



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE

Monday, 11th December 2006 at 7.00 pm

**Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley, Middx**

AGENDA

LEAD MEMBER

PORTFOLIO

Cllr Lorber	Corporate Strategy & Policy Co-ordination
Cllr Blackman	Resources
Cllr Allie	Housing & Customer Services
Cllr V Brown	Crime Prevention & Public Safety
Cllr D Brown	Highways & Transportation
Cllr Castle	Human Resources & Diversity, Local Democracy & Consultation
Cllr Colwill	Adults, Health & Social Care
Cllr O'Sullivan	Regeneration & Economic Development
Cllr Van Colle	Environment, Planning & Culture
Cllr Wharton	Children & Families

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Apologies for Absence

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| 1 | Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests | |
| 2 | Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 13 November 2006 | p (i) |
| 3 | Matters Arising | |
| 4 | Deputations (if any) | |

Children & Families Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer	
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| 5 | Annual Performance Assessment (APA) Letter | Cllr Wharton | John Christie | p. 1 |
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It is a requirement of the APA process that the APA judgement letter is submitted to the Executive for consideration. The inspectors found that the updated self-assessment, the JAR action plan and the finalised Children and Young Peoples Plan all confirm Brent's capacity to make further improvements. Inspectors concluded that the council has made good progress in the time available in meeting the joint area review recommendations and has good capacity to further improve services for children and young people.

Environment & Culture Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer	
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| 6 | Amendment of the Air Quality Management Area | Cllr Van Colle | Richard Saunders | p. 11 |
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Environmental Health completed a detailed assessment of air quality in Brent in 2005. This forecasts that the national air quality standards for particulates and nitrogen dioxide will not be met in the existing Air Quality Management Areas and also in two additional parts of Brent. The Council should consider whether to extend the existing Air Quality Management Areas to include parts of Brent that will not meet the national air quality objectives.

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| 7 | Dealing with Idling Engines | Cllr Van Colle | Richard Saunders | p. 19 |
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The Road Traffic (Vehicle Emissions) (Fixed Penalty) (England) Regulations 2002 (SI 2002. No 1808) enables local authorities to issue fixed penalty notices to drivers who persistently idle their engines. Officers have prepared measures to permit fixed penalty notices to be issued to drivers who idle their engines unnecessarily. The report seeks the Executive's agreement that in appropriate cases, fixed penalty notices may be issued.

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| 8 | London Plan – Draft Further Alterations | Cllr Van Colle | Richard Saunders | p. 27 |
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This report presents a summary of the Mayor of London's draft Further Alterations to the London Plan (LP) and recommends comments that should be put to the Mayor on behalf of the L B of Brent

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| 9 | Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy and Principles | Cllr Van Colle | Richard Saunders | p. 37 |
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Appendix circulated separately

This report introduces the Council's statement of Gambling Licensing Policy and Principles for consideration and details matters such as consultation and time scales for publishing the final agreed policy. Full Council will need to approve the final policy after consideration by this Committee. It is anticipated that the Policy will be put to the Full Council on 22nd January 2007.

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| 10 | NNDR Discretionary & Hardship Relief | Cllr Blackman | Duncan McLeod | p. 45 |
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(Appendix 9 below)

The Council has the discretion to award rate relief to charities or non-profit making bodies. It also has the discretion to remit an individual National Non-Domestic Rate liability in whole or in part on the grounds of hardship. This report includes all the applications received from 1st April 2006.

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| 11 | London Olympics and Paralympics 2012 – Fulfilling Brent's Potential | Cllr Lorber | Gareth Daniel | p. 89 |
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This report provides a background to the London 2012 Olympics and paralympics and the work progressed to date to ensure we maximise the benefits for Brent. The report outlines key areas of work and activities we could develop now and in the future to achieve this aim.

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| 12 | A Business Case for a new Civic Centre for Brent | Cllr Lorber | Gareth Daniel | p. 95 |
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(Appendices 1,2 & 5 - see below)

This report makes a clear case for proceeding to procure a new Civic Centre for Brent. It sets out the case for both service delivery and efficiency and accountability, putting local democracy at the heart of progress in the Borough. It sets out to prove that a new Civic Centre is a critical component of the regeneration of the Wembley area and a major boost to the retail offer, and makes a clear case that given the declining state of the council's property portfolio, a radical solution will have to be pursued.

