

**London Boroughs of Brent and Harrow
Trading Standards Advisory Board
11 July 2013
Report from the Head of Trading Standards**

To Consider the Introduction of a Charge Based Regulatory Advice Service for Businesses

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This attached report concerning the introduction of a Primary Authority Partnership (PAP) scheme and a fee based regulatory business advice service was approved by the Brent Council's Executive Committee on 17 June 2013. As L B Harrow already operates PAPs for some of its other regulatory services, this section of the attached report is for information only. However, the report also proposed the introduction of a scheme to charge for all business advice, after an initial 'free' period.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Members discuss the report and, in particular, consider whether the introduction of a charge for the provision of business advice would be compatible with other regulatory services within L B Harrow and if so, to make arrangements to obtain approval from the Executive Committee in line with the recommendations contained in the attached report.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are a number of financial implications which are explained in further detail within the attached report.

4 STAFF IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Should this charge based regulatory advice scheme be adopted, there are potential staffing implications which are dependant on the level of demand for this service from local businesses.

5 DETAILS

- 5.1 A more detailed explanation of how the scheme may operate is explained in the attached report.

6 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 6.1 Equalities Impact Assessment

6.2 The Regulator's Compliance Code

6.3 The Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008

6.4 Any person wishing to inspect the above should contact Nagendar Bilon, Brent House, 3rd Floor East, 349 – 357 High Road, Wembley, HA9 6BZ; Telephone: 020 8937 5500.

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