

Meeting of the Executive
Monday, 13 October 2003 at 7.00 pm
LIST OF DECISIONS

PRESENT: Councillor John (Chair), Councillor Coughlin (Vice-Chair) and Councillors, Fox, Jones, Kagan, D Long (part), Lyon, R S Patel and Thomas.

Apologies for absence were given on behalf of Councillor Beswick

Councillors Crane, Mrs Fernandes, Fiegel, Moher, Moloney Nerva, Rands, Sayers and Van Colle also attended the meeting.

**ITEM 1 Inter-Agency Inspection of Child Protection Services
London Borough of Brent May 2003**

Summary:	<p>In May 2003, Brent Children's Services, the Brent Police Child Protection Team and Brent PCT and Hospital Trust were inspected by the Social Services Inspectorate, the Commission for Health Improvement and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary. This inspection was 1 of 4 carried out in the 4 local authorities that had contact with Victoria Climbié.</p> <p>This report presents the Inter-agency Inspection Report (Appendix 1) and the Social Services Action Plan (Appendix 2) in response to the recommendations for Social Services. Brent Primary Care Trust and Brent Police Child Protection Team are also required to respond to the recommendations. All the action plans will be need to be agreed and monitored by Brent Area Child Protection Committee.</p>
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	That the report and improvements made be accepted and noted and the areas for development, as set out in the action plan, be agreed.

ITEM 2 Street Tree Management Policy

Summary:	<p>This report outlines a proposed new Street Tree Management Policy for the Borough, which will direct the maintenance regime for highway trees. The policy will aim to underpin the Arboricultural Services Contract, which is expected to be in place by April 2004.</p> <p>The report provides information on the importance of new and replacement plantings in sustaining a healthy street tree population and the benefits of trees in the street and the need for regular planned tree maintenance; and the criteria for removal of and replacement of trees.</p> <p>The Policy Document will be drawn from the appendices of this</p>
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	Report. These are respectively – Appendix 1 (History of street trees in Brent), Appendix 2 (The risk of subsidence), Appendix 3 (The proposed new Policy), Appendix 4 (Principal Issues – Ward by Ward), and Appendix 5 (Glossary).
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the Street Tree Management Policy, as detailed in the report and attached at appendices 1 to 5, be approved; (ii) that the proposed phased tree removal programme for 2003/4 be approved, subject to consultation with residents in the roads affected (results from the consultation will be reported back to the Executive if they reveal substantial objections or concerns); (iii) that it be noted that further programmes for phased tree removal for 2004/5 and 2005/6 would be drawn up on completion of the 2003 Street Tree Survey. These proposed programmes would be subject to consultation with residents in the roads affected and the outcome of these consultations would be reported back to the Executive if they revealed substantial objections or concerns.

ITEM 3 Enforcement of Parking and Bus Lane Contraventions by CCTV Cameras

Summary:	<p>This report concerns the introduction of the enforcement and reporting of parking and bus lane contraventions by use of CCTV cameras. There will be two methods used to enforce the contraventions - static cameras mounted on the roadside, and cameras mounted on buses travelling in bus lanes.</p> <p>The agreement requires the Executive to enter into an arrangement for the joint discharge of functions.</p>
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the proposals for the enforcement of parking and bus lane contraventions by using CCTV cameras be approved; (ii) that the Code of Practice, set out at appendix A to the report, be approved and officers instructed to set up the procedures necessary to enforce parking and bus lane contraventions in accordance with the Code of Practice; (iii) that it be agreed to enter into an arrangement under s20 of the Local Government Act 2000 with Transport for

	<p>London to enable the joint working proposed for the enforcement of parking and bus lane contravention, as detailed in the report; and</p> <p>(iv) that it be agreed to enter into an agreement with Transport for London detailing how those arrangements will be effected; and</p> <p>(v) that the Director of Streetcare be authorised to undertake the necessary actions, as Responsible Officer, to give effect to the agreement.</p>
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ITEM 4 Stadium Access Corridor (SAC)

Summary:	<p>The Stadium Access Corridor (SAC) was proposed to improve access to the Wembley Park Estate and the new Wembley National Stadium and in so doing aid regeneration of the area and create a processional route for stadium event traffic from the North Circular Road, which would be capable of operating tidally. The scheme has received planning consent.</p> <p>The SAC was to be funded principally from the Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) but also with contributions from section 106 sources. When construction of the National Stadium was delayed the SRB funding was frozen and it was not possible to progress the project until the present time. However, the timescales do not allow construction of the full scheme before stadium opening in September 2005 and due to rising cost estimates, there is now a considerable shortfall in available funding.</p>
Ward(s):	Tokyington & Stonebridge
Decision Taken:	<p>(i) that it be agreed that in principle the Council should exercise its compulsory purchase powers to acquire the land for highway widening to complete Section 1 phase 2 of the SAC scheme with the Director of Transportation to report back on the details of the submission for Members to exercise those powers;</p> <p>(ii) that the Director of Transportation be authorised to negotiate with the frontagers and acquire voluntarily the requisite land from the frontagers, whilst the CPO is being progressed;</p> <p>(iii) that drawing KBKSB/SAC/PA/26A (Extract), or such other drawing prepared in substitution, be regarded as the scheme plan to facilitate design for CPO purposes, and ultimately for construction;</p> <p>(iv) that it be noted that the recommendations were explicitly</p>

