

London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

Notice of Meeting

THE EXECUTIVE

Tuesday, 20 May 2003 - Civic Centre, Dagenham, 7:00 pm

Members: * Councillor C J Fairbrass (Chair); Councillor C Geddes (Deputy Chair); Councillor J L Alexander, Councillor G J Bramley, Councillor S Kallar, Councillor M E McKenzie, Councillor B M Osborn, Councillor J W Porter, Councillor L A Smith and Councillor T G W Wade.

*** Membership subject to confirmation at Annual Assembly**

Declaration of Members Interest: In accordance with Article 1, Paragraph 12 of the Constitution, Members are asked to declare any direct/indirect financial or other interest they may have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting

9.05.03

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Minutes - To confirm as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2003 (circulated separately)**

Business Items

Public Items 3 and 4 are business items. The Chair will move that these be agreed without discussion, unless any Member asks to raise a specific point.

Any discussion of a Private Business Item will take place after the exclusion of the public and press.

3. **Members Allowances 2003/2004 (Pages 1 - 8)**
4. **Gascoigne Community Centre Car Park (Pages 9 - 10)**

Discussion Items

- 5. Corporate Grant Applications (Pages 11 - 30)**
- 6. Selection of Registered Social Landlords (Pages 31 - 34)**
- 7. Managing Unauthorised Encampments (to follow)**
- 8. Any other public items which the Chair decides are urgent**
- 9. To consider whether it would be appropriate to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted.**

Private Business

The public and press have a legal right to attend Council meetings such as the Executive, except where business is confidential or certain other sensitive information is to be discussed. The list below shows why items are in the private part of the agenda, with reference to the relevant legislation (the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972).

Discussion Item

- 10. Long Service Awards (Pages 35 - 38)**

Concerns former Council employees (paragraph 1)

Business Items

None

- 11. Any other confidential or exempt items which the Chair decides are urgent**

THE EXECUTIVE**20 MAY 2003****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2003/2004		FOR DECISION
<p><i>This report sets out the recommendations of the Independent Review Panel into Members Allowances.</i></p> <p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>As part of this year's review a survey of Special Responsibility Allowances has been undertaken resulting in a number of changes and also some increases. This follows a members' annual survey and report concerning their activities, responsibilities and time input in order to carry out their duties as Councillors. The increase is based on a changed formula agreed by the panel.</p> <p>In addition Basic Allowances have been increased by 2.9% for all members. Details of the revised scheme are as shown in the attached schedule (Appendix A) which is effective from 15 May 2003. In addition the Panel have reiterated that each member complete a mandatory annual report. Members are reminded of the need to keep records as an aid to completing these at the end of the calendar year.</p> <p>Members Allowances will be reviewed again next year and any proposals will be reported to the Executive.</p> <p><u>Recommendation/Reason</u></p> <p>The Executive is asked to recommend the Assembly to agree allowances and the scheme for 2003/04, as set out in Appendix A, with effect from 15 May 2003, in accordance with the recommendations of the Independent Review Panel.</p>		
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1. Background

- 1.1 In 2000 an Independent Review panel was appointed to review Members allowances. The panel undertook a comprehensive review, which took into account many factors including the legal framework, the Council's existing scheme of payments, other London Boroughs schemes, time inputs and special responsibilities as well as interviewing a number of Members to seek their views on how they perceived their "job". The panel produced Job profiles as a result before publishing their recommendations, which were then adopted by the Assembly.

- 1.2 Subsequently, 2001 saw the mandatory introduction of independent panels through legislation and the existing panel reappointed here. Members Allowances were increased in 2001, and again in 2002 (but only in respect of basic allowances) as a result of the information obtained from Members via a survey. This being based on a formula that uses the average increase in earnings in the borough, as recommended by the panel.
- 1.3 The results of the survey in respect of different bandings for Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA) were not conclusive and the panel felt that a further detailed study should be undertaken specifically relating to the different bandings as part of the review for 2003.
- 1.4 In addition the panel also recommended that an annual report from each Member be completed in line with the proposal of May 2000. It was further agreed that this be mandatory for all Members commencing with the period 1 January 2002 to 31 December 2002.

2. Review for 2003

- 2.1 The panel felt it would be useful to incorporate a remuneration survey as part of the annual report, as such a combined members' annual report and remuneration survey was compiled and sent to all members in December 2002. Subsequently all members made a return.
- 2.2 In order to have a clear understanding of the results of the report/survey, the panel invited various members in different bandings, to meetings to go through their returns, ask questions and generally seek their views. The panel also felt that by interviewing members as well as conducting the survey as part of the review that this would establish their position to be able to account for the decisions they make. In particular to the community and of course to feedback to the members themselves as part of the review process.
- 2.3 Time was also spent in looking at other activities such as Chair of Community Forums to see if there was a need to increase the number SRA allowances. Overall the view of the panel, having consulted members, was that there was not a need to consider this for 2003/04, although this may need to be revisited in the future.
- 2.4 It was also noted from members' returns that SRAs' bandings should not be calculated by reference to hours alone. Indeed the panel agreed with the consensus of opinion that a multiple of the basic allowance would be an equitable way to reward responsibility, although hours will continue to be monitored, to ensure a level of consistency with the different bands.
- 2.5 Consideration was also given to reviewing the allowances on the basis of population and comparison in this area to neighbouring boroughs. However, the composition of Barking and Dagenham and its neighbouring boroughs varies in many ways, both socially and economically and as such the panel did not feel this would be a fair way to consider allowances against those paid elsewhere.

2.6 It was also felt by the panel that to continue to use surveys based on the average weekly pay for Barking and Dagenham, are not always accurate, as these have been based on small sample numbers. As a result the panel propose that from this year's increase onwards that they be based on the Bank of England Retail Price Indices as at December in the year prior to the increase, in this case December 2002.

3. Conclusions

3.1 The returns showed that overall there had not been any real increase in basic hours undertaken by 'back bench' members. This was as expected as the hours were only changed last year as part of the review of the basic allowance. However, there had been significant increases in hours SRA's for posts in Bands 1, and 2.

3.2 It is clear from the returns that there has been an increase in workload and hours for a number Special Responsibility posts since the last review of these allowances in May 2000. This is due to the review being based on estimates of time that would be required as part of the modernisation of the Council. The data collected from almost three years operation has shown that the hours need adjusting as these had been underestimated, which in turn leads to a recalculation. However, as mentioned a change in formula with regard the calculation acknowledges the different levels of responsibilities undertaken in the different bandings and how these have developed over the last few years.

