

**Meeting of the Executive  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2009 at 7.00 pm  
LIST OF DECISIONS**

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

Councillor Fox, Malik, Dunn and Dunwell also attended the meeting.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Brown and Sneddon.

**ITEM 1                      Petition for Street Lighting at Welsh Harp, Neasden Recreation Ground**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report has been prepared in response to a petition presented to Brent Council with regard to a request to install street lighting at the Welsh Harp/Neasden Recreation Ground Open Space.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	Welsh Harp
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	That the report be noted but that officers not to proceed with the installation of street lighting at this location for the following reasons: (1) this open space is not an area that the Council should encourage night time use. (2) light columns will adversely affect the natural beauty of the landscape and lighting will impact on wildlife and biodiversity. (3) lighting will adversely affect the part of the areas designation as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. (4) funding the installation and provision of lighting in large open spaces is not a Council priority.

**ITEM 2                      Development of Children's Centre at Mount Stewart Infant School**

<b>Summary:</b>	The Executive approved the development of eight phase 3 Sure Start Children's Centres across Brent in January 2009. Officers agreed to bring further reports to the Executive should circumstances change. In January, officers recommended the development of a centre on the Clock Cottage site (Kenton Road). Following further work on the feasibility of that proposal, the Executive is now asked to approve an alternative development at Mount Stewart Infant School on the site of the former caretakers house (The Cottage, next to 8 Carlisle Gardens).
<b>Ward(s):</b>	Kenton
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	That approval be given to the demolition and development of the site of the former caretakers house at Mount Stewart Infant School (The Cottage, next to 8 Carlisle Gardens) for use as a new build Children's Centre in place of the Clock Cottage site previously approved by Members on 19th January 2009

**ITEM 3                      Authority to extend the existing contract and invite tenders for the delivery of play services in Brent**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report requests approval to invite and evaluate tenders in respect of the contract for the provision of aspects of play services in
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	Brent as required by Council Contract Standing Orders 88 and 89. This report requests authority to extend the current contract with Brent Play Association for the period of the procurement process and pending commencement of a new contract for play services with the same or a different supplier.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	None
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	<p>(i) that it be noted that Kids have withdrawn from the contract award for the delivery of future play services in Brent, such award having been approved by the Executive at its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008;</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to an extension of the existing contract for play services with Brent Play Association for a period of 13 months from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 and to authorise the Director of Children and Families to agree a possible further extension for up to 3 months in case of delay in registration as detailed in paragraph 3.10;</p> <p>(iii) that approval be given to the pre-tender considerations and the criteria to be used to evaluate tenders as set out in paragraph 3.12 of the report from the Director of Children and Families;</p> <p>(iv) that approval be given to the invite of tenders and their evaluation in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria referred to in paragraph 3.12.</p> <p>(v) that the Director of Children and Families be authorised to decide which parts (if any) of the service currently provided by the Brent Play Association are to be delivered in-house rather than be included in the new contract to be tendered.</p>

**ITEM 4                      New Accommodation for John Kelly Boys' Technology College and John Kelly Girls' Technology College proposed to be replaced by The Crest Boys' Academy and The Crest Girls' Academy.**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report informs the Executive of the current status and Council's recommendations on the land provision following the Executive's decision on 15 June 2009 to discontinue (a) John Kelly Boys' Technology College and (b) John Kelly Girls' Technology College. The Brent Executive decided in favour of the John Kelly Boys' Technology College and John Kelly Girls' Technology College Governing Bodies' proposals to discontinue both the Foundation schools on 31 August 2009 and replace them with Academies which will open in the existing buildings on 1 September 2009.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	Dollis Hill
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	<p>(i) that officers pursue Option B whereby the John Kelly Boys' and Girls' Technology Colleges/Academies school extension scheme will proceed without need to take any extra land either by way of CPO or by agreement and confirm that officers do not proceed with the CPOs made by the Council;</p> <p>(ii) that officers be authorised to resubmit an application for outline planning consent, the original consent has now expired, for the John Kelly Boys' and Girls' Technology Colleges school expansion scheme;</p> <p>(iii) that approval be given to the release of some of the capital programme funding that had been earmarked for land acquisition and instruct officers to investigate the feasibility of clearing/making</p>

	level or stepping the underutilised southern part of the site leading into Dollis Hill Lane so as to provide suitable land for the schools expansion, each by one Form of Entry (FE) and a second access.
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**ITEM 5**