	<p>limited to Section 1, being Great Central Way (Hannah Close to Fourth Way), and did not give or infer any commitment on behalf of the Council to progress Section 2, or Section 3, being the remainder of the SAC to First Way;</p> <p>(v) that, whilst the estimated costs include the costs of the western footbridge within the Section 1 works, any decision on its implementation be deferred until a further report is submitted.</p>
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ITEM 5 Barham Park Estate: Options for Regeneration

Summary:	This report concerns Barham Park estate. A report commissioned from Hunter & Partners details the options for regeneration and possible funding sources. The report seeks the Executive’s agreement to investigate the possibility of a redevelopment scheme involving the transfer of the estate to a partner Registered Social Landlord.
Ward(s):	Sudbury
Decision Taken:	<p>(i) that it be noted that the best solution for the regeneration of Barham Park, having consulted the residents, was most likely to be complete demolition and new build;</p> <p>(ii) that the appointment of Public Participation Consultation and Research (PPCR) as Independent Residents’ Adviser or Residents’ Friend organisation to provide independent advice to local residents be noted;</p> <p>(iii) that officers be instructed to make enquiries of the Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) that were the Council’s Joint Commissioning partners, with a view to seeking their ideas on how to achieve the regeneration of Barham Park estate; and</p> <p>(iv) that officers also be instructed to report back on the potential for a Council/ALMO-led funding solution;</p> <p>(iv) that the objectives as a basis for discussions with the RSL’s (paragraph 6.25 of the report refers) be agreed;</p> <p>(v) that officers be instructed to inform the Government Office for London of a possible stock transfer for Barham Park;</p> <p>(vi) that officers be instructed to bring a further report incorporating the following:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) detailed proposals setting out how they would impact on residents and the Council, b) an examination of the options of prudential borrowing and stock transfer, c) a financial impact and risk assessment d) criteria for selection of an RSL partner, if that was the recommended vehicle to secure the regeneration of the estate.
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ITEM 6 The Council’s Second Workforce Monitoring Report

Summary:	This report introduces the Council’s second Workforce Monitoring Report (2003)
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the report be approved for publication; (ii) that it be noted that the report had also been circulated for comment to senior officers in the Council who made up the Strategic Human Resources and Organisational Development Group.

ITEM 7 Vital Signs – Quarter One

Summary:	This report sets out the Council’s performance in key areas for the quarter April to June 2003.
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	that the report be noted.

ITEM 8 Scopes for 2003/04 Best Value Reviews

Summary:	<p>This report outlines the scopes for the 2003/04 Best Value reviews of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports Services • Regulatory Services • Early Years Development Service
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the following standard clause be added to all future Best Value Review scopes: “All Best Value Reviews will seek to identify at least 2% efficiency savings, which will be used to secure performance improvements in the specific service area

	<p>in line with their own service development priorities, or the Corporate Strategy, or, CPA Action Plan Priorities;</p> <p>(ii) that the scopes for the 2003/04 Best Value Reviews be approved, subject to the inclusion of the new standard clause.</p>
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ITEM 9 Complaints Annual Report 2002/03

Summary:	This is the fourth annual report on the operation of the Council's complaints procedure. The report provides information about complaints made to the Local Government Ombudsman, the processing of complaints under the Council's own procedure, lessons learnt from complaints, key developments in complaint handling in 2002/03 and targets for 2003/04.
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	that the report be noted.

ITEM 10 Best Value Review of Property Services, Asset Management & Facilities Management

Summary:	This report informs Members of the outcome of the thematic Best Value Review of Property Services, Asset Management & Facilities Management.
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	<p>(i) that the main findings of the review be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that the 18 recommendations in the report, summary recommendations and Improvement Plan (the final report) be noted;</p> <p>(iii) that the Financial Implications arising from the review be noted;</p> <p>(iv) that, subject to the outturn of the budget bidding process in progress and the allocation of financial and staff resources to implement the Improvement Plan, the Improvement Plan (paragraph 9 of the final report refers) be agreed;</p> <p>(v) that it be noted that the Audit Commission had already undertaken its inspection of this Best Value Review and its inspectors would be presenting their preliminary findings to officers on 07 October 2003, with a view to completing their inspection report by the end of October</p>

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ITEM 11 Implementing Electronic Government Statement 3 (IEG3)

Summary:	This report introduces the third Implementing Electronic Government (IEG) Statement, which the Council was required to submit to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) by 10 th November 2003. The IEG3 statement describes the Council's preparedness for e-government, its plans for achieving the target of having all relevant services available electronically and was necessary to enable the Council to receive e-government funding from the ODPM in 2004/5.
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	that the IEG3 Statement be approved.

