



Meeting: OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date: Tuesday, 24th July 2007
Time: 7.30pm
**Venue: Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD**

AGENDA

Membership:

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Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

1. **Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests (if any)**

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

p.1 2. **Minutes of previous meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 21st May 2007 and 30th May 2007**

3. **Matters Arising**

4. **Appointments to Sub Committee (if any)**

5. **Deputations (if any)**

p.9 6. Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

Local Area Agreement Annual Report 2006/07

This is the first Annual Review of Brent's LAA, commenting on performance over the past year against the targets in the LAA Outcomes Framework. The purpose of this report is to demonstrate the effect the LAA has had over the past year on performance against key targets. A 'Summary of Progress' Report is also attached for information.

Local Area Agreement Annual Performance Review circulated separately.

p.33 7 Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) – Referral from the Private Sector Housing Forum

The Housing Act 2004, which came into effect from April 2006, introduced mandatory licensing for higher risk houses in multiple occupation. This report provides a response to questions raised at the Private Housing Forum meeting held on 14th March 2007, as to why Brent Council has not issued any new licenses since the Act came into force.

The Committee is asked to note the report and members may wish to identify issues for further consideration.



- p.39** 8. Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

The Local Government White Paper: ‘Strong and Prosperous Local Communities’ Briefing

The purpose of this report is to summarise the proposals for local government outlined in the White Paper, ‘Strong and Prosperous Communities’, and provide some initial analysis of potential implications for Brent.

The Committee is asked to note the proposals and the local implications for the borough.

- p.83** 9. Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration

Tourism in Brent – Final Report of the Task Group

Members are presented with the final report of the Tourism Task Group, which was set up by the Committee at the meeting on 19th October 2006 to investigate the current delivery of tourism services in Brent and how this could be improved.

The Committee is asked to agree the recommendations of the Tourism in Brent final report and request that it be forwarded to the Executive.

- p.113** 10. Report from the Director of Environment and Culture

Proposed Climate Change Task Group

At its meeting on 18th June 2007, the Executive agreed a recommendation to ask the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to set up a Climate Change Task Group to review the Council’s Carbon Management Strategy and Implementation Plan 2007-11 and, in particular, consider the achievability of its ambitious reduction targets.

The Committee is asked to agree to set up a Climate Change Task Group in order to achieve the purposes set out in this report.

- p.123** 11. **The Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report**

The annual report on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s activities in 2006/07 is attached. Members of the Committee are asked to endorse the report and the recommendations contained therein.


12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take place on Wednesday, 10th October 2007.



13. Any Other Urgent Business

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