



**Budget Panel**  
2<sup>nd</sup> December 2009

**Report from the Director of  
Policy & Regeneration**

For Action

Wards Affected:  
ALL

**Strategic Procurement Review**

**1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 On 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 the Budget Panel received a presentation on Brent Council's Improvement and Efficiency Strategy. The projects outlined in the strategy were designed to reconfigure the way the council provides services to the public, at the same time as achieving substantial efficiencies.
- 1.2 As part of its Budget Scrutiny role the Budget Panel asked for information on the progress of the Strategic Procurement Review to be brought before them.

**2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That members examine and comment on the Strategic Procurement Review.

**3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 On 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 the Budget Panel received a presentation on Brent Council's Improvement and Efficiency Strategy. The projects outlined in the strategy were designed to reconfigure the way the council provides services to the public, at the same time as achieving substantial efficiencies. The projects are divided into gold, silver and bronze depending on their strategic importance and their ability to deliver savings. Savings targets and timescales have been included.
- 3.2 As part of its work the Budget Panel was keen to look take a more in-depth look at the Strategic Procurement Review gold project. Terry Osborne, Borough Solicitor will be attending the meeting.

- 3.3 The Improvement and Efficiency action plan sets a savings target of £7.5 - £15 million for this project which is due to be completed by the start of 2011. The attached document provides the Budget Panel with an overview of information contained in the project inception document.
- 3.4 Members will recall that they have already identified some of the risks to implementing the action plan and they may wish to explore these in relation to this project. These include:
- The pace of change
  - Effective project management
  - Capacity
  - Staff engagement

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 None

#### **5.0 Legal Implications**

5.1 None

#### **6.0 Diversity Implications**

6.1 None

#### **7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications (if appropriate)**

7.1 None

### **Background Papers**

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