

**Meeting of the Executive
Monday 19 January 2009 at 7.00 pm
LIST OF DECISIONS**

PRESENT: Councillor Lorber (Chair), Councillor Blackman (Vice Chair), and Councillors Allie, D Brown, Detre, Colwill, Matthews, Sneddon, Van Colle and Wharton.

**ITEM 1 Proposed Community Primary and Nursery Schools
Admission Arrangements for September 2010**

Summary:	This report advised the Executive of the need to agree proposed admissions arrangements for Brent's Community Primary and Nursery Schools for the September 2010 intake. Once agreed, these arrangements are to be formally consulted upon. Final admission arrangements must be determined before 15 April 2009. This report contained Appendix A which described existing admission arrangements, Appendix B which proposed a radical change to admission arrangements involving random allocation for oversubscription and new catchment areas, and Appendix C which proposed keeping the existing distance criterion for over-subscription and retaining existing catchment areas with the removal of minor anomalies
Ward(s):	None
Decision Taken:	<p>(i) that the proposed admissions arrangements as outlined in Appendix C (keeping the existing distance criterion for oversubscription and retaining existing catchment areas with the removal of minor anomalies) of the report submitted forwarded for statutory consultation as proposed admission arrangements for September 2010 with the consultation including a communication to all Brent residents via the Brent Magazine, the school admission webpage and a communication to local community groups;</p> <p>(ii) that if no adverse comments are received following a wider consultation on the proposed admission arrangements for community schools 2010, the proposed arrangements be accepted as the determined arrangements without a further report to the Executive;</p> <p>(iii) that if the admission arrangements as set out in Appendix C of the report are determined, the changes and parents' right to make a formal objection to the Schools Adjudicator, be communicated to Brent residents via the Brent Magazine, the school admission webpage and a public notice in the local paper.</p>

**ITEM 2 Review of Phase 2 Children's Centres and Development of
Phase 3 Children's Centres**

Summary:	Following the delivery of phase 1 and 2 Children's Centres, this report reviewed the progress made on phase 2 (2006-2008) and
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	<p>proposed eight Children’s Centres for development in phase 3 (2008-2010).</p> <p>Phase 3 Children’s Centres are proposed in the context of a corporate approach to the delivery of services for children and families. Exploratory work on phase 3 development has involved working across the Council, using interdepartmental tasks groups.</p>
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	<p>(i) that the progress made to complete Phase 2 Children’s Centres and in particular the actions being taken by officers in respect of St Raphael’s Community and Children’s Centre and the Children’s Centres at Wembley and Willesden Centres for Health and Care as detailed in paragraphs 3.3 – 3.9 of the report submitted be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that the revised catchment areas for all Children’s Centres as detailed in paragraph 3.11 of the report be noted subject to detailed discussions with Centre Governing Bodies and Management Boards;</p> <p>(iii) that the generic development brief for Phase 3 Children’s Centres as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be approved and the brief be adapted by officers for each centre as detailed in paragraphs 3.13 - 3.14 of the report;</p> <p>(iv) that the recommended locations for Phase 3 Centres as shown on the Options Appraisal in-Appendix 3 of the report be approved and further reports to the Executive be submitted should circumstances change, as set out in paragraphs 3.15 - 3.30 of the report;</p> <p>That the capital schemes set out in table 2 and appendix 3 of the report be approved, and the Director of Children and Families in consultation with the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources be delegated authority to re-allocate capital funds within the overall programme budget as necessary to ensure the affordability and deliverability of all projects as set out in paragraph 4.7 of the report;</p> <p>(v) that it be noted that the Head of Property & Asset Management will (in consultation with the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources and the Borough Solicitor) agree the detailed terms of the development agreements in respect of the Phase 3 Centres works at Kingsbury High School, Sudbury Primary School and the Hope Centre in accordance with his delegated authority as detailed in paragraphs 3.21, 3.24, 3.27 and 5.5 of the report.</p>

Reports 2007/08

Summary:	This report advised members on the performance assessment judgement for Adult Social Care for 2007/08. It outlined the strengths and areas for improvement identified and detailed actions taken. Brent adult social care retains 2 stars, delivers good outcomes has a promising capacity to improve.
Ward(s):	None
Decision Taken:	that the overall annual performance assessment be noted, in particular the strengths and areas for further improvement identified in the performance assessment report.

ITEM 4

St Augustine's High School BSF Programme: Shared Community Use of New Sports Hall Facility (Provision of New Community Sports Hall in South Kilburn)

Summary:	The Executive considered the above item at its last meeting on 15 th December 2008 and its decisions are shown in the minutes attached to this agenda. The Forward Plan Select Committee considered the same report at its meeting on 7 th January 2009 and agreed to forward its views to the Executive. An extract of the minutes of that meeting are attached.
Ward(s):	Kilburn
Decision Taken:	That the Forward Plan Select Committee be informed that the decision to use Section 106 monies in the way agreed reflects the Council's efforts to negotiate section 106 agreements so that the resources made available can be used in a more flexible way; and that the select committee be re-assured that the use of the sports hall will be locally promoted.

BELOW THE LINE REPORT

ITEM 5

MHT 20 Year Leasing Schemes

Summary:	This report sets out the background to this matter and proposes a way forward in an agreement with MHT to effect the proposed settlement subject to obtaining the Secretary of State's consent.
Ward(s):	None
Decision Taken:	(i) that the options to resolve the dispute with MHT and manage the Council's rights/liabilities under these schemes be noted, as set out in section 5.2 of the report submitted and to note that officers recommend as the preferred option to agree a negotiated settlement (including financial payments from the Council to MHT) in order to bring these schemes to an end. (ii) that the negotiated settlement be noted as comprising the following elements:

	<p>(a) the surrender of the Council's head leases and thereby the transfer of the Council's tenants to MHT by the end of February 2009;</p> <p>(b) the grant of ongoing nomination rights by MHT to the Council in respect of the two schemes; and</p> <p>(c) a full and final financial settlement between the Council and MHT (including the financial payments from the Council to MHT as set out in paragraph 3.9 of the report;</p> <p>and the Director of Housing and Community Care be authorised to enter into an agreement to effect such a settlement (noting a draft settlement agreement which is currently under negotiation with MHT attached as Appendix 8 to the report).</p> <p>(iii) that the Director of Housing and Community Care seek the Secretary of State's consent for:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) the surrender of the Council's two leases in order for MHT to be able to grant assured tenancies to the existing tenants so they do not have to move from their properties; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) the payment of any agreed sum to MHT as part of the financial settlement;</p> <p>(iv) that the representations made by the secure Council tenants affected by the proposed disposal at Stage 1 of the consultation process be noted and that the disposal proceed as proposed;</p> <p>(v) that officers be authorised to proceed with Stage 2 of the consultation process by:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) issuing a Stage 2 letter in the terms of the draft annexed to the addendum to the report, separately circulated; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) conducting a ballot on the early surrender of the leases so that MHT can grant assured tenancies.</p> <p>(vi) that existing tenants who have a transfer application registered with the Council be allowed to register their application for rehousing on the Council's Housing Register and that the date of their new application be backdated to the date their transfer application priority need was last assessed.</p>
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