4. Recommendation

4.1 As mentioned in 2.4, the panel have recommended a change in formula for SRA's (bands 1 to 3) by multiplying the basic allowance, depending on a post's level of responsibilities. Each post also having a level of hours expected to be undertaken.

4.1.1 **Band 1** (a) Leader of the Council, **from** £17,100 **to** £26,400
120 hours plus per month (£8,800 x 3).

(b) Deputy Leader of the Council, **from** £11,400 **to** £17,600
90 hours plus per month (£8,800 x 2)

Band 2 Members of the Executive and Chair of the Scrutiny
Management Board, **from** £8,400 **to** £13,200
90 hours plus per month (£8,800 x 1.5)

Band 3 Chair of Assembly and Chair of the Development Control Board
from £8,400 **to** £8,800 75 hours per month (£8,800 x 1)

4.1.2 **Band 4** Deputy Chair of Assembly, Deputy Chair of the Scrutiny
Management Board and Deputy Chair of the Development
Control Board **remains at** £3,000
Leaders of the Minority Parties, **from** £3,000, (divided between
parties pro-rata to the number of seats), **to** a minimum of
£1,000* each (*£300 per seat with a minimum of £1,000 per
Leader). 65 hours per month

4.2 The panel have also recommended that the basic allowance be increased, as mentioned, by reference to the Retail Price Indices as at December in the year prior to the increase, in this case December 2002. The increase applicable to the basic allowance would therefore be 2.9% for 2003.

4.2.1 **Band 5** The revised Basic Allowance for 2003/04 is £8,800
(£8,550 x 2.9% = £8,800)

4.3 For comparison purposes, the Independent panel's recommendations of payments, together with the ALG's. It should be noted that the ALG recommendations are as at 2001/02, as follows: -

	Independent Remuneration Panel £	ALG Panel (Ø up to) £
Basic Allowance	8,800	8,000
Leader	26,400	43,500Ø
Deputy Leader	17,600	33,100Ø
Executive Members	13,200	33,100Ø
Chairs of the: -		
Scrutiny Management		
Board	13,200	33,100Ø
Assembly	8,800	22,700Ø
Development Control		
Board	8,800	22,700Ø
Deputy Chairs of the:-		
Assembly	3,000	7,000Ø
Scrutiny Management		
Board	3,000	7,000Ø
Development Control		
Board	3,000	7,000Ø
Leader/s of the Minority		
Parties	1,000*	22,700Ø

(* £300 per seat with a minimum of £1,000 per Leader)

4.4 Child Care and Dependent Carers Allowance

Although no claims have been received to-date the panel recommend that the minimum national hourly rate should apply, currently £4.20 (£4.50 wef October 2003) and that members be able to evidence the need for payment of the allowance.

4.5 Provision has been made in this year's estimates to meet the increases for 2003/04.

4.6 Pensions for Councillors

The panel also agreed that all Councillors be eligible to join the scheme. Legislation regarding this has just been published. A separate report regarding this matter will therefore follow shortly.

Background papers used in the preparation in this report:

- “Making Allowances” – ALG commissioned report on Councillors remuneration in London
- Local Government Act 2000
- Minutes of the Independent Panel’s meetings

Officers Consulted:

- Head of Strategic Finance
- Local Government Act 2000 Commencement Order

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MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME

1. Title and Term

The scheme is known as the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Members' Allowances Scheme. The allowances are reviewed annually and take effect the day after Annual Assembly each year.

2. Meanings

"Councillor" means a Member of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Council who is a councillor;

"year" means the period ending the day of the Annual Assembly.

3. Basic Allowance

A basic allowance is paid to each Councillor as specified in the Schedule attached.

4. Special Responsibility Allowances

A special responsibility allowance is additionally paid to Councillors who hold certain responsibilities as specified in the Schedule.

5. Childcare and Dependant Carers Allowance

An allowance paid to those Councillors who incur expenditure for the care of dependant relatives or children whilst undertaking 'Approved Duties'.

6. Travel and Subsistence Allowances

Reimbursement of actual and necessarily incurred expenditure whilst undertaking 'Approved Duties'.

7. Renunciation

A Councillor may by notice in writing given to the Chief Executive, elect to forego any part of his/her entitlement to an allowance under this Scheme.

8. Part-Year Entitlements

If the scheme is amended during the year or a Councillor holds office part way through the year, entitlements to basic and special responsibility allowances will be dealt with on a pro-rata basis.

9. Payments

Payments are made in equal instalments every month.

SCHEDULE OF ALLOWANCES 2003/04

1. Basic Allowance

The basic allowance for the year is £8,800.

2. Special Responsibility Allowances

The following special responsibility allowances are payable, as appropriate, in addition to the basic allowance:-

Leader of the Council	£26,400
Deputy Leader of the Council	£17,600
Members of the Executive } Chair of the Scrutiny Management Board }	£13,200
Chairs of the:- Assembly } Development Control Board }	£8,800
Deputy Chairs of the:- Assembly } Scrutiny Management Board } Development Control Board }	£3,000
Leaders of the Minority Parties } * (£300 per seat with a minimum of £1,000 per Leader)	£1,000 *

Note – only one special responsibility allowance is payable to any Councillor [the highest allowance applies].

3. Childcare and Dependant Carers Allowance

This allowance is payable to those Councillors who incur expenditure for the care of dependant relatives or children whilst undertaking “approved duties”. The rate payable will be £4.20 per hour until 30th September 2003, and £4.50 per hour from 1st October 2003.

4. Travel & Subsistence Expenses

Reimbursement of travel expenses via public transport will be the actual fare paid. Councillors using their own motor vehicle will be reimbursed at the appropriate rate as shown on the Councillors claim forms for travelling expenses and subsistence costs. Similarly, for reimbursement for subsistence costs in respect of meals. Subsistence costs involving an overnight stay are also as shown on the Councillors claim form.

THE EXECUTIVE**20 MAY 2003****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND HEALTH**

GASCOIGNE COMMUNITY CENTRE CAR PARK		FOR DECISION
<p><i>The Constitution states that any request for a change of management of Housing land be reported to the Executive for consideration.</i></p> <p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>This report presents a request from the Gascoigne Community Centre Committee to take control of the Community Centre Car Park.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>The Executive is asked to agree that a fence and gate be erected in the car park adjacent to the Community Centre.</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>To allow the Community Centre to fence off the car park and restrict parking to hall users only, until land is required for Housing use.</p>		
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1. Background

- 1.1 The Gascoigne Community Centre Committee approached Housing & Health and Gascoigne Ward Members to request permission to fence and gate the car park adjacent to the hall to restrict parking to users of the hall.
- 1.2 The Committee felt there was a need to restrict parking following complaints from members of the Association and all users unable to park their cars, due to use of the car park by local residents.
- 1.3 There is sufficient alternative residents parking provision in the area, including a large car park approximately 100 yards from the hall, which is under utilised.

