

THE EXECUTIVE

Tuesday, 11 December 2007
(7:00 - 7:45 pm)

Present: Councillor C J Fairbrass (Chair), Councillor L A Smith (Deputy Chair), Councillor S Kallar, Councillor R C Little, Councillor M A McCarthy and Councillor Mrs V Rush

Also Present: Councillor Ms E Carpenter and Councillor J E McDermott

Apologies: Councillor J L Alexander, Councillor G J Bramley, Councillor H J Collins and Councillor M E McKenzie

88. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

89. Minutes (27 November 2007)

Agreed.

90. Corporate Grants and Commissioning Programme 2008/09

Received a report from the Corporate Director of Adult and Community Services setting out the funding grants for 2008/09 to local organisations that are considered best able to deliver services through the voluntary and community sector.

Agreed, in order to assist the Council to achieve its Community Priorities, to:

- (i) The programme of voluntary sector grants and commissions as set out in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (ii) The sum of £26,000 being transferred from the Corporate Grants budget to the budget of the Arts Strategy Team in the Regeneration Department to support the delivery of the Arts Strategy.

91. Docklands Light Rail (DLR) Dagenham Dock Extension - Support for Scheme and Endorsement of Preferred Route

Further to Minute 2 (29 May 2007), received a report from the Corporate Director of Regeneration on proposals relating to the construction of the Docklands Light Railway (DLR) extension from Docklands / Beckton to Dagenham Dock / Dagenham Heathway.

Agreed, in order to assist the Council to achieve its Community Priority of "Regenerating the Local Economy", the delivery of the London Mayor's Transport strategy and the Council's Local Implementation Plan for the Borough, to support the Docklands Light Railway proposals for the DLR extension, including route alignment as detailed in the report, as being central to the Council's regeneration

and development plans for the Borough.

92. Private Business

Agreed to exclude the public and press for the remainder of the meeting by reason of the nature of the business to be discussed which included information exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

93. Barking Town Centre Regeneration: Proposed Memorandum of Understanding

Received a report from the Corporate Director of Regeneration on the entering into by the Council of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with English Partnerships and the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation in relation to the delivery of regeneration projects in Barking Town Centre. The MOU will reflect the intentions, responsibilities and funding commitments of each party in respect of the projects to be undertaken.

Agreed, in order to assist the Council to achieve its Community Priorities of “Regenerating the Local Economy” and “Raising General Pride in the Borough”, to:

- (i) The Council becoming a signatory to the Memorandum of Understanding with English Partnerships and the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation in respect of Barking Town Centre on the terms set out in the report; and
- (ii) Authorise the Corporate Director of Regeneration, in consultation with the Divisional Director of Legal and Democratic Services, to agree the detailed wording of the Memorandum of Understanding.

94. Eastbury House and Valence House Redevelopment Schemes

Received a report from the Corporate Director of Adult and Community Services on the progress of the redevelopment schemes at Valence and Eastbury Manor Houses.

Discussed issues relating to the potential appointment of contractors via the Council’s Construction Framework list, and the terms and obligations of the Eastbury House lease.

Agreed, in order to assist the Council to achieve its Community Priorities of “Better Education and Learning For All” and “Raising General Pride in the Borough”, to:

- (i) The procurement of contracts for the third phase of the redevelopment of Eastbury House and for the redevelopment of Valence House on the terms set out in the report; and
- (ii) The estimated capital cost of £7.8m for the Valence House project being included for consideration as part of the Council’s Capital Programme review for 2008/09.