



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE

Monday, 6 August 2007 at 7.00 pm

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

AGENDA

LEAD MEMBER

PORTFOLIO

Cllr P Lorber (C)	Corporate Strategy & Policy Co-ordination
Cllr R Blackman (VC)	Resources
Cllr J Allie	Housing & Customer Services
Cllr D Brown	Highways & Transportation
Cllr (The Revd) D Clues	Human Resources & Diversity, Local Democracy & Consultation
Cllr R Colwill	Adults, Health & Social Care
Cllr H Matthews	Crime Prevention & Public Safety
Cllr J O'Sullivan	Regeneration & Economic Development
Cllr I Van Colle	Environment, Planning & Culture
Cllr B Wharton	Children & Families

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Apologies for Absence

- 1 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests
- 2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting: 16 July 2007** p (i)
- 3 **Matters Arising**

Environment & Culture Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer
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| 4 | Brent Biodiversity Action Plan and the Biodiversity Duty | Cllr Van Colle | Richard Saunders | p. 1 |
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The Brent Biodiversity Action Plan was adopted by the Council in 2001 as the Local Biodiversity Action Plan covering the geographic area of the London Borough of Brent. A review of the Plan is now presented to take the revised Plan forward. The Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 introduced the Biodiversity Duty on every public authority to have regard to biodiversity in exercising its functions. This report also recommends that the Brent Biodiversity Action Plan should be adopted as the Corporate Biodiversity Action Plan of Brent Council.

Housing & Community Care Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer
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| 5 | ALMO Settled Homes Initiative | Cllr Allie | Martin
Cheeseman | p. 33 |
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The Council and Brent Housing Partnership Limited (BHP) have been awarded capital funding of £5m to deliver a temporary to permanent housing scheme. It is anticipated that BHP will set up a special purpose vehicle (SPV) to carry out the procurement and development programme. It is understood that, subject to BHP becoming successfully registered as part of the National Affordable Housing Programme, the Housing Corporation's preference is for grant to be paid direct to BHP. The scheme requires the Council to agree to swap and transfer ownership of existing one bedroom Council properties to the SPV in order to kick start the procurement and development programme and for the SPV to then replace these units with two bedroom properties or larger. This report asks the Executive to note the proposed scheme and to indicate its support for the general principles whilst requiring a further detailed report for formal approval for the scheme.

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| 6 | Authority for the ALMO to deliver affordable homes under the 2008-11 National Affordable Housing Programme | Cllr Allie | Martin
Cheeseman | p. 47 |
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This report provides detail on the opportunity for the Council's ALMO Brent Housing Partnership Limited (BHP) to develop new affordable homes under the Housing Corporation's 2008/2011 National Affordable Housing Programme (subject to successful accreditation). The report requests the Executive to agree, in principle, that BHP may be permitted to own, manage and grant tenancies of properties to newly developed properties that haven't been developed under the scheme and to agree, in principle, to provide a Performance Guarantee Bond in respect of any funding allocation received by BHP under this programme.

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| 7 | Pilot Cash Incentive Shared Equity Scheme | Cllr Allie | Martin
Cheeseman | p. 57 |
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This report provides details of a pilot shared equity scheme with the aid of £0.65M of GLA grant to enable 20 council tenants to purchase a property in the private market (when otherwise this would be unlikely on affordability grounds).

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| 8 | Multicultural Day Care Service for Older People – options following tendering | Cllr Colwill | Martin
Cheeseman | p. 71 |
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(appendix also below)

On 15 January 2007 the Executive agreed to invite expressions of interest for a contract for multicultural day care services as part of a market testing exercise. Tenders were subsequently invited in accordance with the process approved by the Executive on 16 April 2007. Only one tender, from the current provider, was received which was heavily qualified and the cost was in excess of the budget available. This report sets out the options now available and requests the Executive to approve the new process to be followed.

Central Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer
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None

Children & Families Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer
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None.

- 9 Reference of items considered by Forward Plan Select Committee (if any)**

- 10 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

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Executive will be held on 11th September 2007.

12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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13	APPENDIX: Multicultural Day Care Service for Older People – options following tendering (see report above)	Cllr Colwill	Martin Cheeseman	p. 77
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