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| 13 | Brent's Regeneration Action Plan 2007 - 2009 | Cllr O'Sullivan | Phil Newby | p. 143 |
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Brent has a well established and highly regarded 20 year regeneration strategy covering the period until 2021. Every three years the Council and the Local Strategic Partnership publish a new Regeneration Action Plan setting out a programme of specific activities in pursuit of the strategy. This report presents the new draft 'Regeneration Action Plan' covering the period 2007 to 2009 (Appendix 1.) The action plan sets a clear and focused work programme for regeneration in Brent under five themes. As the action plan is a partnership document, following its consideration by the Executive it will be presented to Brent's Local Strategic Partnership for final approval.

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| 14 | Wembley – from Vision to Reality | Cllr Lorber | Phil Newby | p. 161 |
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In November 2002 Brent published its 'Vision for Wembley' document, setting out an ambitious regeneration programme for one of London's largest brownfield regeneration areas. In the four years since then there has been significant progress in Wembley. In order to celebrate this progress and to set the parameters for the ongoing regeneration of Wembley a new document is proposed, entitled 'Wembley – From Vision To Reality' (attached at Appendix 1.) This report introduces the document and asks members to approve it for publication early in 2007.

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| 15 | Brent's Local Area Agreement - six month progress report | Cllr Lorber | Phil Newby | p. 179 |
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Appendix circulated separately

This report up-dates the Executive on the process and information required for the six month review and the annual refresh of the Local Area Agreement. It introduces the report prepared for the review of the first six months of the LAA submitted to GOL and the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) on 10th November 2006. It also covers proposals to comply with the annual 're-refresh' process for the LAA. The report covers the following issues:-

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| 16 | Vital Signs Performance Digest Quarter 2 July – September 2006 | Cllr Lorber | Phil Newby | p. 206 |
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Appendix circulated separately

This report introduces the Vital Signs for the period July to September 2006 (quarter two). The Vital Signs monitors the council's performance against key indicators.

Housing & Community Care Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer	
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| 17 | One Stop Shop Service Annual Performance Report 2005/06 | Cllr Allie | Martin Cheeseman | p. 207 |
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Appendix circulated separately

This report gives a summary of the Annual Performance of the One Stop Service (OSS) in the period April 2005 to March 2006. It outlines key performance issues and trends and sets out the actions that the Service will be undertaking during 2006-7.

- 18 **Approval of Local Authority Site Disposals for Non HRA Housing & Social Care PFI Project** Cllr Allie Martin Cheeseman p. 219

Appendices below

This report recommends the disposal of Council properties to the Brent Coefficient Consortium (the Consortium) in order to develop the sites to provide housing and residential accommodation under the Council's Non HRA Housing & Social Care PFI project. Disposal of these Council properties is recommended in two tranches and approval for the disposal of properties identified in the first tranche is required to be made by end of December 2006. This allows the Consortium to commence with securing planning approval for development schemes on these sites in order to achieve financial close on the PFI contract with the Council by end of July 2007. The report also asks members to agree to indemnify the Consortium in respect of its abortive development costs in certain cases where the Council gives and then later withdraws its approval of sites to be included in the scheme.

- 19 **Brent tPCT update on financial position and possible effect on Brent Council and Residents of Brent** Cllr Colwill Martin Cheeseman p. 227

Brent tPCT is facing a severe financial crisis following savings it is required to make due in 2006/07 and in preparation for 2007/08 to both its own internal financial problems and the requirement, in line with other PCT to make savings required by the London Strategic Health Authority and the Department of Health. The report details the current revised savings plan, which has been drawn up following the intervention of an external "Turnaround Team" The required level of savings is anticipated to be in the order of £14.2m in the current year and a further £31m in 2007/8. The savings plan, if implemented, as currently proposed will have a major impact on the council's own budget both for this year and next. The report details this effect and, the action the council is taking to protect its own position.

- 20 **Reference of items called in for Scrutiny**

Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 22 November 2006 - School Places

An extract from the minutes of this meeting will be circulated before the meeting.

- 21 **Any Other Urgent Business**

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No. 64

- 22 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Executive will take place on **15 January 2007**.

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| 23 | APPENDIX:
NNDR Discretionary & Hardship Relief
<i>(see report above)</i> | Cllr Blackman | Duncan McLeod | p. 245 |
| 24 | APPENDICES 1, 2 & 5:
A Business Case for a new Civic Centre
<i>(circulated separately, not for publication)</i> | Cllr Lorber | Gareth Daniel | <i>circ separately</i> |
| 25 | APPENDIX:
Approval of Local Authority Site Disposals for Non HRA Housing & Social Care PFI Project

<i>(see report above)</i> | Cllr Allie | Martin Cheeseman | p. 249 |
| 26 | Any Other Urgent Business | | | |

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