2. Consultation

- 2.1 The Community Centre Committee, who are also local residents and represent the Association's membership, local Ward Councillors and Officers of DLES were consulted and have no objection to the request.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 It is recommended that the control of the car park should be passed to the Gascoigne Community Centre Steering Committee for an initial 12- month period.
- 3.2 The Committee to take responsibility for reporting repairs and maintaining the area in a clean and tidy condition. The Committee to sign a contract agreeing to return the car park into the control of the Director of Housing & Health within 1 month of notification, if so required.
- 3.3 The Committee to erect a gallows gate and locking post to restrict access to the car park and to take responsibility for ensuring access to authorised car park users.
- 3.4 The Committee to take responsibility for maintaining the gate.

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

None

THE EXECUTIVE**20 MAY 2003****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE STRATEGY**

CORPORATE GRANT APPLICATIONS		FOR DECISION
<p><i>This report concerns the award of grants to the Voluntary Sector and matters, which are reserved to the Executive for decision.</i></p> <p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>This report seeks to inform the Executive of the outcome of the grant applications for 2003/2004 as well as the outcome of the assessment and monitoring undertaken by the Grants Officers.</p> <p><u>Recommendation/Reason</u></p> <p>The Executive is asked to approve grants for organisations as listed in Appendix A in order to enable them to deliver their various projects to the benefit of the Community and to attract funding from external sources into the Borough.</p>		
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1. Background

- 1.1 In June a new Grants Administrative Officer was seconded to the Grants Section. The Application Form, Conditions for Grant Award, and all other documentation, concerned with the Grants process were reviewed by the Corporate Grant Officers Panel. Documentation was discussed at each Grant Officers Meeting until it was felt that the Application Pack addressed all the criteria required for an efficient grants service (Equalities and Diversity, Plain English etc). The pack was then sent to the Local Compact Steering Group for information so that they could discuss it with their various organisations.
- 1.2 The pack was sent to all applicants who applied for a grant in 2002/2003 plus all other groups/organisations requesting one for 2003/2004.

- 1.3 Organisations whose partnership arrangements are due for renewal were sent an Application Pack.
- 1.4 An article was placed in the Citizen and the Dagenham Post in September 2002 advertising that Grant Application packs for the period 2003/2004 were available from 16th September, 2002 for Voluntary Organisations giving details of how the packs could be obtained.
- 1.5 122 requests were received for Grant Applications Pack from Voluntary Organisations and 70 completed Applications were returned by the closing date of 30 November 2002. A letter was sent to Organisations on 15 November reminding them to return their completed applications by the closing date.
- 1.6 Of the 70 applications received, 8 were from groups with Partnership Arrangements, 58 applications were from existing organisations and 4 were from new organisations. The applications received were in excess of the budget available of £1,216,378.22. Information of these groups is contained in Appendix B.

2. Corporate Grant Awarding Process

- 2.1 The initial assessment was undertaken which took into account the grants application form (including supporting documents eg: the organisation's constitution, the structure, Statement of Accounts, Health and Safety Policy and Equal Opportunities Statement). The Grant Officers of the relevant service area then made contact with the applicant and consequently assessed the applications based on the Community Strategy as well as the service and client groups that the organisation was working with.
- 2.2 To ensure fairness and openness, the panel of Grant Officers met to look at each grant application form with a view to collectively agreeing on a final recommended score for the organisations and their various projects.
- 2.3 Following the confirmation of the scores awarded to the organisations, officers then made the final recommendation on the level of grants to be awarded to the organisations based on the points achieved as follows: -

Partnership Grants and Existing Organisations

- Partnership Grants and existing organisations scoring over 40 points (67%) were awarded last year's budget plus where requested up to a 10% increase. It should be noted that a few applicants, particularly partnership organisations who would have been entitled to 3 years funding, put in for a large increase and it was considered by officers that if this was agreed, it would result in a larger number of groups not receiving any grant.
- Partnership and Existing Organisations scoring between 30-40 points will receive a standstill budget.
- Partnership and Existing Organisations scoring below 30 points but above 13 points will be given a one off grant. If their performance does not improve, no further grants will be given.

- With regard to new organisations, it was considered that there should be a maximum limit of £10,000 and they should be offered a percentage of £10,000 based on the number of points scored provided it was 30 or above. Organisations were given a notional start up grant of £2000 to encourage them to build up their capacity to be self sufficient.
- Small groups scoring 30 or more points were recommended for full grant. Those below this level, a one off payment of £100.
- £5,000 was set aside for Talented and Gifted Young People.
- 9 applications were recommended to receive no grant at all.
- The Translation and Information Service contract with the Council is for £30,000 per year to provide information translation service to council departments.
- The net result of this for the financial year 2003/2004 is a recommended award of £844,804.02 against a budget of £867,879.00.

3. Financial Changes

As a result of recent changes in Central Government financial grants to the Borough, major service departments including Social Services and Education, Arts and Libraries will have to now include an element of the grants budget within their estimates. This results in the need to make some difficult choices eg: service departments either funding certain voluntary groups or other critical elements of their service. It is suggested that for this year only the recommendations for funding be carried out as set out in Appendix A.

In the future, it is suggested that grants process is changed on the basis of community priorities such as Health & Social Care, Equalities, Education and Learning, Regeneration, Rights and Responsibilities, Cleaner, Greener, Safer with each having an agreed budget and criteria managed via the Community Strategy/Borough Partnership Sub Group. A further report will be made on this subject. Consultation is needed with the Voluntary Sector and this will be undertaken with the assistance of the Director of CVS. This will allow voluntary groups to start seeking alternative funding from other sources over the next 12 months.

4. Monitoring of Grant Awards

Meanwhile, the Corporate Grant Officers are continuing with the monitoring of grants awarded to projects and organisations in the 2002/2003 financial year. Also, the partnership arrangements for 8 Voluntary Sector Organisations are currently under review; these are Council for Voluntary Services, Racial Equality Council, Victim Support, Citizens Advice Bureau, Thameside Community Support, Pre School Learning Alliance, Bereavement Service and Disablement Association.

