

REVISED VERSION

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NOTICE OF MEETING

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

MONDAY, 20TH NOVEMBER, 2006 at 19:00 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE .

MEMBERS: Councillors Bull (Chair), Cooke (Vice-Chair), Bevan, Davies, Jones,

Newton and Winskill

Co-Optees: Mr B. Aulsberry and Mrs. I. Shukla (REJCC non-voting representatives),

Ms. C. Bhagwandeen plus 2 Vacancies (parent governors), L. Haward

plus 1 Vacancy (church representatives)

AGENDA

1. WEBCASTING

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of urgent business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with at item 11 below).

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

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5. DEPUTATIONS/PETITIONS/PRESENTATIONS/QUESTIONS

To consider any requests received in accordance with Standing Orders.

6. BUDGET SCRUTINY - ENTERPRISE & REGENERATION (PAGES 1 - 12)

To update Members on the financial planning process and to consider the pre business plan reviews for the following business units:

- Planning, Environment Policy and Performance (PEPPs)
- Strategy (Regeneration and Policy & Partnerships)

7. BUDGET SCRUTINY - CRIME & COMMUNITY SAFETY (PAGES 13 - 28)

To update Members on the financial planning process and to consider the prebusiness plan reviews for the following business units:

- Enforcement
- Safer Communities

8. BUDGET SCRUTINY - LEADER (PAGES 29 - 40)

To update Members on the financial planning process and to consider the pre business plan reviews for the following business units:

- Organisational Development (Equalities)
- Strategy (Communications : Media & PR)

9. BUDGET SCRUTINY - FINANCE (PAGES 41 - 58)

To update Members on the financial planning process and to consider the pre business plan reviews for the following business units:

- Corporate Finance / Audit & Risk Management
- Corporate Property
- Benefits and Local Taxation
- Corporate Procurement

10. MINUTES (PAGES 59 - 62)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 21 August 2006 (special meeting).

11. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

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20 November 2006





Agenda Item

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

On 20 November 2006

Report title: Budget scrutiny - Pre business plan review documents for the

Enterprise & Regeneration Portfolio

Report of: The Acting Director of Environment, ACE Strategy and Acting

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Wards affected: All

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3. Executive summary

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Members have also been provided with a list of the investments agreed in previous years' budgets for information (PBPR Section 5.5). Although these investments have been agreed and accounted for, it may be that, given the challenging forecast financial position, members would like to revisit them.

- 7.4 Members are asked to consider these proposals in relation to 7.1 above.
- 7.5 Appendix 3 provides an overview of the 2006/07 budget by business unit across the Council and summarises the proposals over the four year planning period to give members a view of the overall scale of the proposals.
- 7.6 The following section in the report summarises the key service issues and objectives by business unit over the planning period.
- 8 Deptartmental Services Issues

Planning, Environment Policy and Performance (PEPPs) Business Unit Key strategic issues / objectives

Performance and Value for Money

Planning applications performance has met and exceeded all local and national targets this year. Other successes include 100% performance in respect of protecting green spaces from development, and 100% for quality of planning services.

Areas requiring improvement are appeals performance which is below the national and London wide average and customer satisfaction where a survey is currently being undertaken.

In terms of value for money the service costs are around the London average with performance assessed as high.

The key challenge for next year will be maintaining the high level of performance in respect of planning applications, in light of a number of recently introduced quality initiatives including improved consultation and design input.

Policy Development

All major policy areas have been progressed in line with targets including the adoption of the new UDP, preparation of Transport Strategy (LIP) and the Statement of Community Involvement. The main areas for next year are the

new Housing Supplementary Planning Document and the review of the boroughs Conservation Areas.

Key Site Regeneration

There has been considerable progress in respect of both Tottenham Hale and Haringey Heartlands in particular the securing of £14.2m growth funds for infrastructure projects. The Tottenham Hale Masterplan has been completed and major planning applications have been submitted. Heartlands is reaching planning application stage. There has also been progress on a number of other key sites including Tottenham Town Hall, and Hornsey Depot. Key issues for next year is the need to ensure we have the capacity to deal with the programme and the risks posed by proposed government changes in respect of the Mayor's powers and the possible introduction of the Planning Gain Supplement.

Cost Pressures

The year end position is for a balanced budget however there are pressures from overspends in respect of legal and appeal costs as well as the cost of redundancies which will need to be managed over a 3 year period.

8.2 Savings and investment proposals attached in appendices

Investments

There are 3 revenue bids, £350k to support the delivery of the key site agenda including Heartlands and Tottenham Hale. £100k to fund the new Housing Supplementary Planning Document and £60k revenue implications of the IT capital bid of £150k.

Savings

Already agreed savings for 07/08 and 08/09 of £121k are still appropriate and will be achieved. Proposals for new savings of £162k are to increase fees in Building Control and Planning by £70k, the reduction of support staff to the value of £52k and the lost of one policy planner post £40k. This is proposed for 08/09 to take place after the completion of the Housing policy review.

Strategy (Regeneration; Policy & Partnerships) Business Unit 8.3 Key strategic issues / objectives

- Strengthening the approach to co-ordination and development of corporate policy and key strategic change projects for the Council within existing resources. This will include development of a knowledge management, GI and briefing systems
- Improved co-ordination of the Haringey Strategic Partnership (HSP) through implementation of recommendations from the HSP review thus ensuring objectives for partnership working are properly resourced which will help meet all the Councils priorities.
- Continuing to develop the Councils leadership role for economic development and inward investment. This will involve delivery of the worklessness element of the LAA, the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative and increased partnership working with key agencies to develop new projects

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- Achieving savings by reducing the town centre management function and consultancy fees which will not affect the overall performance of business units in this area.
- Establishing a dedicated support function thereby ensuring the Councils objectives for partnership working are properly resourced.
- Capitalising on the opportunity to set up a Groundwork Trust in Haringey. This will help meet a number of corporate and departmental priorities in the areas of community development, neighbourhood renewal and physical/environmental regeneration. This will help achieve priorities related to improving the environment and provision for young people.

9 Consultation

9.1 This is part of the consultation of the business and financial planning process.

10 Summary and conclusions

10.1 The conclusions will be for the committee to decide before agreeing a report back to Executive as part of the budget process.

11 Comments of the Head of Legal Services

11.1 To be completed

12 Equalities implications

12.1 This is considered as part of the individual pre-business plan review documents.

13 Use of appendices

- 13.1 Appendix 1 The budget trail as reported to the Executive in July 2006 which sets out the overall position.
- 13.2 Appendix 2 extracts from the pre-business plan review documents showing:

Pre agreed cashable efficiency savings (PBPR section 5.3)
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New capital investment proposals (PBPR section 11).
Pre agreed investments (memorandum item PBPR section 5.5);
Non General Fund proposals (if appropriate).

- 13.3 Appendix 3 summary budget analysis document (2006/07 to 2009/10)
- 13.4 Pre-business plan review documents (circulated separately).

