

## SUMMONS ITEM 7(a)

### LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

### FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 28<sup>th</sup> JULY 2003

### REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE

#### 1. **'A Plan for Brent' Brent's Community Plan**

This report introduces Brent's first community plan, 'A Plan for Brent'. The plan incorporates a number of priorities identified during consultation with residents and outlines how local agencies are planning to address these priorities. It will help guide the work of Brent's Local Strategic Partnership 'Partners for Brent' over the next five years and will be updated by Partners for Brent to reflect the changing priorities of local residents.

The Executive at its meeting on 28th May 2003 agreed the priority objectives of the Plan for Brent and referred it to Full Council for formal adoption.

(Scrutiny Committee also considered the matter at its meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2003 and endorsed it for adoption by the Council).

*A full copy of the Plan was circulated to all Members of the Council under separate cover dated 11<sup>th</sup> July 2003.*

#### 2. **The Best Value Performance Plan 2003/04**

Each year, the Council is required to publish its Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) in accordance with government guidance.

The Executive at its meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2003 approved the format and content of the draft Best Value Performance Plan 2003/04 and now presents it to full Council for agreement. This is Brent's fourth published Best Value Performance Plan.

(The draft that was presented to the Executive has been re-designed and was submitted to the Performance and Finance Select Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2003. The Select Committee noted the content of the Plan and will be monitoring it during the year).

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3. **Decisions taken by the Executive under the Council's urgency provisions**

Under the provisions of rule 38 of the Access to Information Rules in the Constitution, the Executive is required to report to the next Full Council for information any key decisions taken by them but which did not appear in the forward plan.

*Evan Davies Nursery Replacement*

The above item was considered by the Executive on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2003.

Reason why it was impractical to defer the decision until it could be included on the Forward Plan:

A decision was needed as soon as possible so that the works could start

*Grants to Voluntary Organisations*

The above item was considered by the Executive on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2003.

Reason why it was impractical to defer the decision until it could be included on the Forward Plan

The financial year had already begun and allocation of funding to agencies needed to be formally approved as early in the year as possible. Deferring the decision would produce greater uncertainty for funded organisations and the departmental finances