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

None

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NOTES	AWARD (STANDSTILL) £	APPLIED FOR £	MAX	RECOMMENDATION 1st JULY 03 to 30 JUNE 04 £	COST IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2003/04 £	RENT/ FREE HIRE/LET 2003/04 £
PARTNERSHIPS						
	52,350.00	60,000.00	46	57,585.00	56,270.00	3,000.00
Racial Equality Council	31,000.00	31,000.00	46	31,000.00	31,000.00	
Victim Support	22,000.00	31,036.00	43.5	24,200.00	23,650.00	20,037.50
Disability Association of B & D	8,750.00	23,135.00	43	9,625.00	9,400.00	
Thameside Community Support	9,860.00	20,320.00	42	10,846.00	10,590.00	
Bereavement Service B & D	162,550.00	201,000.00	40	178,805.00	174,740.00	20,500.00
Citizens Advice	79,600.00	162,000.00	40	87,560.00	85,570.00	
CVS	26,560.00	22,168.00		22,168.00	23,260.00	
Pre School Learning Alliance						
	392,670.00	550,659.00		421,789.00	414,480.00	43,537.50
Wellgate Community Farm (incl. 000 29/5)	21,160.00	21,160.00		21,160.00	21,160.00	6,000.00
Berrenders B & D	9,000.00	9,000.00		9,000.00	9,000.00	5,545.00
Relate - Marriage Guidance	11,000.00	11,000.00		11,000.00	11,000.00	3,500.00
Vineries YWCA	13,820.00	13,820.00		13,820.00	13,820.00	
	54,980.00	54,980.00		54,980.00	54,980.00	15,045.00
TOTAL AWARDS PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS	447,650.00	605,639.00		476,789.00	469,460.00	58,582.50

NOTES	AWARD (STANDSTILL) £	APPLIED FOR £	MAX	RECOMMENDATION 1st JULY 03 to 30 JUNE 04 £	COST IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2003/04 £	RENT/ FREE HIRE/LET 2003/04 £
EXISTING ORGANISATIONS						
	4,200.00	4,500.00	49	4,500.00	4,420.00	3,000.00
Crossroads	950.00	400.00	49	275.00	280.00	
B&D Scouts	2,575.00	2,750.00	47	2,750.00	2,700.00	5,000.00
PACT	10,029.00	10,280.00	46	10,280.00	10,210.00	
Stutton 3	15,900.00	13,900.00	46	13,900.00	14,400.00	11,100.00
Carers	19,200.00	25,000.00	44.5	21,120.00	20,640.00	
Daybreak	9,600.00	15,000.00	44	10,560.00	10,320.00	
North East London Mediation	82,000.00	82,000.00	44	82,000.00	82,000.00	23,000.00
Childcare Assn	420.00	500.00	43	462.00	450.00	
Stroke Club	25,000.00	45,000.00	41.5	27,500.00	26,870.00	
Eaststreet	32,000.00	50,000.00	41	35,200.00	34,400.00	
Thameside City Farm	30,497.48	56,280.72	41	30,917.16	30,917.60	14,100.00
EMPA	4,700.00	5,000.00	40.5	5,000.00	4,920.00	
Mind	1,560.00	2,000.00	40	1,486.00	1,460.00	
Sports Council	3,275.00	10,000.00	40	10,000.00	9,810.00	
BADAWA	2,840.00	5,000.00	38.5	2,840.00	2,840.00	2,800.00
Mencap	16,946.00	10,000.00	38.5	6,525.42	4,890.00	
Age Concern	29,435.00	29,435.00	36	16,946.00	16,940.00	
Local Agenda 21	3,000.00	3,000.00	36.5	1,855.83	1,390.00	
Volunteer Bureau	15,000.00	15,000.00	34.5	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Deafplus	500.00	500.00	34.5	500.00	500.00	
African Legal	5,000.00	9,350.00	32.5	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Disability Information	900.00	2,000.00	31	900.00	900.00	
St Francis Hospice	4,700.00	4,900.00	30.5	4,700.00	4,700.00	
Barking Operatic						3,500.00
Muslim & Cultural Society						5,500.00
Model Railway Society						8,500.00
Gascolgne Aid & Advice						7,450.00
African Youth League						13,000.00
TOTAL AWARDED - EXISTING ORGANISATIONS	287,889.48	401,795.72		305,227.51	300,937.60	96,950.00

NOTES	AWARD (STANDSTILL) £	APPLIED FOR £	MAX 59	RECOMMENDATION 1st JULY 03 to 30 JUNE 04 £	COST IN FINANCIAL YEAR 2003/04 £	RENT/ FREE HIRE/LET 2003/04 £
GRANTS REFUSED AND DEFERRED						
Not Voluntary group						
Not in Borough						
9						
Not in Borough						
Low Score						
Low Score						
11						
No B&D club members						
		10,000.00	40		Nil	Nil
Deal Volunteer Scheme		1,500.00	36		Nil	Nil
Redbridge Samaritans		10,000.00	39		Nil	Nil
Widows & Orphans International		3,112.50	33		Nil	Nil
Sikh Study Forum		9,985.00	31		Nil	Nil
Sahara Communities		1,000.00	10.5		Nil	Nil
Dagenham Camera Club		2,017.00	10.5		Nil	Nil
Diana Films		20,000.00	30		Nil	Nil
Asian Women Advice and Training Academy		1,000.00	0		Nil	Nil
Zodiac Youth		58,814.50				
GRANTS REFUSED						
				1,266,741.94		
TOTAL GRANTS APPLIED FOR						

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RESUME OF ORGANISATIONS REQUESTING GRANT AWARDS FOR 2003/2004

Abphab Youth Club

To provide an accessible weekly youth club for young people 11-17 years who have a disability.

The funding will enable the club to continue to run, offering an opportunity for young disabled people to mix in a fun, social and integrated setting.

(Condition: - DEAL to work with group to provide action plan to address health/education priorities and Youth Service strategic objectives. Grant will not be agreed for next year unless this is achieved.)

Scored 18	Applied for: £12,304.72	Amount Awarded:
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African Caribbean Support Forum

Reference point for partnership representation, consultation and information for the African & Caribbean people and organisation in Barking & Dagenham on matters relating to urban regeneration and community development.

The funding is for a Development Manager to supply provision of support services and information, training, seminars, newsletters etc. for the African/Caribbean community.

Scored 26	Applied for: £24,250 (salary for Development Manager)	Amount Awarded:
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African Legal Advisory Service

To relieve poverty, sickness and distress amongst asylum seekers and refugees by providing legal advice, representation and advocacy. Provision of facilities for recreation, education and leisure time for persons with HIV and Aids to improve quality of life.

