

**BRENT COUNCIL  
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE  
12 FEBRUARY 2007**

**Agenda Item 14 - Authority to tender contract for the provision of Brent's Integrated Community Equipment Service**

**Update to Report from Director of Housing and Community Care**

- 1.1 Recommendation 2.2 should be replaced with the following:
  - “2.2 give approval to the setting up of a pooled budget with Brent tPCT under the partnership agreement and to the transfer of the Council's pro rata contribution of £617k for the financial year 2007/08 (at 2006/07 prices) to that budget.”
- 1.2 The Council has been involved in further discussions with the tPCT regarding funding of Brent's Integrated Community Equipment Service. As a result of these discussions, the tPCT has indicated that it would propose to increase funding for the financial year 2007/08 by an extra £176k pro rata over its current 2006/07 funding level. The tPCT's contribution to the project (as set out in paragraph 4.3) would therefore increase from £311,500 to £487,500 pro rata. The effect of this increase would be to reduce the estimated pro-rata contribution by Brent Council for the financial year 2007/08 to £617k and produce a saving of £358k in comparison with the Council's 2006/07 contribution of £975,421 (all prices used are 2006/07).
- 1.3 As detailed in paragraph 3.13 of the Report, the tPCT has expressed the wish to meet an equitable investment in the pooled fund but has indicated it is unable to give a firm commitment to this. The tPCT's recent proposal to increase funding for the financial year 2007/08 does however go some way to moving towards equity in contributions. At the level of funding proposed by the PCT it will be meeting 44% of the cost of the stores in 2007/08 compared with 24% of the total cost now.