Gross Budget Trail	2007/08 £'000	2008/09 £'000	2009/10 £'000	2010/11 £'000
Budget brought forward	366,511	382,819	399,533	416,195
Changes and variations				
Inflation	8,000	0.400	0.040	
Agreed in previous years budget process	8,752	•		9,260
Changes and variations in this report:	0,732	2,547		
- capital financing costs	750	800	1 027	4.070
- pension fund	700	800	1,037 1,060	,
- waste disposal			500	.,
- contingency	3,000		300	500
- Alexandra Palace	(1,000)		(6,952)	
Savings				
2005/06 process				
- identified savings	(0.000)			
2006/07 process	(2,892)			
- changes to existing savings	(470)			
- identified savings	(1,738)	(3,123)		
•	(5,100)			
Investments	(0,100)	(3,123)	0	0
2005/06 process	(325)			
2006/07 process (see appendix b)	(3,912)	(75)		
	(4,237)	(75)	0	
Dedicated schools grant (DSG)	(',0 ,)	(10)	U	0
Passporting of DSG	11,732	10,787	11,531	12,326
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Balances				
Contribution to / (from) balances 2005/06 process	360	(642)		
Contribution to / (from) balances 2006/07 process	(337)	,		
Gross Council budget requirement	388,431	404 E22	445 540	
Less dedicated schools grant (specific grant)	(156,327)	401,533	415,549	440,429
Net Council budget requirement	232,104	(167,114)	(178,644)	(190,971)
•	232,104	234,419	236,905	249,458
Funding				
Council tax (see below)	93,984	96,333	00.740	404.044
Government support - formula grant and NNDR	132,508	136,086	98,743 138,808	101,211
	226,492	232,419	237,551	141,583 242,794
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Resource shortfall/(excess)	5,612	2,000	(646)	6,664
Council tax	c	•	_	
Council tax (LBH)	£	£	£	£
Council tax base (after provision for non-recovery)	1,122.35	1,150.40	1,179.17	1,208.65
Precept	83,739	83,739	83,739	83,739
	93,984,467	96,333,346	98,742,517	101,211,142
Rate of council tax increase (Haringey element)	0.50/	0.50/		
GLA rate of council tax increase	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Combined council tax increase	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
£ per week increase (Haringey element)	n/a £0.53	n/a	n/a	n/a
, J. F.	£0.53	£0.54	£0.55	£0.57

London Borough of Haringey Budget Preparation 2007-11 Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration

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PBPR Table	Saving / Growth		Directorate	Business Unit	Details of Efficiency/Proposed Investment/Proposed Efficiency Saving/ Investments	2007/08 over and above 2006/07 £'000	2008/09 over ; and above 2007/08 £'0002	2008/09 over 2009/10 over 2010/11 over and above and above 2007/08 £'000 2008/09 £'000 2009/10 £'000	2010/11 over and above 2009/10 £'000	Cumulative	Dependencies/Impact
5.3	S	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Chief Executive's (Strategy)	Communication	4 84	20				20	Savings for 2006/07 have been achieved by reducing staff salaries, through a team restructuring. Savings in 2007/08 will be achieved through reduction in consentiancy fees budget
13	s	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Chief Executive's (Strategy)	Communication Total	Regeneration	89		C	38	107	Staff post Deputy Manager will be deleted (currently on agency contract).
5.3	S	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	Cost recovery through s106 contribution	64		0	88	127	On Target for achievement in 2006/07
5.3	σ	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	Planning fees increase	27	30			57	On Target for achievement in 2006/07
<u>e</u>	တ	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	Increase in Planning fees			30		30	Consultation on national planning fees currently underway.
5	so	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	Increased Building Control fees	THE PLANTAGE AND ASSESSMENT OF	20	20		40	Planned development of Key sites
13	S	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	Reduction of Support staff	35			17	52	Reduced support staff
13	S	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	Reduction in Planning policy staff		40			40	Difficulty in delivering milestones of AMR.
				Planning, Policy & Performance Total		126	06	50	17	283	
	S lotal					214	91	50	92	410	
12	9	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	Delivery of Key sites agenda	350				350	Resourcing consultancy work additional staff, and S106 legal costs associated with the delivery of key sites, Hearlands and Tottenham
12	တ	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	Housing planning policy review.	100		THE POWER PARTY AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY AND A		100	Funding required for staffing, sustainability appraisal and other studies.
12	ဗ	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	Mobile Working	20	F			20	Costs of providing support to the system, some efficiency savings could be achieved
12	ပ	Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	As above	40				40	Develop further the planning portal link.
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Pre-Agreed Investments (PBPR Table 5.5)
Executive Member for Enterprise Regeneration

Portfolios	Directorate	Business Unit	Details of Pre-Agreed Investment	2006/07 over and above 2005/06 £'000	2007/08 over and above 2006/07	2008/09 over and above 2007/08	Total 07/08- 08/09	Dependencies/Impact
Exec Member: Entr & Regen	Environment	Planning, Policy & Performance	Unitary Development Plan review/Local Development Framework	75	000.3	(75)	-75	-75 Manager has now been recruited, staff team is being restructured, members have agreed new hire rates. Extended programme is being delivered to
Exec Member: Entr & Regen Total				75	0	(75)	-75	accommodate more community groups.

London Borough Of Haringey PBPR Capital Investment Bids 2007/08 - 2010/11 Executive Member For Enterprise And Regeneration

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	2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11	200	100	202	3	2,131		2,281	2,281
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Business Unit			PEPPS	PEPPS	771	Z Z Z	PEPPS Total		Grand Total £000
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London Borough of Haringey Budget Preparation 2007-11 Breakdown by Executive Portfolio

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Executive Portfolios	Councillor	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth	Savione	4
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	George Meehan	118	251	29		1		700			1
Executive Member for Children & Young People	Liz Santry	2,433	375	1.459		The state of the s		201	1	285	251
Executive Member for Community Involvement	Lorna Rieth	RED	9		777	•		1,458	-90	5,350	295
	1000	000	40	513	1	167	1	179	•	1.517	40
Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety	Nillgun Canver	199	680	263		4					í
Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration	Kaushika Amin	214	510	60		2	1	115	ŧ	287	089
Executive Member for Environment & Conservation			2	5	ı	S		55	ŧ	410	510
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Executive Member for Finance	Toni Mallett	798	610	525	296-	36.2	3	450 450	40	2,656	3,095
Executive Member for Health & Social Services	Bob Harris	1,193	1.811	1 140	407	700	07-	202	5	1,890	333
Executive Member for Housing	Isidoros Diakides		007 4	2	701	1,885	•	865		5,083	1,998
Executive Member for Organizational Description		•	00.1	1	324	1	348	1	27		1.855
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London Borough of Haringey Budget Preparation - Capital Programme Bids 2007/08 to 2010/11

		Corporate Resources		Tota	Total Capital cost	ost		Revenue Growth
Executive Portfolios	Councillor	Funding Bid 2007/08 - 2010/11	2007-08 '£'000	2008-09 '£'000	2009-10 '£'000	2010-11 '£'000	Total '£'000	2007/08 - 2010/11
Leader of the Council	George Meehan							
Executive Member for Children & Young People	Liz Santry	0	26,167	10,189	2,411	700	39,467	0
Executive Member for Community Involvement	Lorna Rieth	8,300	7,781	1,392	1,267	330	10,770	0
Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety	Nillgun Canver	405	1,705	0	0	0	1,705	120
Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration	Kaushika Amin	150	2,281	0	0	0	2,281	09
Executive Member for Environment & Conservation	Brian Haley	36,073	29,189	19,159	18,379	17,686	84,413	824
Executive Member for Finance	Toni Mallett	8,930	4,480	2,550	1,400	200	8,930	150
Executive Member for Health & Social Services	Bob Harris	9,842	3,362	2,895	2,875	2,875	12,007	ge 1
Executive Member for Housing	Isidoros Diakides	2,154	2,154	0	0	0	2,154	20
Executive Member for Organisational Development & Performance	Dhiren Basu	12,900	3,000	3,900	3,000	3,000	12,900	0
Grand Total £000		78,754	80,119	40,085	29,332	25,091	174,627	1,204

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- 7.3 To assist members in the scrutiny process we have attached to this report in appendix 2 extracts of the PBPRs relevant to this portfolio by business unit in respect of new proposals:
 - Pre agreed cashable efficiency savings (PBPR section 5.3)
 - New proposed cashable efficiency savings (PBPR section 13)
 - New revenue investment proposals (PBPR section 12);
 - New capital investment proposals (PBPR section 11);
 - Non General Fund proposals (if appropriate).

Members have also been provided with a list of the investments agreed in previous years' budgets for information (PBPR Section 5.5). Although these investments have been agreed and accounted for, it may be that, given the challenging forecast financial position, members would like to revisit them.

