

## **EXECUTIVE MEMBER QUESTIONS: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT TO OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 12 MARCH 2007**

### **Key Issues Briefing**

#### **1. Libraries and Museums**

**Restructure** - Implement LAMS restructure by end of March 2007.

**Rewiring of Hornsey Library** – Rewiring proposals will be taken to the April 17<sup>th</sup> Procurement Committee Meeting. We understand Property Services are finding the additional costs which have incurred.

**Coombes Croft Library Building Refurbishment** - A Community Libraries Lottery funding bid for Coombes Croft library will be submitted by end of March 2007.

**St. Ann's Library Hall** – Consultation period for the development of the Hall in partnership with the NDC.

**Muswell Hill Library Building Refurbishment** – Project Manager now appointed by Property Services.

**Bruce Castle Museum** – Heritage Lottery Fund application success. This gives us the necessary money to prepare a major bid.

#### **2. Communications**

**Corporate Identity** - Extensive work underway on designing all letterheads and other stationery, signage, templates, etc under the new ID that is set to start phasing in during April. An easy-use style guide will be published to help ensure compliance and proper usage throughout the council.

**Rationalising print and design work** - Fair progress so far in pulling in work being done around the council to poor corporate standards. This follows our call for advance notification of jobs and reminders they must be procured centrally to achieve best standard at best price.

Renewed call for advance notification will run in April to coincide with ID roll out, start of using Whitehall's print procurement framework and beginning of project to renew our own.

**Internal Communication** - Audit of IC now complete. Being used to inform new IC strategy which should be ready in first draft during April.

**A-Z/Council Tax Guide** - The combined guide ready for distribution in March.

**Consultation Traded Service** - The new service has only been operational for about six weeks but there is already huge demand with increasing numbers of officers around the council having attended our consultation training, and understanding the need for professional support. Notwithstanding recent issues over CPZs, we are definitely seeing the beginning of a sea-change in consultations work following last year's intensive programme of improvements. GLA have noticed our work and are impressed.

#### **3. Corporate and Voluntary Sector Team**

**Corporate Grants Programme** - An evaluation of the community organisations element of the mainstream grant programme was commissioned this year. This involved evaluating the successes of the organisations that are in receipt of grant funding for the delivery of a range of community activities and services. The outcome of this evaluation informed the awarding of new 3 year funding agreements from April 2007.

**Community Empowerment** - The purpose of the Community Empowerment Network is to engage and develop local representation on the LSP. The Council is in the process of setting up new community empowerment structures based on best practice.

**Developmental support** – A number of voluntary organisations have been given developmental support over the last year to ensure their sustainability in the longer term. For example Jackson's Lane, ACLC and the Asian Centre.

**Haringey Compact** - The Haringey Compact was successfully launched and won an award for Compact promotion. Specific priorities for the next financial year are now being developed.

**New Initiatives Development Fund** - This small grants programme has distributed over 22K to community groups in the Borough for small community led projects.

**Community buildings** - The CVST has been working closely with the Councils Property Services to establish a way forward for improving the state of the Councils community buildings portfolio.

**Voluntary Sector Support** – Preliminary work has just been completed to map the funding currently distributed to the voluntary sector across the council estimated to be in the region of 20 million. This will provide the basis for discussions on how best to support the sector in the future.