

Budget Panel Work Programme 2006/07
Chair - Councillor Mendoza

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11 th October 2006	Member Development Event IPF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial planning & budgeting • Scrutiny & medium term financial strategy • Scrutiny and the Annual Budget • Financial scrutiny throughout the year • Developing a scope / terms of reference. 	That Members of the Panel will have enhanced their knowledge and have developed a scope for the term of the committee.	
26 th October 2006	To understand the strategic challenges the council faces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree Scope • Medium Term Financial Strategy • Capital Strategy • Efficiency agenda • Other funds – HRA, Education • Wider Environment – Comprehensive Spending Review, Partnerships etc • Brent's Budget Cycle 	To develop an understanding about the context within which Brent's budget is set.	
22 November 2006	To gain a clear understand of the issues that will be discussed at the First Reading debate at Full Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation on Corporate Strategy – Cathy Tyson Assistant Director Policy & Resources • Position Statement Report – Duncan McLeod Director of Finance. 	To inform contributions by the Budget Panel members to the First Reading debate.	

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7 th December 2006	To review the emerging budget proposals and what they will mean in practical terms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implications of savings and growth options. 	To understand the major issues arising from the budget proposals.	
18 th December 2006		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scope of this meeting to be agreed by Members in light of previous evidence. 		
10 th January 2007	To agree the Panel's report		To agree a report of the Panel's findings to be sent to Executive members and group leaders.	
1 st February 2006	To receive, discuss and comment on the Executive's draft budget		To agree the Panel's comments on the draft budget and send these comments along with the Panel report to the Executive and Full Council for their budget meetings.	