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<b>Title</b>		Brunswick Enterprise Hub	
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<b>Service Area</b>		Economic Development and Regeneration	
<b>Wards of the District directly affected</b>		Brunswick	
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<b>Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number</b>		11 <sup>th</sup> December 2006 Minute No. 696	
<b>Background Papers</b>			

<b>Contrary to the policy framework:</b>	No
<b>Contrary to the budgetary framework:</b>	No
<b>Key Decision?</b>	No
<b>Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)</b>	No

<b>Officer/Councillor Approval</b>		
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<b>Officer Approval</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
Relevant Director		
Chief Executive		Chris Elliott
CMT		
Section 151 Officer		Mary Hawkins
Legal		Simon Best
Finance		Jenny Clayton
Portfolio Holder(s)		Cllr Hammon
<b>Consultation Undertaken</b>		
<b>Final Decision?</b>		Yes/No
<b>Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)</b>		

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report provides a brief update for members on the progress of this project

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 Members to note the present position

## **3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Council have been successful in obtaining a 100% Capital Grant of £319,562 and a Revenue Grant of £55,000 from Advantage West Midlands (AWM) to extend the Brunswick Healthy Living Centre (BHLC) in order to provide a Community Enterprise Centre and fund a part time Community Enterprise officer. Warwickshire Police are also contributing £5,500 in capital to enable the Brunswick Neighbourhood Police team to be located within the Centre.
- 3.2 A Funding Agreement with AWM was signed on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008 and the project is now underway following the appointment of the Design Team.
- 3.3 Work on site should start in August/September 2008 and the BHLC will partly close down whilst the works are carried out. The extended and refurbished BHLC is expected to re-open in January 2009. The part of the building occupied by Warwickshire PCT will remain open for business as usual during this period.
- 3.4 The Brunswick Enterprise Hub will be located in the new extension and will provide meeting rooms, training facilities, hot desks and internet access for new businesses.
- 3.5 As well as main stream Business Link services other business service delivery partners include Women's Business Development Agency and the Coventry & Warwickshire Co-operative Development Agency. These two organisations will focus on encouraging women into business and the development of new Social Enterprises. Activity will be co-ordinated by the Community Enterprise Officer (CEO) to be recruited later this year.
- 3.6 The CEO will be part of the WDC Enterprise Team that will manage and run the Althorpe Innovation & Enterprise Centre (AIEC) and the Court Street Creative Arches projects.
- 3.7 An updating report on AIEC will be submitted to the 4<sup>th</sup> June Executive Committee meeting.

## **4. ALTERNATIVE OPTION CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 n/a

## **5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK**

- 5.1 The Capital grant from AWM of £319,562 will be used to fund Regenesiis, the owners of the BHLC, who will manage the extension and refurbishment work with the BHLC Management company overseen by the WDC Project team.
- 5.2 The Revenue Grant from AWM of £55,000 will fund the CEO salary for the first two years of the post as well as project administration and establishment costs.

## **6. POLICY FRAMEWORK**

- 6.1 In the Corporate Strategy - Development, one of the priorities is to exploit appropriate opportunities for new business growth, which this scheme will provide.