

THE ASSEMBLY

16 MAY 2007

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE

Title: Annual Report of the Executive 2006/2007		For Information
Summary		
<p>The Executive is responsible for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing key policies and budget proposals for the Assembly's agreement;• Making decisions about Council strategies, services and finances, based on the policies set by the Assembly;• Ensuring all Council departments work well together in delivering services to local people; and• Ensuring the Council works well with other local organisations, such as the police and health services, for the benefit of the community. <p>The Executive considered over 120 reports covering a range of local and regional issues such as the Council's finances, the provision of a One Stop Shop in the Dagenham area, the regeneration of Barking Town Centre and other areas across the borough, the East London Transit scheme and the London Mayor's proposals on climate change, transport, housing and economy and opportunity contained in the London Plan.</p> <p>The Executive also approved the implementation of improvements to the way that the Council provides services to its vulnerable children and adults as well as new arrangements for its in-house legal and printing services and the redesign of the Street Scene and waste service across the borough.</p> <p>Other key areas of work included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the introduction of quarterly monitoring arrangements for the numerous projects that the Council is involved in as well as the key areas of performance against which the Council is judged;• the implementation of key strategies relating to, amongst others, community engagement and consultation, neighbourhood management and the rationalisation of office accommodation;• extensive plans to improve the Council's housing stock through the Housing Futures programme; and• overseeing the arrangements for the Comprehensive Performance Assessment, carried out by the Audit Commission in early 2007, which resulted in Barking and Dagenham Council being judged as a '3 star' (out of 4) Council for the way that it delivers services to its local residents.		
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Background Papers used in the preparation of the report:

Agendas and Minutes of Executive meetings 2006/07