

Item No.	Classification: Open	Date: 29 th July, 2003	MEETING NAME Executive
Report title:		Motion Submitted in accordance with Council Assembly Procedure Rule 3.9 – Best Value Review of Housing Management – Role of Sub-Offices	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Chief Executive (Borough Solicitor & Secretary)	

RECOMMENDATION(S)

1. That the Executive consider the motion as set out in paragraph 2 below.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2. At the Council Assembly meeting on 25th June 2003 a motion was submitted in accordance with Council Assembly Procedure Rule 3.9 (1) by Councillor Fiona Colley and seconded by Councillor Charlie Smith. The motion was subsequently amended and referred to the Executive for consideration:-

‘This Council notes that at its meeting 18th December, 2002, Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended to the Executive as part of its call-in that “the important role of sub-offices within option 4 of the Best Value Review of Housing Management in providing opportunities for tenants and residents to discuss matters in person be acknowledged.” Further, Council Assembly notes that Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommended, “the option of sub-offices be actively pursued in the implementation stage of the Best Value Review.

Council Assembly notes that consultation on the implementation of these recommendations appears to have become stalled and urges the Executive to progress the overall proposals including details of the functions and locations of potential sub-offices.’

KEY ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

3. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.9 (3), the above motion was referred to the Executive, which shall report upon the outcome of their deliberations upon the motion to the next meeting of Council Assembly.
4. The constitution allocates particular responsibility for functions to Council Assembly, for approving the budget and policy framework, and to the Executive, for developing and implementing the budget and policy framework and overseeing the running of Council services on a day-to-day basis
5. Any key issues, policy or funding implications are included in the advice from the Director of Housing.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

COMMENTS FROM THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF HOUSING

Members should be aware that the discussions relating to the provision of sub-offices in the future housing management structure have been actively pursued since 6th January 2003, when Executive agreed the recommendations made by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 18th December 2002.

Between March and July 2003, Neighbourhood Forums and Tenant and Leaseholder Councils have had the opportunity of receiving a report and presentation, on potential locations of main offices and a discussion on sub-offices.

The comments and recommendations of Neighbourhood Forums, Tenant and Leaseholder Council have been incorporated into a report to the Executive entitled “ Best Value Review of Housing Management – Future Area proposals (Number and Boundaries), which is elsewhere on this Agenda.

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
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APPENDIX A

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Key Decision?		
CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / EXECUTIVE MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments Sought	Comments included
Chief Officer	Yes	Yes
Executive Member	No	No
Date final report sent to Constitutional Support Services	21.7.03	