The funding is for running costs, volunteers, travelling expenses, training of staff and volunteers, interpreting and translating services and rent.

Scored 32 ½	Applied for: £9,350.00 (£3,350 for services, £6,000 for rent)	Amount Awarded:
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African Youth League

To educate, relieve poverty, sickness and distress to persons of African origin by provision of information, workshops and seminars. Provision of facilities in social welfare for recreation and leisure time occupation, to improve conditions of life.

The funding is for rent.

Scored 40	Applied for: £13,000 (rent)	Amount Awarded:
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Age Concern Barking & Dagenham

To enable older people of Barking & Dagenham to maintain dignity, independence and choice of support for fulfilment of life through provision of relevant, high quality services which compliment those provided by statutory services.

The funding is for the provision of a dedicated advocacy officer, providing both drop in services and home visits to those with complex problems, particularly those linked to hospital discharge or changes in accommodation.

Scored 36	Applied for: £29,435	Amount Awarded:
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Arc Theatre

To create theatre and drama with and for people of Barking & Dagenham through productions, drama workshops, storytelling, touring of schools and community venues. To develop and deliver high quality arts and drama workshops for children and young people in and out of school hours. Create community activities through Youth Theatre and Community Plays. Working with issues of equality and diversity to seek to promote a positive and tolerant ethos where voices are heard equally.

The funding will provide for weekly Youth Theatre (2 hours per week) with up to 30 young people aged 13-16.

Scored 38 ½	Applied for: £10,000	Amount Awarded:
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Asian Women Advice & Training Academy

To advance education through advice, training and support leading to economic freedom through employment. Provision for information on benefits that include services and opportunities for training and jobs.

The funding is for rent of new premises for the organisation's facility base, launch of new base, advertising, stationery, equipment, fixtures and furniture, gas, electricity etc.

(Condition: DEAL to visit and monitor regarding evidence of service particularly no police checks and financial irregularities.)

Scored 30	Applied for: £20,000 (rent for private house)	Amount Awarded: Nil (review to be carried out)
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Barking Flower Arrangement Club

To assist people interested in flower arranging, recognition of foliage and flower sizing, and to work with accessories in order to enter show work.

The funding will aid in the provision of demonstrators who charge a £70 fee.

(Condition: If no improvement in organisational structure a grant will not be awarded for 004/05)

Scored 18	Applied for: £300	Amount Awarded:
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Barking & District Model Railway Society

To build, operate and exhibit model railways and to provide recreational and educational facilities to interested residents within and without the Borough some of whom are unemployed or retired. To facilitate sharing of skills.

The funding is for rent.

Scored 35	Applied for: £6,500 (rent)	Amount Awarded:
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Barking Operatic Society

Performing musical productions, providing entertainment for the public, provision of opportunities for participating in the performing arts.

The funding will assist with the costs of ongoing high quality musicians and performance space. Also for two shows during 2003/2004 for the public, plus carol concert at Eastbury House.

Scored 25 ½	Applied for: £4,000	Amount Awarded:
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Barking Photographic Society

To promote the hobby of photography for everyone.

The funding will assist with advertising and stationary costs.

(Condition: No grant will be awarded for 2004/2005 unless ethnicity is demonstrated)

Scored 14	Applied for: £250	Amount Awarded:
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Barking & Dagenham African Welfare Association (BADAWA)

To relieve poverty, advance education and protect and preserve the health and life of Africans living in the Borough. To provide recreational facilities in the interest of social welfare and improving living conditions.

The funding will pay salary costs for two part time youth workers, rental of premises, and to enhance the services and facilities provided for disadvantaged and underprivileged children and young people.

Scored 40	Applied for: £10,000	Amount Awarded:
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Barking & Dagenham District Scouts

To promote the development of young people in achieving their physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential as individuals and responsible citizens.

The funding will provide for the purchase of a digital camera (£399), PC Docking Station (£60) and memory cards (£40). To enable district events and promotional displays for their web site.

(Condition: Camera to be made available for use of all scout groups in Borough and proof of outreach development working. Grant will not be awarded for 2004/2005 unless evidence is supplied)

Scored 49	Applied for: £400	Amount Awarded:
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Barking & Dagenham Historical Society

To promote local interest in Barking & Dagenham, to encourage and help with local publications, to help raise awareness of the Borough's history.

The funding will assist in the production of newsletters, arranging and exhibiting displays at various historical functions, rental of lecture hall, hire of speakers, stationary etc.

Scored 21	Applied for: £150	Amount Awarded:
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Barking & Dagenham Sports Council

To encourage participation in sport and recreation in the Borough, advancement of volunteer coaching and sponsorship of local sporting events.

The funding is for sponsorship of events, coaching equipment, merit awards and coaching courses.

Scored 38 ½ (Rescored 40)	Applied for: £2,000	Amount Awarded:
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Barking & Dagenham Stroke Club

To assist persons who have suffered strokes.

The funding is to continue the service.

(Condition: Issues on access. Subject to 3 month monitoring visit. Grant will not be awarded for 2004/2005 unless issues addressed)

Scored 43	Applied for: £500	Amount Awarded:
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10th & 18th B & D Scout Group

To enhance the development spiritually, physically and socially of the young people in the group.

The funding is to enable every member of the group with cost of attending a district camp held every 3 years.

Scored 48 ½	Applied for: £1,500	Amount Awarded:
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17th B & D Scout Group

To promote the growth and development of young people to give good scouting.
The funding is for lease renewal for scout hut.

Scored 34 ½	Applied for: £1,600 (rent)	Amount Awarded:
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Becontree Friendship Club for Widows

To provide social contact with other widows, counselling, and to provide speakers at meetings.

The funding will enable the widows to have a day at the seaside in the summer.

(Condition: Need to be supported on issues of access etc. No grant will be given for 2004/2005 unless issues are addressed)

Scored 29	Applied for: £250	Amount Awarded:
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BHB Alcohol Advisory Service

To provide individual and group advice for persons suffering from alcohol dependence and provide support to their partners and relatives.

The funding will provide for ongoing service.

(Condition: Develop fundraising/sustainability)

Scored 28	Applied for: £15,525	Amount Awarded:
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Barking Muslim Social and Cultural Society

To promote cultural and social events, facilitate and make people aware of their rights – integrating them into other communities. Learning facilities.

The funding is for Rent, administration costs, running costs, training classes, stationary, furniture.

