



INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION-MAKING

RECORD OF DECISION

PART A

DETAILS OF REPORT <i>(Officers to complete this section prior to issuing to Executive Member)</i>	
Title of Report	Various recommendations received from Neighbourhood Forums on proposed amendments to the new Housing Area Forum and Tenant Council Constitutions
Decision-maker	Cllr Gavin O'Brien
Earliest Date when decision can be taken	20 th October 2004
Key Decision – Yes/No?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not a key decision 2. Not a key decision 3. Yes a key decision 4. Yes a key decision
Date Published on Forward Plan	General Exception Report issued
Date sent to Executive Member	12 th October 2004
Recommendation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is NOT recommended that the name of the Bermondsey One-Stop shop be changed but that it remain Bermondsey One-Stop shop. 2. It is NOT recommended that the Bermondsey West Area Forum be renamed. 3. It is NOT recommended to amend the boundaries of the 3 Area Forums in the Walworth Housing Area. 4. It is recommended to double the number of delegates and deputies from Area Forums to Tenant Council, with consideration being given to proportional representation along the lines of Leaseholder Council.

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PART B

(Executive Member to complete this section)

DECISION(S)

1. It is NOT agreed that the name of the Bermondsey One-Stop shop be changed, but that it remain Bermondsey One-Stop shop.
It is further recommended that officers look at the postal address to be given to the Bermondsey One- Stop Shop to see if the words " Alfred Salter House" might be incorporated into the address of the new facility.
2. It is NOT agreed that the name of the Bermondsey West Forum be changed. The Executive was determined that Area Forums should contain the distinct geographic location in their names.
3. It is NOT agreed to amend the boundaries of the 3 Area Forums in the Walworth Housing Area.
4. It is agreed that Area Forums have 2 delegates and two deputies to the next Tenant Council as an interim arrangement, but that officers produce an item for that same Tenant Council on proportional representation at Tenant Council, this should then be referred with Tenant Council recommendations to the next scheduled Area Forums for consideration. Those considerations to be referred back to the subsequent Tenant Council for a definitive recommendation on future Tenant Council representation.

REASONS FOR DECISION

1. The Bermondsey One Stop Shop will provide a wider remit than just housing to an area co-terminus with the Bermondsey Community Council area, not just that area previously covered by the Alfred Salter Neighbourhood Housing Office. As such it needs to be distinctly linked to the Bermondsey Area.
2. The Bermondsey West Area Forum will cover a different area than that covered by the Alfred Salter Neighbourhood Forum. The Executive was determined that Area Forums should contain the distinct geographic location in their names.
3. The Executive considered a number of representations regarding the division of the Walworth Area into 3 Housing Area Forums before reaching its decision to base the division on the existing 3 ward boundaries covered by the area. It has built in a 12-month review period to assess the workings of Area Forums; therefore any decision to reverse this arrangement should await the outcome of that process.
4. The current Area Forums constitution allows for one delegate and one deputy to Tenant Council, but it is appreciated that this will reduce the number of Tenant Council delegates selected from forums from 17 to 13 delegates. It is therefore reasonable to allow Tenant Council to appoint 2 delegates from each forum as an interim arrangement until such time as other options can be considered. It is equitable to consider proportional representation for Tenant Council, as Leaseholder Council has used this method for the selection of forum delegates for a number of years.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

None

ADDITIONAL ADVICE RECEIVED

From the Strategic Director of Housing and the Head of Housing Management.

ANY INTERESTS DECLARED

(Note: If the decision-maker has a prejudicial interest in the matter the report must be referred to the Full Executive for decision).

Please refer to the definitions of personal and prejudicial Interests in the Members Code of Conduct, If Members are still unsure as to whether an interest is personal or prejudicial they should contact the Borough Solicitor for advice.

None

DECLARATION

I approved an alternative course of action set out in Part B.

Signed.....Gavin O Brien..... Dated.....20th October 2004.....

Executive Member

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Seeking advice

You should seek advice from the relevant officer on a number of occasions:

- (a) If you wish to consider alternative options
- (b) If you are considering rejecting the proposals

Otherwise it is at your discretion when you should seek further advice and you should do so when you consider it appropriate.