**South Kilburn Regeneration Progress Update**

<b>Summary:</b>	In December 2008 the Executive considered a report outlining the progress made towards regeneration in South Kilburn. This report sets out the further progress made since December. It focuses largely on the physical regeneration aspects, covering masterplanning, housing and community facilities. It sets out a clear direction for the next six months and asks members to make a number of decisions which will allow the programme to be driven forward.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	Kilburn and Queens Park
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	<p>(i) that the progress made on the South Kilburn Regeneration project as set out in the report from the Directors of Policy and Regeneration and Housing be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that it be noted that amendments to the existing masterplan for South Kilburn will be consulted on during July 2009. In particular members note the following proposed amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• inclusion of a new three form entry primary school (combined infant and juniors) on a new site at the eastern end of Kilburn Park, to replace the existing Carlton Vale Infants and Kilburn Park Junior schools</li> <li>• revised 'London Wide Initiative' space standards for both affordable and private housing, allowing for flexibility between tenures</li> <li>• reduced amount of private sale housing, with a consequential reduction in density across the masterplan area</li> <li>• improved sustainability thresholds, with all new homes proposed at the Code for Sustainable Homes Level 4</li> <li>• new energy and waste strategies</li> <li>• improved open space</li> <li>• a revised phasing plan</li> </ul> <p>(iii) that it be noted that the Council is awaiting a formal decision from the Homes &amp; Communities Agency with regard to the Expression of Interest submitted for South Kilburn under Round 6 of the Housing PFI;</p> <p>(iv) that it be noted that under the current market conditions a large scale voluntary stock transfer is not a viable solution, and that therefore the Council formally ends negotiations with the Hyde led consortium in respect of this option;</p> <p>(v) that the recently commissioned feasibility study into a Joint Venture Vehicle for South Kilburn be noted, and agreement given to consider a full report following the conclusion of ongoing discussions with the Homes and Communities Agency regarding financial viability;</p> <p>(vi) that it be noted that officers are working with the Homes and Communities Agency to prepare a short, medium and long term investment strategy for South Kilburn;</p> <p>(vii) that officers progress a detailed planning application for Albert Road East (Zone 11, stage 1) for approximately 170 new houses with a primary purpose to deliver decant accommodation for the bison blocks south of Carlton Vale;</p>

	<p>(viii) that the intention to appoint PRP Architects to undertake the ongoing masterplan revisions and to lead the design team for Albert Road East site be noted;</p> <p>(ix) that agreement in principle be given to the relocation of Albert Road Day Centre, noting that a full report would be prepared outlining proposals for a new location in or close to John Billam recreation ground in autumn 2009;</p> <p>(x) that officers progress a detailed planning application for the Carlton Vale Roundabout site for approximately 100 new homes with a primary purpose to deliver decant accommodation for the bison blocks south of Carlton Vale;</p> <p>(xi) that the intention to appoint Rick Mather Architects to lead the design team for the Carlton Vale Roundabout site be noted;</p> <p>(xii) that officers be authorised to begin the procurement process for a developer partner for both Albert Road East (Zone 11, stage 1) and Carlton Vale Roundabout site and that approval be given to pre-tender considerations and the criteria to be used to evaluate tenders as set out in paragraph 3.25 of the report. Further that approval be given to the placement of an OJEU notice with a view to inviting tenders and their evaluation in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria;</p> <p>(xiii) that approval be given to the making of compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) to acquire (a) the leasehold interests listed in appendix 2 (the CPO Land) and (b) any new rights in the CPO Land which may be required under section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;</p> <p>(xiv) that authority be given to the submissions of the CPOs, once made, to the Secretary of State for confirmation whilst at the same time seeking to acquire the land by private negotiated treaty on such terms as may be agreed by the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources.</p> <p>(xv) that authority be given to the:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Director of Housing and Community Care to enter into agreements and make undertakings on behalf of the Council with the holders of interests in the CPO Land or parties otherwise affected by the Scheme setting out the terms for the withdrawal of their objections to the confirmation of the CPOs and including the offering back of any part of the CPO Land not required by the Council after the completion of the development or the acquisition of rights over the CPO Land in place of freehold acquisition, where such agreements are appropriate;</li> <li>b) making of one or more general vesting declarations or service of Notices to Treat and Notices of Entry (as appropriate) pursuant to the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 and the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 respectively should the CPOs be confirmed by the Secretary of State;</li> <li>c) service of all requisite notices on the holders of the CPO Land relating to the making and confirmation of the CPOs;</li> <li>d) Director of Housing and Community Care to remove from the CPOs any plot (or interest therein) no longer required to be acquired compulsorily for the scheme to proceed and to amend the interests scheduled in the CPOs (if so advised) and to alter the nature of the proposed acquisition from an acquisition of existing property interests to an acquisition of new rights (if so advised);</li> <li>e) Director of Housing and Community Care within the</li> </ol>
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	<p>defined boundary of the CPO Land, to acquire land and/or new rights by agreement either in advance of the confirmation of compulsory purchase powers, if so advised, or following the confirmation of compulsory powers by the Secretary of State;</p> <p>f) Director of Housing and Community Care, if so advised, to seek to acquire for the Council by agreement any interest in land wholly or partly within the limits of the CPO Land for which a blight notice has been validly served;</p> <p>(xvi) that officers pursue the bringing forward of Gordon House site by Network Housing, with a primary purpose to deliver additional decant accommodation for the bison blocks south of Carlton Vale;</p> <p>(xvii) that the full list of Phase 1 sites set out in paragraph 3.7 of the joint report be noted, and agreement given to the appointment of architects to bring forward these sites in accordance with the terms set out in paragraph 3.21 of the report;</p> <p>(xviii) that the progress made on the new St Augustine's Community Sports Facility be noted;</p> <p>(xix) that the establishment of the South Kilburn Neighbourhood Trust (SKNT) as a key component of the succession strategy for South Kilburn New Deal for Communities be noted and also the various elements for SKNT's future vision and business plan as set out in the report and to be included in a business plan to be brought before members for approval in September 2009;</p> <p>(xx) that agreement be given to the ongoing community engagement and consultation approach set out in paragraph 3.47-3.50 of the joint report.</p>
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**ITEM 6 Leases of Council owned land and buildings to community and voluntary groups**

