

Item No. 7.1	Classification: Open	Date: January 26 2005	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Report back on consideration of motion referred from council assembly – pirate radio stations	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Executive	

MOTION FROM MEMBERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 3.9 – PIRATE RADIO STATIONS

Executive on November 30 2004 considered the following motion referred from council assembly on October 20 2004, which had been moved by Councillor William Rowe, seconded by Councillor Kenny Mizzi and subsequently amended by Councillor Abdul Mohammed and seconded by Councillor Lorraine Lauder:

“That council assembly notes the serious problem of illegal operators of pirate radio stations installing aerials to council property and other tall buildings across the borough. Not only are these illegal aerials blocking airwaves but the individuals involved often instil fear amongst residents and damage to property.

That council assembly further notes the recent foundation of the London Pirate Radio Enforcement Practitioners Group, (LPREPG) including representatives from Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets and Barking Council. Council assembly requests that the executive investigate involvement in this group and the potential benefits of working together and sharing information with other boroughs on effective enforcement.

That council assembly is keenly aware of the talent and creativity latent in the Southwark communities in radio and related fields and is aware that measures to stop these illegal operators could be enhanced by the council contributing to redirect these activities into legitimate channels.

That council assembly resolves to look into implementing programmes of education and training to help access radio, and requests that the strategic director of regeneration investigate initiatives to achieve this.”

We noted the comments of the strategic director of regeneration which provided information on current examples of how programmes of education and training are being developed locally and the comments of the strategic director of housing which outlined the position relating to the problem of pirate radio stations as to how they affected the Southwark Housing Service (please see executive agenda of November 30 for more detail, available on the councils website under ‘your council / agenda and minutes / executive’).

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Executive Agenda and Minutes November 30 2004	Constitutional Unit, Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB	Paula Thornton/Everton Roberts 020 7525 4395/7221

AUDIT TRAIL

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Chief Finance Officer	No	No
Executive Member	No	No
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