

**13<sup>th</sup> January 2009 – Trades Unions – Notes**

**Budget 2009/10 & Medium Term Financial Strategy**

- The People & Places consultation document was distributed to the Staffing Committee and the Union representatives along with a specific brief.
- The Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets provided an update based on the Medium Term Financial Strategy that was reported to Cabinet on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2008.
- The Union representatives were not willing to treat the budget session as a consultation exercise. They would only accept it as a briefing session.
- The information provided was welcomed as far as it went.
- The Union representatives requested more detailed consultation, ahead of the finalisation of the budget, on structures and budget proposals.
- The Borough Treasurer and Head of Assets indicated that it would be difficult to provide the level of detail that the Unions would wish to see and also that it would be difficult to fit in another joint meeting within the timescale.
- She suggested that the best way to try to accommodate the request was to use existing individual meetings with managers and that where existing meetings were not taking place arrangements would be made as soon as possible.