- 7.4 Members are asked to consider these proposals in relation to 7.1 above.
- 7.5 Appendix 3 provides an overview of the 2006/07 budget by business unit across the Council and summarises the proposals over the four year planning period to give members a view of the overall scale of the proposals.
- 7.6 The following section in the report summarises the key service issues and objectives by business unit over the planning period.
- 8 Deptartmental Services Issues

Enforcement Business Unit

8.1 Key strategic issues / objectives

The enforcement service is currently showing good performance in its reported PIs and in the new area of Environmental Crime we are delivering some very strong performance particularly in partnership operations. Areas for improvement include Member response, noise, licensing, contaminated land and planning enforcement. New laws on gambling and smoking will provide new areas for service development.

A new Private Sector Housing Strategy will emphasise the importance area improvement, fuel poverty and enforcement in the regeneration of private sector housing. Extended HMO licensing, planning enforcement and actions to bring empty properties back into use will be key priorities for intervention.

However, resources will inevitably impact on levels of activity and priorities for enforcement activity a new enforcement policy and strategy will establish these. Restructuring will help to secure improvements for services such as Planning, Licensing and Noise through a stronger emphasis on both local area action and out of hours operations. Restructuring will also take forward a modernisation of the service and more efficient working through the better use of IT tools, increased consultation and engagement with communities and stronger customer focus. Experienced staff retention and recruitment is a concern.

Key Cost Pressures

- 1) Establishment Costs the service is moving towards a restructuring process that will reduce the overall establishment so that it can operate within the cash limit. Current staff levels are affordable but until the restructure places people into new roles, there will be some pressures to cover gaps in key service areas such as planning enforcement and noise. It is expected that vacancies arising will ensure these pressures do not result in overspend.
- 2) Legal Spend the starting budget for legal costs in the Enforcement budget was £155k. As of October spend was £176k. Based on current activity this would reach £350k by the end of the year. The budget has now been revised to £200k and further funds will be made available through successful enforcement interventions including fixed penalty notice income and recovered awarded court costs. It is expected that there will be an overspend of up to £100k unless there is a reduction in instructions to prosecute. Officers have prepared an Executive Member report showing how current expenditure is spread across enforcement teams and have implemented measures to increase the proportion of offences dealt with by way of formal caution. Longer term options here will be linked to a new policy and strategy for enforcement.
- 3) Pest Control income is currently underachieving. There appear to be two reasons; a reduction in block treatments agreed by HfH; and the impact of changes to call handling introduced this year. We are currently undertaking a VfM study on pest control and expect that this will identify issues that could impact income and the PBPR also identifies the need to review charging and delivery options. Issues arising from Customer Services are now included within a recovery plan which should limit further losses.

8.2 Saving and Investment Proposals (included in submitted Pre-Business Plan Review)

From existing cashable savings we are requesting that savings proposed for a reduction in legal costs in years 7/8 and 8/9 are not now taken but are dealt with through agreed restructuring proposals.

- Pest Control an initial removal of free treatments and introduction of market linked charges for those that can afford to pay. This will be followed by a market test of the service. Total potential savings of £100k.
- Admin savings arising from IT improvement introduced this year and next. Total saving £13k phased in 08/09.
- Increased FPNs the increase here is over the 4 year period and reflects an expected growth of current activity and new powers coming on line, for example noise and street trading. Total increase in payments to be offered as savings £40k.
- Animal Warden There are new powers to be provided on animal welfare next year, however it is unlikely that these will reflect any new duties. There is potential for a greater demand for the Council to use new powers to deal with welfare complaints. The enforcement strategy and policy under this proposal would reduce our commitment to investigating welfare complaints and to market test options for stray dog collection, licensing inspections, and emergency plan

responsibilities. Total saving £25k.

- Environmental Crime the proposal here is to review this work area and consider reductions in the work programme and the impact of initiatives planned to increase compliant behaviour. Total Saving £110k.
- Commercial Posts the proposal here is to review this work area and consider reductions in the work programme and the impact of initiatives planned to increase compliant behaviour. Total Saving £80k
- Regeneration Posts the proposal her is to review the work area in the light of a forthcoming new Private Sector Housing Strategy. Should funding for capital programmes to deliver area improvement be available we will capitalise new posts. In addition partnership working should be developed to provide activity through programmes such as 'Here to Help'. Total saving £80k.

Investments

- 1) Out of Hours £200k. This investment will pay for 10 existing posts to be taken to salary grades suitable for an extended range of duties and in line with similar services in other LAs.
 - Salary uplifts £80k, salary enhancements for staff operating contractual unsocial hours £80k
 - Provision of extended security contract £20k
 - Provision for legal costs from increased activity £20k

This will allow the service to move to all year 7 day cover, with peak areas covered for response work but with additional resources for peak periods. The result would be active programmes for enforcing licensing and planning conditions, new surveillance operations targeted at envirocrime, enhanced response times for complaint investigation and customer care. Within the first year we would be achieving 100% response times in hour for noise complaints, rising to ½ hour in the second year.

- 2) Severn Sisters Wardens £165k to replace NDC funding scheduled to be removed in 2006/7. NDC has been asked to reconsider this decision linked to a package of service improvements from the BU.
- 3) Smoking £80k this is expected to be covered by Central Gvt funding. Emphasis here is on the potential impact in year 1 of smoking litter, unauthorised structures and street clutter.
- 4) IT Costs £120k costs for applications required for new and existing legal responsibilities, install mobile working and mapping systems.

Safer Communities Business Unit 8.3 Key strategic issues / objectives

One of the key aims of the Safer Communities Business Unit is working with agencies to reduce crime and anti social behaviour, and working towards reducing the fear of crime in the community.

Safer Communities is reliant on short-term external grants some of which are due to expire in March 2008, and many of which are reviewed, and often renewed, on an annual basis thereby restricting the ability to plan long term.

Although Safer Communities have been projecting a full spend against its 2006/07 budget there have been some constraints on the budget which will have greater impact in 2007/08. The Youth Offending Service (YOS)

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experienced a loss of funding (£40k) in 2006/07 from the Asylum Service. The shortfall has been met from within Strategy for this year, however, it will impact on the YOS budget for 2007/008. The constraints on resources have been detailed in a report prepared by the YOS Strategic Manager and was included as an appendix with the PBPR.

The Community Safety Team in 2007/08 is also facing a loss of funding (£40k) from Homes for Haringey against a policy officer post aimed at partnership work to reduce the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour in the borough.

The ASBAT lost NDC funding of £55k in 2006/07; a very recent report agreed at the HfH Board (November 2006) advises that the Council replaces this loss of funding on a long term basis. It is unknown as yet what will happen to replace this money, but if not found, it will result in the loss of 1.5 posts in a small team and therefore seriously affect performance.

8.4 Saving and Investment Proposals (included in submitted Pre-Business Plan Review)

Proposed efficiency savings identified total £69k of which £64k is directed against the YOS in respect of 1.5fte social worker posts and a team administrator. The YOS recently received a positive Inspection report, and any such reduction will seriously and negatively impact on performance.

The following investment proposals have been identified for 2007/08 as part of the pre business planning review process and to coincide with the expected shortfall in funding within the business unit:

- £40k YOS social worker to cover work with young asylum seekers due to loss of previous funding.
- £40k Policy Officer due to loss of previous funding.
- £35k ASBAT Surveillance Officer, again due to loss of previous funding.

9 Consultation

9.3 This is part of the consultation of the business and financial planning process.

10 Summary and conclusions

10.3 The conclusions will be for the committee to decide before agreeing a report back to Executive as part of the budget process.

11 Comments of the Head of Legal Services

11.3 To be completed

12 Equalities implications

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12.3 This is considered as part of the individual pre-business plan review documents.

13 Use of appendices

- 13.3 Appendix 1 The budget trail as reported to the Executive in July 2006 which sets out the overall position.
- 13.4 Appendix 2 extracts from the pre-business plan review documents showing:

Pre agreed cashable efficiency savings (PBPR section 5.3) New proposed cashable efficiency savings (PBPR section 13) New revenue investment proposals (PBPR section 12); New capital investment proposals (PBPR section 11). Pre agreed investments (memorandum item PBPR section 5.5); Non General Fund proposals (if appropriate).

