

# **Budget Panel**

Wednesday, 23 September 2009 at 7.30 pm Committee Room 4, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

### Membership:

Members First alternates Second alternates

Councillors: Councillors: Councillors:

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## **Agenda**

Introductions, if appropriate

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

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#### 1 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

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

#### 2 Deputations

#### 3 Minutes of the previous meeting

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#### 4 Matters arising

#### 5 The local impact of the recession - a six-month review

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Report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration.

A report on the local impact of the recession was received by the Executive on 16 March 2009. This detailed the impact the recession was having in Brent and a number of recommendations. The current report sets out Brent's position six months on and progress to date on recommendations made. Economic data indicate that the recession has a high impact in Brent, particularly in our most deprived wards. Work continues across Brent to ameliorate the impact of the recession.

#### 6 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) update

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Report from the Director of Housing and Community Care.

This report updates the Budget Panel on key issues and the latest development concerning the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). In particular, the report sets out details on the HRA Business Plan, the recently published consultation on the Reform of Council Finance, and the current HRA Forecast Outturn for 2009-10.

#### 7 Review of previous budgets

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Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources.

The work programme for the Panel includes a review of the progress achieved through previous budgets. This report sets out some key indicators of budget performance, including outturn compared to budget and delivery against LAA indicators.

#### 8 Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Budget Panel is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 13 October 2009.

#### 9 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 64.



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