<b>Summary:</b>	The Community Use of Council Owned Buildings task group report has been considered and agreed by the Performance and Finance Select Committee. This report presents the task group's work to the Executive for approval.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	<p>(i) that officers implement the recommendations set out in Appendix A of the report from the Directors of Policy and Regeneration and Finance and Corporate Resources;</p> <p>(ii) that the Head of Property and Asset Management be authorised to enter into leases of the properties which are listed in Appendix B provided that these are for a term of not more than 7 years and are on the terms set out in recommendation 3 in Appendix A and on such other terms as he considers to be in the Council's best interests.</p> <p>(iii) that the members of the task group be thanked for their work.</p>

**ITEM 7 Performance and Finance Review - Quarter 4 2008/09**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report summarises Brent Council's spending, activity and performance in the final quarter of the 2008/09 financial year and highlights key issues and solutions to them. It takes a corporate overview of financial and service performance and provides an analysis of high risk areas. The report is accompanied by appendices providing budget, activity and performance data for
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	each service area, the Local Area Agreement, ring fenced budgets and the capital programme. Vital Signs trend data and graphs are also provided along with the council's overall budget summary.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	None
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	(i) that the council's spending, activity and performance in financial year 2008/09 be noted; (ii) that approval be given to the funding of election costs of £22k from General Fund Balances as set out in paragraph 5.6

**ITEM 8**

**Budget Strategy 2010/11 to 2013/14**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report sets out the financial prospects for the Council for the next four years. Within this difficult context it seeks the Executive approval for a budget approach based on the Improvement and Efficiency Strategy, which will seek to deliver the necessary efficiencies, while directing resources towards the priority objectives of the Council. This will require a switch of emphasis from short-term planning to a genuine consideration of medium term time horizons.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	None
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	(i) that the latest forecast for the council's revenue budget for 2010/11 to 2013/14 at Appendix A of the report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources be noted; (ii) that the overall budget process set out in the report be endorsed; (iii) that the proposed budget timetable be noted;.

**ITEM 9**

**National Non-Domestic Rate Relief and Hardship Relief**

<b>Summary:</b>	The Council has the discretion to award rate relief to charities or non-profit making bodies. It also has the discretion to remit an individual National Non-Domestic Rate (NNDR) liability in whole or in part on the grounds of hardship. This report includes applications received since the Executive Committee in March 2009.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	None
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	that approval be given to the discretionary rate relief applications in appendices 2 and 3 of the report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources and to reject the hardship applications in appendix 4.

P Lorber  
Chair