- 13.5 Appendix 3 summary budget analysis document (2006/07 to 2009/10)
- 13.6 Pre-business plan review documents (circulated separately).

Gross Budget Trail	2007/08 £'000	2008/09 £'000	2009/10 £'000	2010/11 £'000
Budget brought forward	366,511	382,819	399,533	416,195
Changes and variations				
Inflation	0.000	0.400		
Agreed in previous years budget process	8,000	-,	-,	9,260
Changes and variations in this report:	8,752	2,547		
- capital financing costs	750	800	4.00=	
- pension fund	730	800	.,	
- waste disposal			1,060	
- contingency	3,000		500	500
- Alexandra Palace	(1,000)		(6,952)	
Savings				
2005/06 process				
- identified savings	(0.000)			
2006/07 process	(2,892)			
- changes to existing savings	(470)			
- identified savings	(1,738)	(3,123)		
	(5,100)	(3,123)	0	
Investments	(0,.00)	(0,120)	U	0
2005/06 process	(325)			
2006/07 process (see appendix b)	(3,912)	(75)		
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Dedicated schools grant (DSG)		,	-	J
Passporting of DSG	11,732	10,787	11,531	12,326
Balances				,,
Contribution to / (from) balances 2005/06 process				
Contribution to / (from) balances 2006/07 process	360	(642)		
process	(337)			
Gross Council budget requirement	388,431	404 F22	445540	
Less dedicated schools grant (specific grant)	(156,327)	401,533	415,549	440,429
Net Council budget requirement	232,104	(167,114)	(178,644)	(190,971)
	202,104	234,419	236,905	249,458
Funding				
Council tax (see below)	93,984	96,333	98,743	101.014
Government support - formula grant and NNDR	132,508	136,086	138,808	101,211
	226,492	232,419	237,551	141,583 242,794
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Resource shortfall/(excess)	5,612	2,000	(646)	6,664
Council tax	•	_		
Council tax (LBH)	£	£	£	£
Council tax base (after provision for non-recovery)	1,122.35	1,150.40	1,179.17	1,208.65
Precept	83,739	83,739	83,739	83,739
	93,984,467	96,333,346	98,742,517	101,211,142
Rate of council tax increase (Haringey element)	2.5%	0.50/	.	
GLA rate of council tax increase	2.5% n/a	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%
Combined council tax increase	n/a	n/a n/a	n/a	n/a
£ per week increase (Haringey element)	£0.53	£0.54	n/a	n/a
	_3.00	20.04	£0.55	£0.57

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Dependencies/Impact	Refer to CS business plan.		Recent positive Inspection report, this reduction will seriously and negatively impact on YOS performance—particularly in victim work, which is already weak area. This will result in increase in youth crime. YJB will reduce by same amount from its grant	Victim support work would then cease to be provided given other short term funding ending	Additional support is not available elsewhere within the Business Unit. Will impact on the overall performance of the Head of Safer Communities.	There is afready limited admin support within the YOS. This will impact on Caseworkers having to take on some administrative duties thereby impacting on their work with young people. The YOS is very heavily dependent on short-term funding		Members will need to agree a change in charging policy to allow for loss of reduction in free treatments and use of market place costs. Will also require decision to tender service or allow market to replace existing arrangements. There will be a potential increase in enforcement activity to protect public health.	Dependent upon improvements in IT systems and staff competences. Customer Service improvements.	Enforcement Policy and continued funding of service see 12b	Assumes that a contract for stray and licensable activities would bring savings.	Subject to review – assumes that progress made will have had sustained reduction in offending in priority	areas Subject to review – assumes that progress made will have had sustained reduction in offending in priority	arteas The PSHS will determine priorities and this may be contrary to strategy. Is dependent upon being able to reduce field based activity and move to partnering and sub regional working; is also linked to capital funding moraramme for mon reasir.	nogramme tot group repair.
Cumulative	70	02	40	20	\$	4	69	100	13	40	25	110	08	08	448
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2009/10 over and above 2008/09 £'000		c					0	1		10					10
2008/09 over and above 2007/08 £'000		-		20	9	4	29	90	13	10			80	80	233
2007/08 over and above 2006/07 £'000	69	69	40				40	50		15	25				06
Details of Efficiency/Proposed Investment/Proposed Efficiency Saving/ Investments	Community Safety		Social Worker Post within the YOS	0.5 reduction of a Social Worker post within YOS	Reduction in hours of PA to Head of Safer Communities	Reduction in hours of Administrator within the YOS		Pest Control charges – removal of subsidies followed by options appraisal for market testing in 2009	Administration costs reduced through efficiencies	Increased use of FPN. Increased use will increase income achieved.	Animal welfare Animal Warden post put to market test.	Environmental Crime- review of work with proposals that could generate savings be taken in 2010	Commercial Inspections – review of work with proposals that could generate savings be taken in 2008	Regeneration Teams to be reduced with two officer posts deleted.	
Business Unit	Communication	Communication Total	Safer Communities	Safer Communities	Safer Communities	Safer Communities	Safer Communities Total	Enforcement	Enforcement	Enforcement	Enforcement	Enforcement	Enforcement	Enforcement	Enforcement Total
Directorate	Chief Executive's (Strategy)		Chief Executive's (Strategy)	Chief Executive's (Strategy)	Chief Executive's (Strategy)	Chief Executive's (Strategy)		Environment	Environment	Environment	Environment	Environment		Environment	
Portfolio	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety		Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety		Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	
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Dependencies/Impact	This is not a growth item, but rather to cover termination of external funding. The YOS has seen a loss of funding from the Asylum Service to cover YOS work with young asylum seekers. The YOS is dependent on short-term funding. This funding will help make our communities safer by helping reduce anti-social behaviour and	violence by young people. This is not a growth item, but was previously dependent on funding from Homes for Haringey who have already confirmed that funding will not confinue after 2006/7. The will result in a reduction in work aimed at reducing the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour within Haringey. This funding will help make our communities safer by helping reduce anti-social behaviour and crime.	Addressing anti-social behaviour is an important issue in the manifesto commitment.		Current budgets are dependent upon HH investment of E64k which is subject to review. Investment will increase % of noise complaint calls investigated to 100% within 1 hour of complaints within ½ hour by year 2. Interventions on the night to provide relief from noise because action will be taken to fine offenders and seize the equipment causing nuisance. Currently most only result in prosecution or caution. Proactive work will be taken to finespect compliance for other trading matters, ensuring that opening hours, planning conditions, licence conditions are enforced. Customer Services response to telephone calls will increase and this will support development of SNEN response. Service will also be able to respond to issues such as fly-tipping and dumping surveillance.	Improvements in BV199 and crime reductions for street crime, violent crime and robbery. The impact here of maintaining the service linked to Members Scrutiny Review of Street Wardens. This review concluded that this is a popular service and that there was a case for a borough wide service and increased viability.
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2007/08 over and above 2006/07 £'000	40	40	35	115	200	165
Details of Efficiency/Proposed Investment/Proposed Efficiency Saving/ Investments	YOS Social Worker to cover work with young asylum seekers	CST Policy Officer	ASBAT Surveillance Officer		Out of Hours – uplift existing noise posts to cover broader offending and cover supplements for unsocial hours. Cover additional legal and support costs arising from increased enforcement.	Severn Sisters Wardens to replace NDC investment
Business Unit	Safer Communities	Safer Communities	Safer Communities	Safer Communities Total		Enforcement
Directorate	Chief Executive's (Strategy)	Chief Executive's (Strategy)	Chief Executive's (Strategy)			Environment
Portfolio	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety		E	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety
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Dependencies/Impact	It is anticipated that a sum will be included into FSS for 200 Cover enforcement costs. Enforcement of the ban will be minimal and it should be largely self regulating. However, experience in Scotland and reland confirms that the impact on streets can be an issue for clutter, filter and street trading. Street Enforcement will cover enforcement following the implementation in the first 6 months. Compliance internally will be absorbed into commercial inspections where possible. Funding would be spent as overtime or for 4 street enforcement officers on a 6 month contract. It is anticipated that savings could be offered in year 2 of implementation to reverse this growth bid.	To maintain effective working of systems, maximise use of mapping processes to gather inteligence, deliver new enforcement responsibilities for smoking and gambling. Investment here will ensure that systems to deal with new legal requirements are installed, that existing systems are kept up to date and are efficient. Failure to invest will prejudice our ability to respond to legal duties and to deliver efficiencies through smarter	adilli ibraldi.
Cumulative	8	120	565
2010/11 over and above 2009/10 £'000			0
2008/09 over 2009/10 over 2010/11 over and above and above 2007/08 £'000 2008/09 £'000 2009/10 £'000			0
2008/09 over and above 2007/08 £'000			0
2007/08 over and above 2006/07 £'000	8	120	299
Details of Efficiency/Proposed Investment/Proposed Efficiency Saving/ Investments	Smoking Enforcement – Street Enforcement 6 months	IT improvements	
Business Unit	Enforcement	Enforcement	Enforcement Lotal
Directorate	Environment	Environment	
Portfolio	E	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	
Saving / Growth		υ O Ø	G Total
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London Borough of Haringey Pre-Agreed Investments (PBPR Table 5.5) Executive Member for Crime Community Safety

