



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE

Tuesday, 18th March 2008 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: 11th February 2008**

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3 **Matters Arising**

4 **Petitions**

(i) Petition – Save Our Park

This petition is being presented to the Council to raise awareness and to register our deep concern about the general decline of Woodcock Park, in particular:

- the amount of rubbish being generated in the park and surrounding streets.
- the lack of facilities within the park to benefit the local community
- the acts of vandalism and lack of maintenance of the limited facilities in the park

We wish to work with the Council and other agencies to improve facilities and reclaim Woodcock Park for the pleasure of the local residents and visitors alike.”

From: the Woodcock Park Project.

(Item 5 refers)

(ii) Petition - Save Our playground

“We the undersigned demand that the Lib Dem led Council reverse their decision to close Bramshill Road playground and fund the health and safety work to keep it ‘open and safe’ for our children and all users.”

(Item 6 refers)

(iii) Petition - ‘Not another drop’ campaign

“Brent residents petition the Lib Dem/Tory coalition in charge of Brent Council to secure funding for the Not Another Drop March from April next year. We note that the Lib Dem / Tory coalition have so far been seriously negligent in not securing the funding for the anti-gun crime March or many youth projects in Brent. We demand that the Liberal Democrats and Tories start to support anti-gun crime initiatives.”

Environment & Culture Reports

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5 **Petition – Woodcock Park**

Cllr Van Colle

Richard Saunders

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This report is in response to a petition presented to Brent Council with regard to the current condition and future of Woodcock Park.

6 **Petition – Bramshill Road Playground, small local park**

Cllr Van Colle

Richard Saunders

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This report is in response to a petition presented to Brent Council with regard to the removal of a hard stand, Ball Court Area at Bramshill Road, small local park. The report provides Members with details of the petition.

- 7 Environment and Culture Capital Spend 2008/9: Highways Major Works Programme 2008/9** Cllr D Brown Richard Saunders **p. 11**
‡ (*Maps circulated separately*)

This report makes recommendations to members detailing the prioritised programme for major footway upgrade projects, carriageway resurfacing schemes, improvements to grass verge areas and accessibility, renewal of marginal highway land, new street signage, gulley maintenance, the maintenance of road channels and footway boundaries to facilitate street cleaning, and highway improvements in the Park Royal area. The Executive approve the sum of £3,500k for the 2008/9 capital works programme, subject to approval of budgets by full council.

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- 8 Authority to award contract for Cook on Route meals** Cllr Colwill Martin Cheeseman **p. 55**

This report requests authority to award a contract for the provision of a cook on route meals service as required by Contract Standing Order No 88. This report summarises the process undertaken in tendering this contract and, following the completion of the evaluation of the tenders, recommends to whom the contract should be awarded.

- 9 Renewal of S31 (now Section 75) Agreement - Brent Mental Health Service – two year extension** Cllr Colwill Martin Cheeseman **p. 67**

This report recommends a further 2 year extension to the current partnership arrangement between the Council and Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust (formerly Central and North West London Mental Health NHS Trust) (CNWL), which expires on 31st March 2008 with a view to reviewing the options for further integration using flexibilities provided by Section 75 National Health Services Act 2006 (formerly Section 31 Health Act 1999). It also seeks agreement to further consider options to use S75 flexibilities for older people's mental health services with both groups to report back by March 2010. The Executive agreed to a one year extension of the current Section 31 Partnership Agreement in March 2007.

- 10 Voluntary Sector Funding – allocation through Main Programme Grant** Cllr Colwill Martin Cheeseman **p. 79**

This report makes recommendations on the allocation of the Main Programme Grant (MPG) to local voluntary organisations for 2008/09.

- 11 Supply and Demand and Temporary Accommodation** Cllr Allie Martin Cheeseman **p. 101**

This report seeks Members' approval of the lettings projections for 2008/09, and provides Members with an updated supply and demand analysis for housing, including lettings performance in 2007/08 and progress against Temporary Accommodation reduction targets.

