

THE ASSEMBLY

8 DECEMBER 2010

REPORT OF THE CABINET

Title: Proposed Provision of a Shared Civil Contingencies Service for Barking and Dagenham and Waltham Forest		For Decision
Summary At its meeting on 2 November 2010, the Cabinet considered the attached report (Appendix A) on the success of a pilot project for the provision of a joint Civil Contingencies Service with the London Borough of Waltham Forest and endorsed proposals to formalise the arrangement and for the Cabinet to be authorised to approve any future proposals to extend the joint service arrangement to include other Local Authorities if it is considered to be in the Council's interests to do so		
Recommendation The Assembly is recommended to agree: (i) That the Council and the London Borough of Waltham Forest form a single Civil Contingencies Unit to meet the needs of their joint populations and the requirements of the Civil Contingencies Act; (ii) That the Council enter into a formal agreement with the London Borough of Waltham Forest in a form to be agreed by the Legal Partner, under which the Council accepts a delegation of function from the London Borough of Waltham Forest in respect of their duties and obligations under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004, in return for funding and other contributions to be made by the London Borough of Waltham Forest; and (iii) To delegate authority to the Cabinet to agree the extension of the joint service arrangement to include other Local Authorities in the event that it is considered to be in the Council's interests to do so.		
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Background papers used in the preparation of this report:

"Proposed Provision of a Shared Civil Contingencies Service for Barking and Dagenham and Waltham Forest" report and minutes, Cabinet 2 November 2010.