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Details of Pre-Agreed Invest	Emergency Planning & Business continuity	Street wardens	
Business Unit	Chief Executive's Safer Communities (Strategy)	Enforcement	
Directorate	Chief Executive's (Strategy)	Environment	
Portfolios	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm Safety	Exec Member: Crime & Comm

London Borough Of Haringey PBPR Capital Investment Bids 2007/08 - 2010/11 Executive Member For Crime And Community Safety

Form	Portfolio	Directorate	Bueinger Hait		Corporate Resources Funding		Tota	Total Capital cost	ost	The desire of the second	Revenue Growth	Corporate
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001	Executive Member: Environment Crime & Community Safety	Environment	Enforcement	Relocation and construction of a new mortuary	0	1,300	0	0	0	1,300		%0
015	Executive Member: Environment Crime & Community Safety	Environment	Enforcement	Mobile working and system upgrades for enforcement applications	405	405	0	0	0	405	120	100%
			Enforcement Total		405	1,705	0	0	0	1,705	120	
			Grand Total £000		405	1,705	0	0	0	1,705	120	THE CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACT

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London Borough of Haringey Budget Preparation 2007-11 Breakdown by Executive Portfolio

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Executive Portfolios	Councillor	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth
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Leader of the Council	George Meehan	118	254	7.9	***************************************			7000		7000	2000
Executive Member for Children & Young People	l iz Santov			5		1	•	100	•	285	251
FXECITIVE Member for Community Issues	Lic Canaly	2,433	3/5	1,459	•	3	•	1,458	-80	5,350	295
	Lorna Rieth	658	40	513	1	167		179		7 647	
Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety	Nillgun Canver	199	089	263		0,		2) Le't	4
Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration	Kaushika Amin	214	044	3		2		115		287	089
Executive Member for Environment & Consociation		J	2	5	F	909	•	55	1	410	510
	Brian Haley	629	2,114	1,223	886	100	55	654	07	0.00	
Executive Member for Finance	Toni Mallett	798	610	525	-262	362	OC.	100	P i	000'7	3,095
Executive Member for Health & Social Services	Bob Harris	1,193	1,811	1.140	187	1 88 5	07-	cuz	c	1,890	333
Executive Member for Housing	Isidoros Diakides	1	1,156		324		070	COO	1	5,083	1,998
Executive Member for Organisational Development & Performance	Dhiran Basu	103	170		170		248	t	27	•	1,855
		47C	/17	736	•	244		293	i	1,297	217
TOTAL											
		6,816	7,764	5,517	1,135	2,818	383	3,924	e,	19,075	9.274

London Borough of Haringey Budget Preparation - Capital Programme Bids 2007/08 to 2010/11

		Corporate Resources		Tot	Total Capital cost	ost		Revenue Growth
Executive Portfolios	Councillor	Funding Bid 2007/08 - 2010/11	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	Total	2007/08 - 2010/11
Leader of the Council	George Meehan	The state of the s						
Executive Member for Children & Young People	Liz Santry	0	26,167	10,189	2,411	700	39,467	0
Executive Member for Community Involvement	Lorna Rieth	8,300	7,781	1,392	1,267	330	10,770	0
Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety	Nillgun Canver	405	1,705	0	0	0	1,705	120
Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration	Kaushika Amin	150	2,281	0	0	0	2,281	09
Executive Member for Environment & Conservation	Brian Haley	36,073	29,189	19,159	18,379	17,686	84,413	824
Executive Member for Finance	Toni Mallett	8,930	4,480	2,550	1,400	200	8,930	150
Executive Member for Health & Social Services	Bob Harris	9,842	3,362	2,895	2,875	2,875	12,007	0
Executive Member for Housing	Isidoros Diakides	2,154	2,154	0	0	0	2,154	20
Executive Member for Organisational Development & Performance	Dhiren Basu	12,900	3,000	3,900	3,000	3,000	12,900	0
Grand Total £000	And the second s	78,754	80,119	40,085	29,332	25,091	174,627	1,204

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Agenda Item

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

On 20 November 2006

Report title: Budget scrutiny - Pre business

Budget scrutiny - Pre business plan review documents for the

Leader of the Council Portfolio

Report of: The ACE Strategy, ACE OD and Acting Director of Finance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update Members on the financial planning process and to consider the pre business plan reviews for the following business units:
 - Organisational Development (Equalities)
 - Strategy (Communications : Media & PR)

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the latest financial planning position as set out in the report.
- 2.2 To consider and make recommendations to the Executive on the pre-business plan review documents, in particular the new savings and investment proposals. The recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be considered by the Executive in agreeing the Council's final budget for 2007/08.

Report authorised

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3. Executive summary

3.1 The report provides an update on the financial planning process and pre-business planning documentation for scrutiny.

- 4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development
- 4.1 None
- 5. Access to information: Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
- 5.1 The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:
 - Report of the Acting Director of Finance to the Executive 4 July 2006 Financial planning 2007/8 to 2010/11
 - Report of the Acting Director of Finance to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee 24
 July 2005 Budget Scrutiny
 - Report of the Acting Director of Finance to the Executive 31 October Financial planning 2007/8 to 2010/11 (including the detailed PBPR documents)

For access to the background papers or any further information please contact Kevin Bartle on 020 8489 3743.

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6 Background

- 6.1 The Executive on 4 July 2006 considered a comprehensive report on financial strategy for the period 2007/08 to 2010/11 and agreed a business planning and budget-setting process. At that time the budget showed a significant gap for the years 2007/08 and 2010/11, with an overall gap of £13.6m over the full four year planning period. This assumes the achievement of pre-agreed savings proposals of £8.2m. The assumed council tax in the projection is an increase of 2.5% in each of the four years and a known grant settlement figure of 2.7% in 2007/08. Attached at appendix 1 is the budget trail as reported to Executive in July which sets out the overall position.
- 6.2 A further report was considered by the Executive on 31 October 2006 to release the pre-business plan reviews for scrutiny and a number of national and local updates were considered.
- As part of the pre-business planning review process, targets were set for individual business units to identify potential savings opportunities. The targets took account of the level of savings already identified in current financial plans and previous years. These savings targets were aligned to the governments Gershon efficiency targets of 2.5% per annum. Ring-fenced funded services were separately identified within this process. The savings proposals will be required to fund the budget gap identified above and any additional investments that are agreed as part of this budget setting process. The final budget proposals will depend on the level of formula grant received from government, which will be announced in early December.

