

## **ASSEMBLY**

Wednesday, 12 February 2003  
(7:00 - 7:35 pm)

### **PRESENT**

Councillor J Davis (Chair)  
Councillor D F Best (Deputy Chair)

Councillor J L Alexander	Councillor Ms M G Baker
Councillor W F L Barns	Councillor Mrs J E Bruce
Councillor A C Clark	Councillor L A Collins
Councillor B Cook	Councillor A H G Cooper
Councillor Mrs V W Cridland	Councillor R J Curtis
Councillor W C Dale	Councillor C J Fairbrass
Councillor M A R Fani	Councillor D J Felton
Councillor C Geddes	Councillor A Gibbs
Councillor M W Huggins	Councillor I S Jamu
Councillor R J E Jeyes	Councillor T J Justice
Councillor D S Miles	Councillor D O'Brien
Councillor B M Osborn	Councillor J W Porter
Councillor Mrs V M Rush	Councillor L A Smith
Councillor Mrs P A Twomey	Councillor T G W Wade
Councillor J P Wainwright	Councillor L R Waker

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Mrs J Blake	Councillor Mrs E E Bradley
Councillor G J Bramley	Councillor H J Collins
Councillor Mrs J Conyard	Councillor Mrs J E Cooper
Councillor J R Denyer	Councillor Mrs K J Flint
Councillor Mrs D Hunt	Councillor F C Jones
Councillor S Kallar	Councillor M A McCarthy
Councillor M E McKenzie	Councillor Mrs C T Osborn
Councillor Mrs J E Rawlinson	Councillor S Summerfield
Councillor A G Thomas	Councillor Mrs M M West

#### **62. Councillor L E Bunn**

There was a minute's silence in memory of the late Councillor Laurie Bunn. Tributes will be made at the next meeting.

#### **63. Minutes (8 January 2003)**

Agreed.

#### **64. Petitions Calling for Traffic Calming Measures in Lichfield Road, Dagenham**

Considered two petitions signed by the residents of Lichfield Road, Dagenham, calling for traffic calming measures. The petitioners expressed concerns regarding the speed of traffic using Lichfield Road as a cut through to avoid the traffic signals at the 'Robin

Hood' junction. Fears were also raised following a slight accident involving a four year old child. These were introduced by one of the lead petitioners, Ms S Connor.

Agreed: the addition of Lichfield Road to the Traffic and Road Safety Programme of Traffic Calming Measures in order to improve road safety in the Borough and reduce casualty numbers and severity in accordance with Government targets.

#### **65. Local Issue : Customer First**

Councillor Mrs Rush gave a presentation on, and the Assembly discussed, the Best Value Review of Customer First, which has major implications for the Council's services.

Agreed the recommendations set out in the report in order to deliver improved services to the public.

The Assembly thanked Councillor Mrs Rush for her presentation.

#### **66. Report of the Executive**

Received the above report, which included recommendations on the Best Value Review of Special Educational Needs.

Agreed the recommendations of the Best Value Review as set out in the report and the proposed action plan, as the preferred option for future service delivery is in line with the principles of Best Value and the action plan will lead to significant improvement over the next five years.

#### **67. Report of the Community Forums**

Received the report summarising the activities of the Community Forums since the last report in November 2002.

Noted the suggestion of the River, Village and Goresbrook Community Forum to increase the level of the minor environmental improvements budget (£10,000) allocated annually to the six Forums.

#### **68. Report of the Scrutiny Management Board**

Received the report summarising the business transacted by the Scrutiny Management Board at its meeting on 22 January 2003.

Noted that the Education of Looked after Children Scrutiny Panel has commended the work of the Social Services and Education, Arts and Libraries Departments in this area. They have made a request for an award event to be set up for the young people who are in care to recognise their hard work over the year and asked that this be at a time and place of the young people's choosing.

**69. Report of the Standards Committee**

Received a report summarising the matters dealt with by the Standards Committee on 9 January 2003.

Agreed to adopt the revised Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy.

**70. Report of the Development Control Board**

Noted.