

## THE EXECUTIVE

Tuesday, 18 May 2004  
(7:00 - 8:50 pm)

**Present:** 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 and Councillor T G W Wade

**Also Present:** Councillor Mrs V M Rush

**Apologies:** Councillor J W Porter and Councillor L A Smith

### 396. Minutes (11 May 2004)

**Agreed.**

### 397. Development Control Performance Indicators

Noted a report summarising progress made in the performance of the Development Control service against the performance indicator BV109.

### 398. Performance Monitoring - End of Year 2003 / 2004 Actuals

Received the end of year Best Value Performance Plan monitoring report for 2003 / 2004, excluding Social Services. The Management Team gave a presentation on, and we discussed performance against a range of key Performance Indicators within the Plan.

A presentation on the end of year actuals is to be made at the Assembly meeting on 16 June 2004.

### 399. \* London Thames Gateway Urban Development Corporation

Received a report summarising the main proposals contained in the Government's "Decision Document" on the London Thames Gateway Urban Development Corporation (UDC), including an assessment of the likely benefits to the Borough.

**Agreed**, in order to assist in achieving the Council's Community Priority of *Regenerating the Local Economy*:

1. That the Council should not petition against the Order establishing the UDC in its present form and boundaries, but lobby the Government for further minor boundary changes around Barking Town Centre and South Dagenham. It will be made clear that the Council's agreement to the UDC is subject to confirmation of a seat on the UDC Board for its nominee, Councillor Kallar;

2. To endorse the strategy, as set out in the report, to work constructively with the London Thames Gateway UDC in order to promote regeneration in Barking and Dagenham; and
3. To authorise the Director of Leisure and Environmental Services to undertake action on the basis set out in the report, including an early meeting with the newly appointed Chair of the UDC, Lorraine Baldry.

**400. \* Best Value Performance Indicator (BVPI 118c)**

Noted a report outlining details of the events resulting in the failure to collate and report the required data for the Best Value Performance Indicator 118c, which relates to library service performance, by the required date. The report also set out remedial actions and highlighted changes to current procedures.

**401. \* Age Concern Barking and Dagenham**

Received a report giving details of the Age Concern Daisy Chain Appeal which aims to raise funding for the Active Age Service.

Noted details of a steering committee organised by Age Concern and that any Councillor who sits on this does so in their own right. Council officers are to continue to offer appropriate support to Age Concern to raise funding for the Service.

**Agreed**, in order to assist Barking and Dagenham Age Concern to become self sufficient, to:

1. Support the Age Concern Daisy Chain Appeal in principle but without any financial commitment; and
2. Receive further reports, updating progress, in due course.

**402. Private Business**

**Agreed** to exclude the public and press for the remainder of the meeting, as the business was confidential.

**403. \* Term Contract for Various Food Items for Schools Leisure Centres and Social Services Requirements**

Received a report seeking permission to tender for the provision of various food produce for use by catering groups across the Council and extend existing contracts to cover the interim period. The report also outlined opportunities to work with various other Councils in order to increase procurement skills and price reduction.

**Agreed**, in order to provide a safe and cost effective food service to all sections of the Council, on an as required basis, thus helping to achieve the Community Priorities of 'Promoting Equal Opportunities and Celebrating Diversity', 'Improving Health, Housing and Social Care' and 'Regenerating the Local Economy', to:

1. A further report, to be presented in December 2004, to advise of the results of the tender evaluation process and recommend appointing the successful contractor;
2. Extend existing contracts as follows:
 

Peacheys	-	Fruit and Vegetables
Gipps		Fruit and Vegetables
Basildon Bakeries	-	Bread, Rolls, Cakes
Dairy Crest	-	Dairy products
N H Case Ltd	-	Fresh Meat / Seafood
3. The appointment of Thomas Ridley, existing supplier of dried and tinned goods, for the interim period until new contracts are approved; and
4. Waive the tendering requirements in respect of 2 and 3 above, as set out in paragraph 4.1 (a) and 6.1, in accordance with the Council's Constitution (Part D, Contract Rules).

**404. \* Employment of Interim Manager and Recruitment of Project Leader Homelessness and Rehousing Services**

Received a report requesting approval for the continued employment of an interim manager as a result of recruitment difficulties in relation to the management of the Homelessness, Housing Advice and Rehousing Services. The report also proposed that a market supplement be applied to the post of Project Leader Homelessness and Rehousing Services.

**Agreed**, in order to maintain the current interim management arrangements and to ensure that a suitable permanent appointment can be made as quickly as possible, to:

1. The continued engagement of Patsy Aduba as interim manager for the Homelessness, Housing Advice and Rehousing Services until the permanent post is filled;
2. Waive the Council's Constitution (Part D, Contract Rules) in the event that the overall cost of this employment exceeds £30,000; and
3. A market supplement, as set out in the report, be applied to the post of Project Leader Homelessness and Rehousing Services.

\* Items considered as a matter of urgency with the consent of the Chair under Section 100 (4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.