7 Pre business plan reviews

- 7.1 Members will recall that the purpose of the pre-business review process is to:
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Organisational Development (Equalities)

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The key service objectives which are ongoing are:

- Developing links with local communities and supporting consultative mechanisms
- Supporting community cohesion events such as the Black History Month, LGBT History Month, Holocaust Memorial, International Women's Day and Domestic Violence events
- Continuing the work on domestic violence prevention and support projects
- Provision of corporate equalities direction and strategic intervention
- Advising the CEMB and Members on equalities matters

The key projects that need to be delivered in the coming year are:

- Achievement of level 4 of the Equalities Standard in March 2007
- Updating the Council Equalities Scheme
- Updating the Council Equalities Policy
- Developing and taking forward the Community Cohesion agenda

Strategy (Communications: Media & PR)

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To continue to maintain existing efficiency gains. Having achieved big efficiency gains of 29 % in Publicity Design & Print over the past two years, CCU is committed to maintaining or increasing this so that the council continues to enjoy maximum outputs and effect for the money it spends on communications. In addition to increased outputs of existing services, CCU has introduced additional ones such as media evaluation, consultations consultancy and corporate marketing campaigns without extra resource.

Increased savings through better planned print buying. The challenge for future years is for service areas to properly utilise CCU services and eliminate unnecessary material. We cannot estimate these savings with reasonable certainty until all areas have completed returns to us on future publications work plans.

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Executive Member for Health & Social Services	Bob Harris	1,193	1,811	1,140	187	1,885	1	865	•	5 083	4 000
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Agenda Item

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

On 20 November 2006

Report title: Budget scrutiny - Pre business plan review documents for the

Finance Portfolio

Report of: The Acting Director of Finance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update Members on the financial planning process and to consider the pre business plan reviews for the following business units:
 - Corporate Finance / Audit & Risk Management
 - Corporate Property
 - Benefits and Local Taxation
 - Corporate Procurement

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the latest financial planning position as set out in the report.
- 2.2 To consider and make recommendations to the Executive on the pre-business plan review documents, in particular the new savings and investment proposals. The recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be considered by the Executive in agreeing the Council's final budget for 2007/08.

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3. Executive summary

3.1 The report provides an update on the financial planning process and pre-business planning documentation for scrutiny.

- 4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development
- 4.1 None
- 5. Access to information: Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985
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 - Report of the Acting Director of Finance to the Executive 4 July 2006 Financial planning 2007/8 to 2010/11
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For access to the background papers or any further information please contact Kevin Bartle on 020 8489 3743.

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6 Background

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- 8.1 Corporate Finance (incl. Audit & Risk Management)

Key strategic issues / objectives

- CPA Use of Resources (UoR) develop and implement an action plan to achieve level 4
- Lead on value for money issues for the Council
- Improve financial training for managers and Members
- Ensure that Audit and Risk Management is able to demonstrate that its services are effective, efficient and provide value for money for the council
- Assist all areas of the Council to fully comply with the Council's risk
 management strategy and processes, so that all key risks facing the Council
 are appropriately identified, monitored and reported

Savings and Investment Proposals

The savings achieved to date are:-

- External Audit fees reduction, staffing efficiencies
- £440k saved following re-letting of insurance contracts

The savings proposed and outlined in Appendix 2 are:-

- Reduce external audit fees due to improved grant claims £60k
- Reduce project accountant support and trainee accountant (2 posts) £75k
- Close Haringey Payment Service (HPS) Office at 247, High Road and transfer cash payments to electronic kiosks in Customer Services Centres - £150k
- Improved debt management processes and implement the a debt factoring facility - £18k
- Do not renew the Personal Accident policy as all staff are already covered -£73k

Investment Proposals

- The key investment proposed by Corporate Finance is necessary to ensure the on-going saving proposed above; that of closing the HPS. The investment involves the purchase of payment kiosks at an estimated capital cost of £120k with an associated revenue implication of £25k. The saving proposed above is not possible without this investment.
- It is also proposed to make a further capital invest into SAP. This on-going
 investment is to further improve management information. SAP will utilise
 Business Warehouse further for the HR, FICO and Procurement modules.
 The funds will also support the continued development of the latest version of
 SAP (ERP 2005).

8.2 Corporate Property

Key Strategic Issues/Objectives

- Transforming Haringey's property assets to support the Community Strategy priorities and help achieve the Council's strategic objectives.
- Contribute to the physical, social and economic regeneration of Haringey by releasing/developing strategic Council sites and working with others to promote and enable key developments.
- Challenge the use of property assets to help meet priorities and achieve targets for rationalising assets, realising capital resources and reduce premises running costs thereby contributing to VfM and financial targets set by government and LBH.
- Review and implement improvement plans in respect of the Community Buildings and Commercial property portfolios to ensure closer alignment with policy, improve tenant satisfaction, drive up financial performance and ensure compliance with health safety and statutory compliance.
- Assume responsibility for corporately managing all service operational buildings with effect from 1 April 2007.

- Develop capacity, capability and information resources to carry out systematic asset management to ensure that LBH complies with statutory obligations relating to building occupation and use.
- Improve processes and means of communications with internal and external customers to develop a stronger customer focus of property services.

Proposed capital investments

- Urgent repairs to buildings to keep them safe, open and complaints (£520K).
 This expenditure is required to maintain condition and value of the asset and if it is not carried out there will be a risk of failure and increased expenditure.
- Asset improvements to improve performance in relation energy consumption, access, and space utilisation (£1,151K). These proposals will yield savings and/or avoid future un-budgeted costs.
- Additional replacement accommodation required to support the Accommodation Strategy objective of releasing Hornsey Town Hall (£900K).

Proposed Revenue Growth

- Improvements required in respect of the commercial and community buildings. (first year £270K reducing to £80K on going)
- Development of information resources and tools to improve communications, effectiveness of asset management and operational efficiency (first year £155K, reducing to £53K on going). Part of this is "invest to save".

Proposed New Savings

- Efficiencies in the use of existing assets to be driven through rationalisation, improved utilisation and proactive management to exploit new income opportunities and reviewing current rent levels.
- Additional annual savings amounting to £125K in the first year and rising to £445K by 2010/11 have been included. Total cashable savings for the four year amounts to just under £1 million.

8.3 Benefits and Local Taxation

Key strategic issues / objectives

- To maintain/improve the CPA score of 3 for benefits administration while incorporating key changes such as the Welfare Reform Bill.
- To provide a value for money service that is supported by mobile and flexible working.
- To engage with partners and key stakeholders to achieve performance improvement, income maximisation and identification of fraud.
- To ensure income recovery performance is maximised

Savings and Investment Proposals

- Capital investment for mobile working technology and fraud case management database
- Revenue investments to increase activity and methods for enforcement and fraud detection

 Savings proposals linked to value for money review currently being undertaken and other items including a phased reduction in the use of prepostage paid envelopes

8.4 Corporate Procurement

Key strategic issues / objectives

- Management of implementation of Council's procurement strategy
- Development of key framework agreements for contracting
- Support to key projects, BSF, Decent Homes

