

THE EXECUTIVE

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REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

MEMBER AND OFFICER STUDY TOUR TO HOLLAND IN CONNECTION WITH DEVELOPMENT AT BARKING REACH AND SOUTH DAGENHAM:	FOR DECISION	
<p><i>This report concerns a visit out of the Borough, which will cost in excess of £1,000 and must therefore be approved by the Executive.</i></p> <p><u>Summary</u></p> <p>This report seeks approval to a Member / Officer visit to Holland, to take place on the 28 and 29 November 2003.</p> <p>To gain a first hand appreciation of the likely approach to be advocated by the Dutch Master Planners, appointed for Barking Reach and South Dagenham, a visit to a number of sites in Holland has been proposed with the London Development Agency (LDA) and English Partnerships (EP). One of the reasons these companies have been appointed by EP and the LDA is their previous experience in delivering innovative housing solutions in the Netherlands. The invitation to attend this tour has also been extended to the London Borough of Havering because of the cross boundary nature of the development at South Dagenham.</p> <p>The estimated total cost of the visit for both Members and Officers is £1,800, which will be met from the Regeneration Division's Revenue Budget.</p> <p><u>Recommendation</u></p> <p>That Executive is recommended to approve the two day study tour to sites in Holland by the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Regeneration, Director of Leisure and Environmental Services, Head of Regeneration and the Regeneration Manager - London Riverside.</p> <p><u>Reason</u></p> <p>To gain an appreciation of the likely type of housing, public spaces, car parking and other facilities that will result from the master plans being developed for Barking Reach and South Dagenham, which will assist the Council in achieving the Community Priorities of <i>"Improving Health, Housing and Social Care"</i>, <i>"Making Barking and Dagenham Cleaner, Greener, and Safer"</i> and <i>"Regenerating the local Economy"</i>.</p> <p><u>Wards Affected</u> - Thames and River</p>		
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