ITEM 12 Children's Centres Strategic Proposal

Summary:	This report sets out the strategic proposal to develop Children's Centres and seeking Members' approval for its submission to the Sure Start Unit on 15th October 2003. Children's Centres will combine education, care, health and outreach services for children aged 0-5 and their families. They are to be developed by local authorities in line with Sure Start Unit guidance, and within the Unit's capital and revenue allocation.
Ward(s):	Stonebridge, St Raphael's, Roundwood, Harlesden, Carlton, St Andrews, Church End
Decision Taken:	that the strategic proposal for Children's Centres be endorsed and approved.

ITEM 13 Provision of Indemnities to Capital City Academy Trust Against Liabilities Connected with Willesden High School

Summary:	This report concerns whether the Council should enter into a deed of indemnity with Capital City Academy Trust. The deed has been requested by the Trust. The principal purpose of the deed is to ensure that any liabilities the Council had to staff prior to their transfer from Willesden High School to Capital City Academy on 1st September 2003 will remain the responsibility of the Council.
Ward(s):	All
Decision Taken:	(i) that it be noted that:

	<p>(a) Officers of the Council, having investigated whether there appear to be any liabilities that would transfer back to the Council if an indemnity in respect of TUPE liabilities were given to the Trust, were not aware of any outstanding claims.</p> <p>(b) The goodwill of the Trust was important to the Council in its collaboration with the Trust over the Sports and Leisure strategy and Secondary School partnerships to which the Trust would make a significant contribution in terms of staff time and use of facilities.</p> <p>(c) Other Councils had granted similar indemnities in respect of TUPE liabilities to Academy Trusts based in their areas.</p> <p>(d) Had the Trust sought an indemnity in respect of TUPE liabilities at an early stage in discussion in respect of the establishment of the City Academy, officers would have advised that such an indemnity should be given.</p> <p>(ii) that a deed of indemnity be granted to the Trustees of the Capital City Academy for any liabilities transferring under TUPE, which referred to the period up to 31/08/03, save that, at the discretion of the Director of Education, Arts and Libraries on the advice of the Borough Solicitor, any liabilities arising from or connected with any failure by the Council to comply with its obligations to inform and consult with trade union or employee representatives under Regulation 10 of TUPE might be excluded from the indemnity; and</p> <p>(iii) that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to finalise the wording of the indemnity in liaison with the Director of Education, Arts and Libraries.</p>
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BELOW THE LINE REPORTS

ITEM 14 **Redevelopment of 255 Carlyon Road Alperton Middlesex**

Summary:	This report seeks the Executive's consent to the disposal of the parking spaces at the rear of Unit 1, 255 Carlyon Road Alperton Middlesex also know as Carlyon Print and the disposal of the Council's shares in Corkfield Limited.
Ward(s):	Alperton

Decision Taken:	<p>that it be agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in parking spaces at the rear of unit 1, 255 Carlyon Road Alperton Middlesex also known as Carlyon Print to Marvelfairs Limited; (ii) to dispose of the Council's shares in Corkfield Limited to Marvelfairs Limited; (iii) to acquire the freehold interest in the car park in front of Unit 1. 255 Carlyon Road Alperton Middlesex (also known as Carlyon Print) from Marvelfairs Limited; (iv) that the Manager, Corporate Property Services be authorised to agree such other terms as are in the best financial interest of the Council; (v) to approve additional expenditure of £25,000 on the Property Capital Programme for 2003/04 to meet the cost of required works to enable the property to be self-contained .
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ITEM 15 Part of Technology House, Unit 40 The New Bridge Park Complex – New Life Christian Centre

Summary:	This report seeks the Executive's approval to the granting of a lease of part of Technology House, known as Unit 40 New Bridge Park Complex, to New Life Christian Centre on terms as described in this report.
Ward(s):	Stonebridge
Decision Taken:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the granting of a lease on the above property to New Life Christian Centre on the proposed heads of terms and the terms and conditions contained therein be agreed; (ii) that the Manager, Corporate Property Services agree all such other terms as are in the Council's best interest.

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Chair