Savings and Investment Proposals

- Capital investment in IT to enable further electronic transactions and eenabling invoice process and management
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	Capital Project Title	Extension of mobile working benefits assessment pilot to 25 users	Purchase and implementation of a benefit fraud case management IT		Implementation of Payment Kiosks	Ongoing SAP development	VFM Programme		XML Middleware Sortware		Repairs to the roof of the Council owned building "Broadway Annexe"	Repairs to the roof of the Council owned building "639 High Road"	Repairs/replacement of the external windows of the Council owned building	Repairs to the roof of the Council leased building "Unit 5, St Georges"	Maintenance backlog and building non- compliance: Corporate Management of	Implementation of improved energy control systems to the main	DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) adaptations Phase 4	Flexible Working Initiative
	Business Unit	Benefits & Taxation	Benefits & Taxation	Benefits & Taxation Total	Corporate Finance	Corporate Finance	Corporate Finance	Corporate Finance Total	Corporate Procurement	Corporate Procurement Total	Property Services	Property Services	Property Services	Property Services	Property Services	Property Services	Property Services	Property Services
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Cumulative		25 Contracts being reviewed and discussions organity.	45		30 Nil	85 Result of VFM review	10 40 Possible reduced customer satisfaction.			40 The original targer last been revised and resolutions continuing savings will result in 2009/10.	75 This will be achieved (affecting 2 posts).	20	92	150 Transfer of function to Customer Services	73		35 Currently being negotiated through UGC buying Solutions Frameworks.		B	2	63 153 New SO1 post will support SAP Cons.
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Details of Efficiency/Proposed 2007. Investment/Proposed Efficiency and Saving/ Investments 2006/	Increased benefit overpayment income covered by subsidy.	Reduction in contractor costs.	Improvement and targeting of the collection of court costs for council tax	Reduction in the cost of the Sx3 support	Reduction in paper storage costs linked	to court and audit acceptance. Potential savings from the value for	money review	Limit the use of pre-paid envelopes. Fre- paid envelopes are currently sent with a number of key documents and ensuring a response from customers is critical.		Reduction in external audit fees related to improvements in grant claim submission (Non service revenue	account) Review of Corporate Finance staffing levels - including removal of 1 project accountant and 1 Trainee Accountant.	Reduction in external audit fees related to improvements in grant claim submission (Non service revenue	Review of debt management procedures including reduction of	Central Control of the Control of the Control of the Closure of HPS (cashiers) office on 247 High Road and transfer service to Customer Services using 'kiosk'	technology. Non renewal of personal accident	Compa points	High Street Retail Contracts	Staffing	Improved processes. Reduction in printing cost & stationery in favour of electronic	Flexible working. Re-grading or introducing part-time working	Infoacous por an article architecture of transport architecture of transport e-organisation of duties and the potential deletion of posts as natural wastage opportunities arise.
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13	S	Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Corporate Procurement	XML middleware		5	10	10	25	
				Corporate Procurement Total		101	22	62	73	258	
5.3	S	Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Property Services	40 Cumberland Road – Rent review reductions	45				45	Achieved - new rent agreed at £318900 from £365000
5.3		Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Property Services	48 Station Road – Rent Review Reductions	25				25	Achieved – new rent agreed at £350000 from £430000
5.3		Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Property Services	Hornsey Town Hall – Operational staff reductions	49				64	Staff reduction savings were programmed to coincide with the disposal of the Town Hall under the Accommodation Strategy. As the disposal has now moved back to 2009/10, some staff savings will not be made until then. (42k now shown in section 13 as new revenue sevinn in 00/10)
5.3	S	Exec Member: Finance	Finance		Tottenham Town Hall - Operational staff reductions	18				18	On target
5.3	S	Exec Member: Finance	Finance		Review of Commercial Portfolio and implementation of Manhattan with improved debt management	95	150			245	Planned program to catch up on back rent reviews, reduce voids and provide income growth which, in line with more efficient working practices specifically through the use of Manhattan functionality, should enable these arreads in be met.
5.3	S		Finance		Appeals against Rateable values following publication of 2005 rating list.		100		VIVA C THE	100	Negotiations with external consultants in progress and provisional appeal dates agreed with Valuation Office.
5	တ		Finance	Property Services	FM Outgoing Rent :-Additional savings on 48 Station Road, previously assumed at £50k, achieved £80k	30				30	None
£ .		Exec Member: Finance	Finance		FM Income :-Additional lettings and rent increases have meant that the "commercial" rent income elements of the FM portfolio have overachieved against budget in last two years and will continue to do so.	40				40	40 None
3			Finance	Property Services	Increased fee charges (disposals) Currently fees charged to purchasers at 2%, proposed increase to 21/3%	10			A STANONY CONTRACTOR	10	None
13	တ		Finance	Property Services	Additional fee income (Valuation / Development) Supporting regeneration projects not relating to Council Land.		10	10	10	30	None
13		Exec Member: Finance	Finance		Aerial Sites Identify new locations and market potential sites to telecommunication companies.		10	10	10	30	Subject to necessary approvals and policies
13			Finance		Energy Conservation Savings (see capital bid)	30	30			09	Dependent upon successful Capital bid
13			Finance		Advertising Hoardings 1 Use of external contractor to maximise income from existing sites and regulate illegal sites.		20			S	Subject to Planning Approval
<u>5</u>		Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Property Services	2 Increase income by letting new sites to advertisers			20	20	100	6 new sites initially identified along Watermead Way, Tottenham producing 50k. Subject to Planning Approval
£	σ	Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Property Services (Car Parking – review of current office provision Review current office provision with a view to bringing in a reduction in spaces / possibly charging		တ္ထ	35		65	Subject to consultation with HR.

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Dependencies/Impact	Successful disposal of Hornsey Town Hall	30 No front line services being relocated to Alexandra House.		
Cumulative	42	30	984	1 890
2010/11 over and above 2009/10 £'000	42		112	906
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2007/08 over and above 2006/07 £'000		15	372	200
Details of Efficiency/Proposed Investment/Proposed Efficiency Saving/ Investments	Hornsey Town Hall - Operational staff reductions	Alexandra House Reception As part of the refurbishment, redesign a "staff only" entrance to improve security, reduce receptions and achieve staff cost reduction. Some internally funded initial investment will be required.		
Business Unit	Property Services	Property Services	Droporty Somicoe Total	Topel of Vices 1 oct
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PBPR Table	Saving / Growth		Directorate	Business Unit	Details of Efficiency/Proposed Investment/Proposed Efficiency Saving/ Investments	2007/08 over and above 2006/07 £'000	2008/09 over 2010/11 over and above and above and above 2007/08 £'000 2008/09 £'000 2009/10 £'000	2009/10 over 2010/11 over and above 2008/09 £'000 2009/10 £'000	ver ve Cumulative 000	Dependencies/Impact
		Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Benefits & Local Taxation	Additional enforcement services of	15				****
		Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Benefits & Local Taxation	parkruptcy and tracing absconders Additional service of electronic single Person (SPD) discount review	32				Influence memods of trace and collect to increase income and raise performance. 35 The database on customers claiming SPD is compared against national household databases. Where there is an agreed match then the discount continues. Where there is not a match, then the division will contact the customer direct to ascertain status. The review will contribute to improved accuracy of council tax database, detection of fatud and increased income
		Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Benefits & Local Taxation	Mobile working	25		The second secon	6	Annual current and maintenance
	9	Exec Member: Finance	Finance	-	Replacement Fraud Database	9	The second secon			
	- 1			Benefits & Local Taxation Total		80	0	0	08 0	
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				Corporate Finance Total		25	0	0	0 255	Kiosks.
	ט וויי	Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Corporate Procurement	XML Middleware		S	ro.	15	ROI achieved through reduced procurement process transactions. The middleware can also be deployed elsewhere in the Councils or control.
				Corporate Procurement Total		0	2	5	5 15	
	ە قىلىش		Finance		Review and Management of the Community Buildings portfolio.	220	-125	-72	70	The community buildings portfolio is currently unstaffed and in need of urgent review. Management of this portfolio is complicated due to the lack of financial capacity and property knowledge of the tenants and the sensitive nature of the services provided from these facilities. The council potentially has a massive unfunded liability stemming from a lack of maintenance, arrears, misuse and H&S incidents. Proactive management of these assets will minimise this liability and generate increased rent from reviews and renewals to the market. We require a new post of Community Buildings Manager to manage the portfolio and educate tennants in new Fire and H&S. Environment legislation requirements. Updated condition reports are also required of the buildings and although the cost of most works will be payable by tenants, they may not have adequate funds or expertise to do so and responsibility may fall to the Council.
ĺ	Ē.	Finance		William Services	Manhattan System developments	100	99		S	Phase 2 of the Commercial Manhattan implementation to provide resources for data input from lease files. Provision of reports and independent reporting capability. Ongoing development of the system to enhance security functions and enable access from stakeholders.

