



Health Select Committee

21st March 2007

Report from the Director of Policy & Regeneration

Wards Affected:

ALL

Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) Task Group- Final Report

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report presents members with the final report from the Local Involvement Networks (LINKs) Task Group.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the committee agree and endorse the recommendations outlined in the task group report.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 At its meeting on the 4th October 2006 this committee established a task group to explore the development of LINKs in relation to overview & scrutiny and the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP).
- 3.2 The task group comprised Councillors and the Chair of the tPCT Public and Patient Involvement Forum, taking evidence from partner agencies and other relevant groups.

- 3.3 The task group met three times in January and February 2007.
- 3.4 The Government's vision for public and patient involvement "A stronger local voice" (Department of Health) outlines the creation of LINKs as an attempt to improve and formalise public input into the planning, development, and commissioning of services.
- 3.5 The development of the LINK will occur within the context of the Local Strategic Partnership's Health and Social Care Partnership Board and the Council's Overview & Scrutiny structure.
- 3.4 The Council and Brent tPCT have issued a joint response to the consultation on the creation of LINKs. This response provided a basis for the task group's discussions.

Background Papers*

**Available on request*

"A stronger local voice: A framework for creating a stronger local voice in the development of health and social care services", Department of Health, July 2006- Information document.

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