(Condition: Clarification required for work with children or police checks. 3 month monitor to see if organisation have developed)

Scored 34	Applied for: £16,960 (or which £10,900 for rent)	Amount Awarded:
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Carers of B & D

Assist Carers of B & D in accessing services through active participation in consultation, joint planning and monitoring care and service development.

The funding will contribute towards core running costs of the organisation enabling the service to function.

Scored 46	Applied for: £25,000	Amount Awarded:
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Centre for Independent Living

To provide information and advice on all aspects of independent living and disability issues. Provision of advocacy, training in equality, counselling service around disabled people.

The funding will provide for the production of newsletter on quarterly basis.

Scored 37	Applied for: £7,774	Amount Awarded:
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Chadwell Heath Historical Society

To research and present history of local area to the community. To preserve literature and artefacts of historical interest. To offer programme of lectures and visits.

The funding is to produce publications e.g.: book of reminiscences from members of the society and community particularly including immigrants and their experiences in the 1950's and 1960's.

(Condition: Development plan to be supported by DEAL)

Scored 44 ½	Applied for: £250	Amount Awarded:
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Chain Reaction Theatre Company

To perform original theatre work, promote awareness of personal, social and health issues, provide inter-active education work, promote informed choice.

The funding is for continuance of providing service, touring with shows to schools.

Scored 28	Applied for: £8,000	Amount Awarded:
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Childcare Association of B & D

To provide high quality, affordable day care to the children of working parents in Barking & Dagenham.

The funding is for the operation of 2 community Day Nurseries in Barking & Dagenham.

Scored 44	Applied for: £82,000 + £24,000 rent	Amount Awarded:
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Barking & Dagenham Crossroads

To provide support services to Carers in Barking & Dagenham. Provide information, support work of parents liaison group.

The funding is for organisational costs for parents liaison group.

Scored 49	Applied for: £4,500	Amount Awarded:
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Dagenham Association for Mental Health

To promote the preservation and safeguarding of mental health and to assist the relief of persons suffering from mental disorder in association with, and objectives of, the National Association for Mental Health (MIND).

The funding will provide for the design and participation of a garden project by clients at the William Bellamy Centre. Project to be ongoing, will include party of ten clients going to see 'Eden' project and other horticultural events.

(Condition: subject to monitoring)

Scored 40 ½	Applied for: £5,000	Amount Awarded:
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Dagenham Camera Club

To educate in a sociable atmosphere the art of photography.

The funding will assist with ongoing costs of running club and its activities. Purchase of new equipment

Scored 10 ½	Applied for: £1,000	Amount Awarded: NIL
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Daybreak Drug Project

To promote the care and rehabilitation of persons affected, directly and indirectly by substance misuse.

The funding will provide for drug addiction counselling, structured counselling programme for people affected by stimulant misuse, women and families programme.

Scored 44 ½	Applied for: £25,000	Amount Awarded:
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DeafPLUS

Aims are to communicate to provide partnership and understanding, openness, to be approachable and welcoming to all. Responsibility to take care of ourselves and each other, to provide equal opportunities for all.

The Funding will help towards the running costs of the Mobile Advisory Service when visiting the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham.

Scored 34 ½	Applied for: £500	Amount Awarded:
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Deal Volunteer Mentoring Scheme

To invest in children and young people by supporting them through the interaction of a volunteer mentor to raise their aspirations, confidence and self-esteem.

The funding will aid the training and maintenance of a 'Volunteer' mentor programme.

Scored 40	Applied for: £10,000	Amount Awarded: NIL
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Note: Not a voluntary organisation

Diana Films

To liaise with ethnic community of Asian origin around lonely, isolated and unemployed young and handicapped people in a creative art work shop.

The funding will provide for a community drama show, hire of hall for rehearsal and show.

Scored 10 ½	Applied for: £2,017	Amount Awarded: NIL
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Disablement Information Advice Line

Aim to provide free, confidential and non-judgemental advice and information on all issues affecting disabled people's lives, enabling them to live as independently as possible.

The funding will assist to produce an updated pocket sized information directory each year for distribution throughout the borough and to all disabled people and their carers and families.

Scored 31	Applied for: £2,000	Amount Awarded:
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East Street

To provide confidential advice, advocacy and support on any issue for young people.

The funding is to support the organisation with ongoing revenue costs.

(Condition: Sue Gooding to do financial check)

Scored 41 ½	Applied for: £45,000	Amount Awarded:
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Environmental People's Organisation

To support and develop environmentally friendly educational and practical incentives, projects and programmes.

The funding will assist with an environmental database, community assistance with waste management and recycling and community care development.

(Condition: Concerns on level of funding required. Maitland to visit)

Scored 26 ½	Applied for: £49,500	Amount Awarded:
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Ethnic Minorities Partnership Agency (EMPA)

Establish a forum to BME groups/communities in planning of Local Authorities Services, provision of health and social care mapping, advisory role for professionals in voluntary and statutory organisations, monitoring and evaluating information and providing capacity building.

The funding is for rent of premises and salary for Community Development Officer

(Condition: To be encouraged to move to cheaper accommodation)

Scored 41	Applied for: £56,280.72	Amount Awarded:
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Gascoigne Aid & Advice Shop 'BASIS'

To help those in society that need it most i.e.: poverty, disabled, unemployed, single parents and ethnic minorities.

The funding is for annual rent and rates.

(Condition: To provide evidence of Equal Opportunities Policy required)

Scored 42	Applied for: £7,800 (rent)	Amount Awarded:
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International Christian Care Foundation

Provide support services for the needs of the Borough's black and minority communities.

The service provides information and advice on legal matters, immigration, housing and welfare benefits etc. They also provide basic household necessities, provide employment support through workshops, seminars, clinics, interview skills and online job search facilities.

The funding is for rent, salary for two volunteers, refreshments, publicity, stationary etc.

Scored 39	Applied for: £6,000	Amount Awarded:
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International Gospel & Health Group

To support initiatives of people from deprived communities, relief of poverty for refugees who reside in UK, provision of advice on social, domestic and cultural issues.

The funding is for rent for the office, which will be used for administration functions, drop in sessions and meeting space for clients.

Scored 31	Applied for: £5,000 (rent)	Amount Awarded:
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Integration via Bantu

To create a network of Congolese students, organise a conference where students can share ideas for their development in educational system. The conference will attract students interested in higher education, whose first language is not English and who are also refugees or asylum seekers.

The funding is to organise the Conference.

