7.00 pm Board Room 7&8 - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley HA9 0FJ

Membership:

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Councillors:

Van Kalwala (Chair) Green (Vice-Chair) Arnold Cheese Harrison HB Patel RS Patel Krupa Sheth **first alternates** Councillors:

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The press and public are welcome to attend this meeting



Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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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 the agenda.

2 Deputations

3 Minutes of the previous meeting held on

The minutes are attached.

4 Matters arising

5 Brent Council's new Apprenticeship Programme 9 - 14

The Council's new Apprenticeship Programme was set up in September 2013. The aim of the programme is to recruit 100 apprentices to the council over 3 years. The first of the new cohorts started in January 2014. This paper provides an update on the progress with implementing the programme and future developments.

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6 Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) performance update

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This presentation by Folake Olufeko, BHP interim Head of Finance, will provide an overview of Brent Housing Partnership's (BHP) performance and provides an analysis of BHP compared with performance from last year. BHP is regulated by the Homes and Communities Agency which sets framework outlining the standards required from all social housing operators. BHP has laid out key performance objectives to show how they are meeting these standards.

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7 Registered Social Landlords update

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This report provides an overview on the relationships with Social Landlords and the Council. The report focuses on the main Registered Providers (RPs) operating in Brent, and looks at work that has taken place over the last twelve months and how to move forward with this work.

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8 Tackling violence against women and girls in Brent

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The report is a review of the harmful practices of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM), Forced Marriage (FM) and Honour Based Violence (HBV) on Women and Girls in Brent. The report makes twelve recommendations and the task group asks the committee to consider the recommendations, especial the recommendations that have a direct impact on services safeguarding residents.

Councillor John, Chair of the Task Group, will be present for this item.

| Ward Affected: | All Wards | <i>Contact Officer:</i> Ben Spinks, Assistant Chief Executive |
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9 Date of next meeting

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10 Any other urgent business

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