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ON THE MOVE WITH BARKING & DAGENHAM ENTERPRISE

Barking & Dagenham Enterprise (BDE) is moving to new and recently refurbished offices at the end of this month (February). Members of the BDE team, who have been working from an office in Barking Town Hall's Clock Tower since the organisation was established over a year ago, will move on 29 February to The Business Centre, Ground floor, Roycraft House, 15 Linton Road, Barking IG11 8HE.

BDE, which works closely with the local authority, is the business sector-led organisation responsible for initiating and managing a growing number of projects and programmes being funded through the Government's Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI).

Judy Chapman, BDE's executive director said:

"We look forward to our move to Roycraft House especially since our new neighbours will include Barking & Dagenham Chamber of Commerce (BDCC), one of our key partners in helping to encourage the growth and development of business in the borough. We will be able to provide a better service to local business and, in strengthening our ties with BDCC, the move will send a strong and positive signal to local businesses and help cement our relationship with the growing business community."

BDE, which was awarded a total of £15.5million over the three years to 2009 under the LEGI programme, learned recently that it had been awarded a further £5 million over the two following years in order to maintain the momentum of the LEGI-based programme.

Marketing its projects and programmes under the 'Bold and Dynamic' brand, BDE links up local people with the help they need, whether they're young people looking to obtain a student bursary placement and the benefits that can bring, an entrepreneur with a great business idea or an existing business looking to expand.

In addition to its impending office move, BDE is stepping up a gear this year. BDE is closely involved in the planning and development that will lead to the completion in two years' time of two new business centres – one in Barking and one in Dagenham.

BDE is also staging the first -ever Barking & Dagenham Business Awards competition, which is being sponsored by the London Borough of Barking & Dagenham. The 2008 Barking & Dagenham Business Awards are open to all local businesses – large or small – and full details on how to enter are available on BDE's website at: www.boldanddynamic.co.uk/awards

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1. BDE manages more than 20 projects in the borough through the LEGI programme.
2. Barking & Dagenham Chamber of Commerce is presenting a series of networking and business seminars as part of BDE's LEGI programme over the next two years.
3. Entries for the 2008 Barking & Dagenham Business Awards must be received no later than 5pm on 1 May 2008.
4. The seven business-award categories include awards for the best new business, innovation, growth business, retailer, marketing excellence, training and development and business person of the year. The overall winner will be selected from the seven categories and will be awarded a prize of £3000.

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