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4	O	Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Property Services	Registration of unregistered land	IO.	-38				Statutory requirement to register all unregistered land by 2012. One additional person for one year to work with the Land registry and GIS. The Land Registry have been in discussions with us and intend to use us as a pilot" undertaking most the work at their expense. If we take up their offer and support at this early stage their charges for their part of the process will be c5k. If left until nearer the 2012 deadline, the cost will be c30k. Additionally this mandatory process will simplify the legal work when a property transaction is required. It will also ensure that the Councils ownership is formally recorded through the Land Registry and safeguarded in perpetuity.
75	ပ	Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Property Services	Commercial Property Compliance	92	40			10	There is a pressing need to educate the commercial team of new Fire and H&S Environment legislation. Updated condition reports are required of the council's commercial estates and funds need to be allocated to undertake works identified. (Most work will be recoverable under service charges). Cost of reports and additional staff required to implement and setup the
27	O	Exec Member: Finance	Finance	Property Services	Valuation software	50	- 17			n	Infolinoring System. Valuation software is critical for Service delivery and providing quality advice. It will also support valuations undertaken for accounting purposes and help satisfy statutory obligations for such work as disposal projects. New software will offer a proper investment valuation process and provide analysis. For example, a discounted cash flow would help provide performance indicators such as internal rate of returns, which in turn would assist the review of the non-operational portfolio. Valuations can be analysed on a sector by sector basis as well as comparing properties within each sector. An assessment could also be made whether a property represents financial return/value for money etc. Residual valuation software would also be beneficial.
12	9	Exec Member: Finance	Finance		Relocation of staff from Broadway Annex / Western Park Annexe	08				08	Development proposals do not proceed as a suitable partner is not found to realise the Homsey Town Hall Development. Suitable alternative accommodation is not available.
	G Total			Property Services Total		505	-267	-25	0	213	

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		Corporate Resources		Tota	Total Capital cost	ost		Revenue Growth
Executive Portfolios	Councillor	Funding Bid 2007/08 - 2010/11	2007-08 '£'000	2008-09 £'000	2009-10	2010-11	Total	2007/08 - 2010/11
Leader of the Council	George Meehan					77777.0.		The state of the s
Executive Member for Children & Young People	Liz Santry	0	26,167	10,189	2,411	7007	39,467	0
Executive Member for Community Involvement	Lorna Rieth	8,300	7,781	1,392	1,267	330	10,770	0
Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety	Nillgun Canver	405	1,705	0	0	0	1,705	120
Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration	Kaushika Amin	150	2,281	0	0	0	2,281	09
Executive Member for Environment & Conservation	Brian Haley	36,073	29,189	19,159	18,379	17,686	84,413	824
Executive Member for Finance	Toni Mallett	8,930	4,480	2,550	1,400	200	8,930	150
Executive Member for Health & Social Services	Bob Harris	9,842	3,362	2,895	2,875	2,875	12,007	0
Executive Member for Housing	Isidoros Diakides	2,154	2,154	0	0	0	2,154	20
Executive Member for Organisational Development & Performance	Dhiren Basu	12,900	3,000	3,900	3,000	3,000	12,900	0
Grand Total £000		78,754	80,119	40,085	29,332	25,091	174,627	1,204
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Consolidated Savings & Growth - Annual breakdown by Executive Portfolio - Ap	Executive Portfo	lio - Appendix 3	lx 3								10 mm m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m m
		200	2007/08	200	2008/09	200	2009/10	201	2010/11	Cumu	Cumulative
Executive Portfolios	Councillor	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth	Savings	Growth
		6,000	€,000	€,000	€,000	€,000	€,000	£,000	€,000	£,000	6,000
Leader of the Council	George Meehan	118	251	29	ſ	í	1	100	1	285	251
Executive Member for Children & Young People	Liz Santry	2,433	375	1,459			3	1,458	-80	5,350	295
Executive Member for Community Involvement	Lorna Rieth	658	40	513	,	167	•	179	1	1,517	40
Executive Member for Crime and Community Safety	Nillgun Canver	199	680	263	t	10	1	115		287	089
Executive Member for Enterprise and Regeneration	Kaushika Amin	214	510	91		909	1	55	1	410	510
Executive Member for Environment & Conservation	Brian Haley	629	2,114	1,223	886	100	55	654	40	2,656	3,095
Executive Member for Finance	Toni Mallett	798	610	525	-262	362	-20	205	5	1,890	333
Executive Member for Health & Social Services	Bob Harris	1,193	1,811	1,140	187	1,885		865	ſ	5,083	1,998
Executive Member for Housing	Isidoros Diakides	-	1,156		324	1	348	1	27		1,855
Executive Member for Organisational Development & Performance	Dhiren Basu	524	217	236		244	1	293		1,297	217
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TOTAL		6,816	7,764	5,517	1,135	2,818	383	3,924	φ	19,075	9,274

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Councillors Councillors Bull (Chair), Cooke (Vice Chair), Bevan, Jones, Davies,

Winskill, Whyte (substituting for Newton)

Councillor Newton, substituted for by Councillor Whyte **Apologies**

OSCO36. CHAIR'S WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

MINUTE NO.

SUBJECT/DECISION

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Newton who was substituted, according to Standing Orders, by Councillor Whyte.

OSCO37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Haley, in response to points of clarification as to whether he had an interest to declare sought clarification from the Legal representative present as to whether he was required to make a declaration as Executive Member - Environment. The Legal representative (Mr Mitchison) responded that he did not believe that it was necessary for Councillor Haley to declare an interest at this juncture as he was attending the Committee to give evidence in relation to the Executive decision that had been called-in to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and therefore was not participating in this Committee's decision making process.

OSCO38 URGENT BUSINESS

None.

OSCO39 CALL-IN OF THE EXECUTIVE DECISION RELATING TO THE RECYCLING SERVICE

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee received the reports of the Interim Director of Environmental services and the Monitoring Officer, on the circumstances of the Call-in of the decision of the Executive, in relation to the Recycling Contract.

With the consent of the Chair of the Committee, the main signatory of the Call-in outlined the reasons for the Call-in as detailed in the attached papers. Some further concerns raised and included:

- The decision not to enter into formal and binding arbitration with the contractor RWS.
- Why work on drawing up a new contract and a tendering process had not begun earlier.

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- The ability of the Council to deliver the service in-house.
- Why the existing contract could not be extended with the existing contractor RWS.
- The impact on staff currently delivering the service and employed by RWS.
- That insufficient information had been provided in the report to the Executive, about the financial situation including possible loss of external funding, pension provision and the likely outcome of arbitration.

It was requested that the Committee take evidence from a Director of RWS.

In response to questions from the Committee the Director of RWS indicated that in his opinion:

- RWS could tailor the service provided to meet the Council's requirements.
- RWS had increased the collection of recyclable materials considerably.
- The report to the Executive had insufficient information.
- There was no reason for not going to arbitration as RWS wished.

The Monitoring Officer's Representative advised the Committee that according to investigation, the original decision of the Executive taken on 25 July 2006 in respect of recycling services was within the policy and budgetary frameworks. However, this did not prevent the Committee questioning the merit of the decision taken even though it was the opinion of the Monitoring Officer that the RWS contract could not have been extended because it was not compliant with EU regulations.

The Interim Director of Environmental Services, outlined the reasons why the Council was unwilling to enter in to arbitration with RWS and addressed the issues that had been raised in the Call-In, offering extended details to those set out in the Report in response to the specific issues raised in the Call-In. This included the issues over the contributions RWS had made to the efficiency of recycling capacity within the borough. It was also established that the decision to bring the service back in-house had been largely based on what future aspirations/provisions the Council wanted to provide in a scheme of services that has a rapidly changing agenda. The Council had to decide for itself on what provision it wanted in the future and thus needed to look at the policy framework by bringing the service in-house and

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	reconsidering it in order to create innovative and leading-edge services.
	RESOLVED:
	The Committee resolved to exclude the press and public from the meeting in accordance with provisions of the Council's Constitution.
OSCO40	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
	The Committee moved into part two of the Agenda (the Exempt part)

COUNCILLOR GIDEON BULL

Chair

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