

**THE EXECUTIVE**

**15 MARCH 2005**

**REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT**

<b>BARKING TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION: EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT</b>	<b>FOR DECISION</b>																
<p>This is a strategic issue concerning the delivery of the Council's regeneration programme in Barking Town Centre, which is within the remit of the Executive</p> <p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 places a statutory duty on all local authorities to carry out Equal Opportunities Impact Assessments on services and policies as part of its Race Equality Scheme. The Council has extended this to include other disadvantaged groups. This report sets out the results of the Impact Assessment carried out on the regeneration programme for Barking Town Centre.</p> <p>Officers in Regeneration Implementation and Planning Divisions consulted a number of community groups about the Council's plans for the regeneration of Barking Town Centre over the summer and autumn of 2004. The consultation found widespread support in principle for the Council's ambition for Barking Town Centre, allied to specific concerns about the risk of marginalising disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>The report makes a series of recommendations to manage these risks, with regular monitoring at programme and senior management level. The Impact Assessment will be published on the Council's website and distributed to all those who contributed to the consultation.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <p>The Executive is asked to agree the Equal Opportunities Impact Assessment of the Barking Town Centre regeneration programme.</p> <p><b>Reason</b></p> <p>To help achieve the Community Priority of '<i>Regenerating the Local Economy.</i>'</p> <p><b>Wards Affected</b></p> <p>Abbey and Gascoigne.</p>																	
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## **1. Financial Implications**

- 1.1 The costs of implementing recommendations in this report will be met from the Regeneration Implementation Division's budget.

## **2. Consultation**

- 2.1 The report was circulated for comment to officers in the Departments of Regeneration and Environment, Housing and Health, Social Services, Corporate Strategy and Education, Arts and Libraries. It was discussed at the Regeneration Programme Management Board on 14<sup>th</sup> February and the Regeneration Board (TMT and the Lead Member for Regeneration) on 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
- 2.2 The Interim Head of Regeneration Finance (David Waller) is content with the report.
- 2.3 The Lead Member for Regeneration, Councillor Sydney Kallar, is content with the report.
- 2.4 The report was circulated for comment to the Members for Abbey and Gascoigne wards.

## **Background Papers**

There are no background papers.