



Executive
12th March 2007

**Report from the
Director of Policy and Regeneration**

Wards Affected:
ALL

Brent tPCT Turnaround Plan Task Group: Update

Forward Plan Ref: PRU-06/07-20

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report updates members with regard to the work of the Health Select Committee's (Overview & Scrutiny) Brent tPCT Turnaround Plan Task Group.
- 1.2 Appendix (A) constitutes a position paper agreed by the task group, which outlines its initial findings and key recommendations. A full report and record of evidence will be tabled at the Health Select Committee on the 21st March 2007.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Executive notes the interim findings of the Brent tPCT Turnaround Plan Task Group and its initial recommendations.
- 2.2 That the Executive asks officers to look into the feasibility of undertaking a Health Impact Assessment (HIA) through an independent body, including financial and logistical aspects and the feasibility of holding some form of public hearing.
- 2.3 That the Executive acknowledges the intention to establish a Task Group investigation into NHS finances as part of the revised work programme of the Health Select Committee.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Health Select Committee has power to investigate, scrutinise, and develop policy with regards to public health and "well-being" in Brent. The

Committee has taken a pro-active approach to reviewing and monitoring the performance and provision of services by partners within the borough, from a community perspective.

3.2 At its meeting on the 6th December 2006, the Health Select Committee established a cross-party task group to examine the impact of the Turnaround Plan presented to the Board of Brent tPCT in November 2006.

3.3 The task group sought detailed information and documentation regarding those proposed savings within the turnaround plan, and to consider the potential impact of proposals on the local community.

3.4 The task group has conducted five meetings since its initial session on 9th January 2007. The work of the task group has focused on the four key strands identified within the Turnaround Plan (commissioning, demand management, provider services, and internal), as well as an overview session on the local health economy in Brent.

3.5 Evidence and representations were taken from key personnel within Brent tPCT, local NHS trusts, community and voluntary sector groups, and senior officers within the Council.

3.6 Cllr Rev. David Clues, Cllr Mary Farrell, and Cllr John Detre served as members of the cross-party task group.

3.0 Task Group Report

3.1 The full report of the task group is currently being written up. A copy of its detailed findings and a record of evidence will be presented back to the Health Select Committee at its next meeting (21st March 2007).

3.2 Due to the timescale and frequency of the task group's meetings, the task group Chair requested that an initial position paper be considered by the Health Select Committee at its meeting of the 13th February 2007. The task group's recommendations were endorsed by the Committee.

3.3 Given the urgency and relevance of the agreed recommendations, the Chair requested that this item be considered by the Council's Executive at the earliest possible opportunity.

4.0 Finance

There are no financial implications arising from this report, at this stage.

5.0 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 Diversity Implications

- 6.1** This interim report and the full final report seek to address equalities issues to help make services fairer and more easily accessible to all.

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