



## Report to:

Northwards Housing Board  
13<sup>th</sup> November 2007

Item No:

# 16a

<b>Title:</b>	Christmas Cards		
<b>Date:</b>	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2007		
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<b>Confidential:</b>	No		
<b>For:</b> (Please tick action required)	<b>NOTING</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>APPROVAL</b> ✓

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present to the Board a recommendation to make a charitable donation to the Oxfam Unwrapped campaign instead of purchasing Christmas Cards.

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Board approves a donation of £300 to the Oxfam Unwrapped campaign

### IMPLICATIONS

<b>Equality &amp; Diversity:</b>	None directly
<b>Financial:</b>	Cost is a £300 donation
<b>Staffing:</b>	None directly
<b>Decency Target:</b>	None directly
<b>Governance:</b>	None
<b>Risk Assessment:</b>	Not assessed as a primary risk

### Equality & Diversity Implications (Please tick where relevant):

BME	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Transgender	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/>	Single Parents	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	Domestic Violence	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	Alcohol/Drug Mis-users	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Consultation/Consideration:

	<b>Yes, No or N/A:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Date:</b>
<b>Sub-Committee:</b>	No		
<b>Area Panel:</b>	No		
<b>Task Groups:</b>	No		
<b>Ward Councillors:</b>	N/A		

### **Background**

In December 2006 Northwards Housing issued 250 Christmas cards on behalf of the Board, at a cost to the Organisation of £300.

This year we are recommending that instead of sending cards, the Board makes a charitable donation of £300 to the 'Oxfam Unwrapped' campaign, in order to improve the lives of people in the Third World.

The Oxfam Unwrapped campaign helps to make a difference to the lives of those people living in extreme poverty, and below are some examples of what just £300 would buy:

- 15 water filters – Helping communities to access clean and safe water
- 2 water tanks – Helping Oxfam to provide safe, clean drinking water in those parts of the world others cannot reach.
- 12 Goats – Providers of fertiliser and milk to drink and sell, as well as providing nomadic communities with a mobile source of income.
- 10 school desk and chair sets - Helping communities to establish school rooms.
- Give reading classes to 42 adults – Giving adults the chance to learn to read, and promoting the importance of learning to read.

### **Recommendation**

In summary, it is proposed that the Board will forego the issuing of Christmas Cards, in order to make a real difference to the lives of those less fortunate.

Therefore the Officers recommend that the Board approves a donation of £300 to the Oxfam Unwrapped campaign.