- 12 Housing Management Arrangements for South Kilburn Temporary Accommodation Scheme** Cllr Allie Martin Cheeseman **p. 123**

The report concerns the management of voids created due to the South Kilburn regeneration scheme and proposes that these voids be used as temporary accommodation for homeless households on a short-term basis.

Central Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer	
13 2006/07 Joint Audit and Inspection Letter	Cllr Lorber	Gareth Daniel	p. 141
<p>This report accompanies the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2006/07. The Letter is issued by the Audit Commission and draws on the work by PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) as the Council's appointed auditors from the statutory audit.</p>			
14 A New Civic Centre for Brent - detailed proposals ‡ (Appendices circulated separately) Appendices also below	Cllr Lorber	Gareth Daniel	p. 161
<p>This report makes a clear case for the procurement of a new Civic Centre for Brent. It builds on previous reports considered by the Executive and gives options for procurement in the Wembley area. It shows how the vision for a new "heart" for Brent can be delivered, through a building that will provide exceptional levels of public access to a wide range of public services. The building will be fit for the 21st Century and an asset for the residents of Brent for decades to come.</p>			
15 Performance and Finance Review – Quarter 3 (Oct 2007-Dec 2007)	Cllr Lorber	Phil Newby/ Duncan McLeod	p. 191
‡ Appendices circulated separately			
<p>This report summarises Brent Council's spending, activity and performance in the third quarter of the 2007-08 financial year and highlights key issues and solutions to them. It takes a corporate overview of financial and service performance. It is set out in terms of the main budgets and provides a general overview and analysis of high risk areas. The report is accompanied by appendices providing budget, activity and performance data for each service area, ring fenced budgets and the capital programme. Vital signs trend data and graphs and the overall budget summary are also provided.</p>			
16 Petition to protect the Not Another Drop March	Cllr Matthews	Phil Newby	p. 201
<p>This report advises members of the Executive of a petition received from residents regarding the future funding of the Not Another Drop Peace March and advises members of actions that have already been taken by officers to address this issue.</p>			

- 17 **South Kilburn New Deal for Communities Delivery Plan 2008-2011** Cllr O'Sullivan Phil Newby **p. 205**
(Appendices circulated separately)

South Kilburn NDC has established its priorities for the last three years of the ten year programme in the attached Delivery Plan, committing an anticipated £14.3million of NDC funding. It reflects a significantly reducing NDC funding stream, the need to ensure sustainability of the programme's key achievements beyond the end of NDC funding and address a number of key outcomes not currently being met. The plan has been approved by the South Kilburn NDC Board and now needs endorsement from the Executive before submission to Government Office for London for final approval. Any spend from 1 April 2008 will be at risk until the Delivery Plan approval process is complete.

- 18 **Authority to award a contract under a framework for shared recruitment services** Cllr Blackman Duncan McLeod **p. 209**

This report requests authority to award a contract as required by Contract Standing Order No 88. The report outlines officers wish to procure recruitment services by means of a framework agreement established by the London Borough of Sutton.

Children & Families Reports

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None

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

- 20 **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

- 21 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Executive will be held on 15th April 2008.

- 22 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The following items are not for publication as they relate to:

'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information).'

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23	Willesden Sports Centre PFI Update on change of control	Cllr Van Colle	Richard Saunders	p. 217
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This report provides Members with an update on the proposed change of control for the Willesden Sports Centre PFI contract. It outlines the changes to the proposal that have taken place since the Executive report in November 2007 and reminds Members of the benefits that could be achieved by agreeing to the change.

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24	APPENDIX: Authority to award contract for Cook on Route meals	Cllr Colwill	Martin Cheeseman	p. 223
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Central Report		Lead Member	Lead Officer
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25	APPENDIX: A New Civic Centre for Brent - detailed proposals	Cllr Lorber	Gareth Daniel	p. 227
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(‡ Appendices circulated separately to members are available on the Council's website www.brent.gov.uk/Democracy.nsf)



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