Scored 31	Applied for: £6,000	Amount Awarded:
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Lean on Me

To promote the benefit of communities particularly ethnic minority backgrounds, relieving poverty and distress, advancing education and providing assistance with facilities for recreation and leisure.

The funding will provide for a set up of the organisations office, rent, and training.

Scored 28	Applied for: £3,600	Amount Awarded:
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Life of Independence for Everyone

To relieve disabled people in the Borough by provision of information, training and advocacy to increase their awareness, knowledge, skills and confidence so that they can access resources and take an equal role in the community. The service is run by disabled people.

The funding is for core cost of running service.

(Condition: Need support with development plan)

Scored 27 ½	Applied for: £3,000	Amount Awarded:
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Local Agenda 21 – Marks Gate

To promote Marks Gate area as an alternative area to live, work and visit. To create a forum for members of the local community to present ideas and projects for the benefit of the community.

The funding will provide a 73 place Summer Play Scheme for the children aged 5-14 years of Marks Gate.

(Condition: Proper evaluation report. Young people involved in planning)

Scored 36 ½	Applied for: £3,000	Amount Awarded:
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Mencap of B & D

To improve the quality of life and opportunity for people with learning difficulties and to promote their independence, dignity, views and rights through a range of means.

The funding is to provide for assistance with rent and service charges.

Scored 38 ½	Applied for: £5,000 (rent)	Amount Awarded:
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NE London Mediation Service

To provide mediation service to help couples to divorce or separate.

The funding is to provide for ongoing service.

(Condition: Social Services to liaise with group)

Scored 44	Applied for: £15,000	Amount Awarded:
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Parents of Autistic Children (PACT)

The organisation was established to empower young people on the Autistic Continuum by provision of advice, support, information and educational activities aiding them toward equal opportunities and social integration; and by the provision of the same services to their carers, families and friends.

The funding is for rental of premises (5,000) and contribution towards organisation's revenue costs (2,750)

Scored 47	Applied for: £7,250	Amount Awarded:
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Quaker Social Action

This group will help households in Barking & Dagenham who are reliant on benefits to furnish their homes by using their Community Furniture Project Homestore. The project collects donated furniture, making repairs if necessary, and then selling goods at a reduced price.

The funding is towards ongoing revenue costs of project.

(Condition: Ring fence to Barking & Dagenham)

Scored 28	Applied for: £12,611	Amount Awarded:
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Reach Africa

The advancement of education through provision of training in IT and computer system. The Charity will provide opportunities for apprenticeships and voluntary work for local people.

The funding is for training programme to be set up.

Scored 35	Applied for: £10,000	Amount Awarded:
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Redbridge Samaritans

The service is to provide a 24-hour telephone service offering emotional support to distressed people who are suicidal or despairing. The group cover B & D, Redbridge and Newham, and Epping Forest District.

The funding is to carry out a one off publicity campaign.

Scored NIL	Applied for: £1,500	Amount Awarded: NIL
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Note: Not for residents of B & D – should apply to ALG

Refugee Resettlement Support Project

To provide support in housing, health and education to refugee communities. To develop services to alleviate poverty, sickness and distress associated with trauma and exclusion. To undertake activities and projects to encourage understanding with the indigenous people and ease integration into the British Society.

The funding will provide for a resource to set up and capacity building for the first year.

Scored 26	Applied for: £8,798	Amount Awarded:
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Sahara Communities Abroad

To relieve poverty of refugees, asylum seekers and immigrants from Sub-Saharan Africa.

This group are not based in Barking & Dagenham.

Scored NIL	Applied for: £9,985	Amount Awarded: NIL
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Note: Not based in Barking & Dagenham

Shopmobility of B & D

To promote independence for persons with mobility problems. To assist people unable to leave their home alone, reducing social inclusion.

The funding is for the continuance of the Shopmobility service in the provision of loans for scooters for people with mobility problems.

(Condition: Evidence of other funding sources)

Scored 28	Applied for: £7,330 (£5,970 Management Fees, £1,360 scooter insurance)	Amount Awarded:
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Sikh Study Forum

The Forum provides for improving the quality of life of the Sikh community by advancing their education in matters relating to their mental, physical, religious, economic and social welfare.

The funding will provide for a one off activity – Sikh Youth Day – Festival of Martial Arts Exhibition and Cultural Programme.

Scored NIL	Applied for: £3,112.50	Amount Awarded: NIL
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Note: The group are not in Borough

St. Francis Hospice

To provide a quality befriending service to people living with advanced life-threatening illnesses, and support for families and carers.

The funding will help to offset the costs of providing the Community Volunteer Service for the above people.

(Condition: To be ring fenced to Barking & Dagenham)

Scored 30 ½	Applied for: £4,900	Amount Awarded:
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Studio 3 Arts

Creative producers of art forms in art projects. Using the arts as a medium for change, educate and raise awareness, promote pride in community, encourage arts participation, promote access.

The funding will support the cornerstone activity of Studio 3 Arts, developing and fundraising for sensitive and responsive programmes in partnership with voluntary and statutory provision that meet local needs.

Scored 46	Applied for: £10,280	Amount Awarded:
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Thameside Park City Farm

The farm aims to improve conditions and quality of life for those persons who have a need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, poverty, social and economic reasons.

The grant will help to meet the shortfall in salaries and also contribute to the costs of on going animal care.

(Condition: Justification for £8000 increase)

Scored 41	Applied for: £50,000	Amount Awarded:
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Turkish Women's Assn of B & D

To provide support, advice and information for Turkish Speaking Women living in Barking & Dagenham in order for them to access mainstream services more easily.

The funding is for a one off payment, which will enable them to deliver a rolling programme of advice and information in areas such as immigration, welfare, housing, employment, health, and education matters and social and cultural activities.

(Condition: To be monitored)

Scored 23	Applied for: £9,900	Amount Awarded:
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Volunteer Bureau of B & D

To relieve the effects of poverty, isolation, disability and low income by recruiting and supporting local residents to volunteer for those in need.

The funding is for general running costs of volunteer bureau, producing volunteer opportunities directory, recruiting, supporting volunteers.

(Condition: Social Services to monitor ensuring management of service)

Scored 34 ½	Applied for: £15,000	Amount Awarded:
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Widows & Orphans International

To promote the benefit of Africans and others affected by HIV/AIDS without distinction of sexual, political, religious or other persuasions.

The funding is for rent.

Scored 39	Applied for: £10,000 (rent)	Amount Awarded:
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Zodiac Youth FC

To provide local boys with the knowledge of football.

The funding is for ongoing training, personal development and coaching.

Scored NIL	Applied for: £750-£1,000	Amount Awarded: NIL
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Note: No Barking & Dagenham youth representation

PARTNERSHIPS

Barking & Dagenham Victim Support

To provide support and assistance to victims and witnesses of crime, their relatives and friends, through all appropriate means and to raise public awareness and recognition of the effects of crime and promote victims' rights.

The funding is to provide for an estimated 35% of the core service.

Scored 46	Applied for: £31,000 (each year for 3 years)	Amount Awarded:
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Barking & Dagenham Council for Voluntary Services

To provide ongoing support, advice and practical assistance to voluntary, community and self help groups enabling them to set up, develop and grow and assist in securing funding from external grant giving bodies. Collation of information and circulation of journals, books, periodicals etc that would be beneficial to the work of the Council.

The funding is for salaries of key workers and provision of service to support social and community needs and development of projects.

(Condition: To ascertain why such a large increase in funding has been requested).

Scored 40	Applied for: £162,999 (each year for 3 years)	Amount Awarded:
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Barking & Dagenham Racial Equality Council

To work towards the elimination of racial discrimination and to promote equality of opportunity and good relations between persons of different racial groups with the Borough.

The funding is for ongoing organisational costs covering services and support provided by staff and volunteers.

Scored 46	Applied for: £60,000 (each year for 3 years)	Amount Awarded:
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Thames Community Support

To give access to people within Thames Ward and surrounding area to professional help and advice e.g.: welfare rights, debt counselling, legal surgery, housing surgery, pensions service.

The funding is running costs of the organisation.

Scored 43	Applied for: £69,406 (total funding for 3 years)	Amount Awarded:
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Pre School learning Alliance

To enhance the development and education of children primarily under the statutory school age by encouraging parent to understand and together provide for the needs of their children through community groups.

The funding will enable PSLA to continue providing the service on offer to pre-school children and for ongoing activity.

Scored: Not Scored	Applied for: 66,504.43 (total funding for 3 years)	Amount Awarded:
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Citizens Advice Bureau

To provide free impartial and confidential advice to everyone regardless of race, gender, sexuality or disability.

The funding will enable the organisation in the provision of their service.

Scored 57 (rescored 42)	Applied for: £219,500 (each year for 3 years)	Amount Awarded:
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Bereavement Service of Barking & Dagenham

To support members of the local community struggling with the impact of bereavement.

The funding is for provision of volunteer training and supervision to service the needs of bereaved people.

Scored 42	Applied for: £21,320 (total funding for 3 years)	Amount Awarded:
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Barking & Dagenham Disablement Association

Supporting disability groups in legal, fundraising, and club activities. Development of new services based on needs identified by the disabled community.

The funding will provide for 50% Development worker post and 50% holiday facilitators.

Scored 43 ½	Applied for: £60,000 (each year for 3 years)	Amount Awarded:
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THE EXECUTIVE**20 MAY 2003****REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND HEALTH**

SELECTION OF REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORDS FOR BARKING & DAGENHAM'S PREFERRED PARTNERS PANEL	FOR DECISION	
<p><i>This report concerns a major housing issue.</i></p> <p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>This report gives the background and reasons for the assembly of a panel of preferred Registered Social Landlord (RSL) partners. The report sets out the criteria for the selection and brings forward proposals on which RSLs should comprise the panel. The report also indicates how the strengths of the RSL partners will be matched to the many varying development and regeneration opportunities.</p> <p><u>Recommendations</u></p> <p>The Executive is asked to agree to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The selection of Anglia Housing Group (Stort Valley HA), East Thames Housing Group, Metropolitan and Ujima to the Council's panel of RSL preferred partners 2. Further enquiries of London & Quadrant Housing Trust and Presentation Housing Association with a view to adding these to the panel 3. Annual reviews of the performance of RSL partners and consideration of new applications to join the panel. <p><u>Reasons</u></p> <p>The assembly of a panel of RSLs providing high quality and efficient development and management services will greatly enhance the delivery of affordable homes for the local community.</p>		
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1. Background

- 1.1 Currently RSLs are selected on an ad hoc basis for individual sites, often following competitions. This process is time consuming and does not lend itself to a comprehensive approach to future development, which is particularly relevant for Barking & Dagenham given the scale and range of the forthcoming new affordable housing programme.

1.2 The Council had previously selected Hanover Housing Association as the RSL partner to develop extra care housing for elderly people and Look Ahead Housing & Care for supported hostel accommodation, following competition processes.

2. Benefits to be gained from a Panel of Preferred RSL Partners

2.1 There is a need to build strong partnering relations with RSLs to ensure the efficient delivery of high quality innovative affordable housing projects to meet the community's needs.

2.2 A panel of RSLs will mean there can be better planning for future project delivery with greater certainty for the Council and the RSLs.

2.3 This approach will help drive up standards of both development delivery and estate management services of RSLs.

2.4 A further and significant advantage which will be derived from the panel is that innovative approaches to funding and resourcing schemes are more likely to be achieved as a result of the certainty and better lead in time for the RSLs working with the Council.

3. Selection Process

3.1 Following shortlisting of RSLs that had either worked with the Council or those that had carried out developments within East London; 9 organisations were interviewed by a panel of Members, a tenants' representative and officers, with an observer from the Housing Corporation.

3.2 The RSLs were evaluated against a matrix of factors. These were:-

- Development capacity
- Tenancy and estate management
- Regeneration
- Supported accommodation
- Black and minority ethnic
- Demonstration of partnership working with Barking & Dagenham.

4. Proposal

4.1 It is proposed that the following RSLs be selected to comprise the initial panel:-

Anglia (Stort Valley Housing Association), East Thames, Metropolitan and Ujima.

These would join Hanover and Look Ahead, the specialist providers as indicated in para. 1.2.

4.2 Further enquiries be made of London & Quadrant and Presentation to assess if they can satisfy the criteria and therefore also join the panel.

- 4.3 A protocol is being finalised which our RSL partners will be expected to sign. This will set performance standards, for example in the area of estate and tenancy management, against which the RSL partners will be measured. There will be an annual review process and in the event that any RSL fails to perform at the required level action will be considered to either suspend or deselect from the preferred partner panel. The annual review process will also give the opportunity for other RSLs to be considered for addition to the panel.
- 4.4 It is evident that the selected RSLs have differing strengths, therefore, it is proposed to deploy them accordingly to the development and regeneration schemes in the pipeline.

Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

Preferred Partner: background information paper.
RSL preferred partnering evaluation matrix.

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