

**Meeting of the Executive  
Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006 at 7.00 pm  
LIST OF DECISIONS**

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

Councillor J Moher also attended the meeting.

**ITEM 1                      Item called in for scrutiny – review of the cemetery service**

<b>Summary:</b>	This item previously considered that the January Executive was called in for scrutiny at the Forward Plan Select Committee. The Forward Plan Select Committee on 30 January 2006 deferred consideration of this called-in item until their next meeting on 28 <sup>th</sup> February. An extract from the minutes of that meeting will be circulated.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	(i) that the suggestions of the Forward Plan Select Committee on 28 <sup>th</sup> February be endorsed;  (ii) that the review findings and recommendations set out in the report to the 16 <sup>th</sup> January Executive be noted and the action plan as set out in Appendix 1 to that report agreed.

**ITEM 2                      Claremont High School – building improvement tender award.**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report concerns the procurement process adopted by Claremont High School's Governing Body in respect of a design and build contract for a new sports hall at the school. The Executive is asked to approve the process undertaken to date in respect of Claremont High School's new sports hall design and build contract, and seeks authority to continue with the tender process as outlined in this report.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	Kenton
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	(i) that the tendering procedure followed to date for the design and build contract for Claremont High School's new sports hall be noted and the evaluation criteria stated in paragraph 3.29 of the report be agreed;  (ii) that it be agreed for the reasons set out in the report there are good financial and operational reasons for the tendering process for Claremont High School Sports Hall to be exempt from the requirements of the Council's Contract Standing Orders as set out in paragraph 3.24 of the report;

	<p>(iii) that the Governors of Claremont High School be authorised to continue with the tender process for the new Sports Hall outlined in the report;</p> <p>(iv) that it be noted a further report will be submitted in due course recommending award of the contract.</p>
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**ITEM 3 Phase 2 Development of Children’s Centres**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report seeks approval to progress the development of individual proposals for up to a further 7 Children’s Centres to be delivered between April 2006 and March 2008. Phase 2 Children’s Centres development follows the successful delivery of 5 Children’s Centres in Phase 1. Sites located within the 30% most disadvantaged areas of the borough are identified for possible development in Phase 2. Early estimates of indicative costs and opportunities for partnering are detailed.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	<p>(i) that it be agreed in principle to deliver Children’s Centre targets by the development of up to 7 further Children’s Centres in Phase 2;</p> <p>(ii) that it be agreed to receive a further report should the Council be unsuccessful in negotiations with the DfES Sure Start Unit to reduce the number of Children Centres to be developed in Phase 2 from 9 to 7, whilst retaining our target of outreach services for 7,101 children aged 0-5 and their families;</p> <p>(iii) that it be agreed to accept the funding allocation made to Brent in respect of Children’s Centre outreach targets, that is capital for further building works, and revenue to sustain Phase 1 Centres and to establish services in Phase 2 Centres;</p> <p>(iv) that the preferred locations of Phase 2 Centres as identified in Appendix 1 to the report be noted and officers undertake the necessary work to develop detailed proposals in respect of these locations for approval by Members prior to proposals being submitted to the Sure Start Unit for approval.</p>

**ITEM 4 Children & Young People’s Plan (2006/9)**

<b>Summary:</b>	The Brent Children & Young People’s Plan (2006/9) has been produced in response to the Children Act 2004. The single plan covers the work of statutory agencies and voluntary and community groups, whose work impacts on Brent’s children and
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	young people. The Executive is asked to approve the Plan and agree the six strategic priorities listed prior to its submission to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board on 17 <sup>th</sup> March and then to Full Council. Members are asked to note Appendix 2 (Performance Indicators and Targets) is still being developed and will be reported to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board and to Full Council.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	<p>(i) that, subject to (ii) below, the Children and Young People's Plan be approved and the six strategic priorities listed in paragraph 3.7 of the report be agreed prior to its onward submission to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board on 17<sup>th</sup> March and then to Full Council for adoption.</p> <p>(ii) that it be noted that Appendix 2 (Performance Indicators and Targets) of the Plan is still being developed and an updated version will be reported to the Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership Board and to Full Council.</p>

**ITEM 5                      Transfer of Wembley High Technology College**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report seeks members' consent to transfer the Council's interests in Wembley High Technology College to the governing body of the school.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	That the transfer of the Council's interest in Wembley High Technology College, as shown edged with a heavy black line on the plan annexed to the report, to the governing body of the school be authorized.

**ITEM 6                      Main Programme Grants 2006/07**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report provides the Executive with details of local voluntary organisations that have applied for funding from the Council's Main Grant Programme for 2006/07. It seeks a decision from members on the allocation of the Main Grant Programme budget.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	(i) that the recommendations for the allocation of the Main Programme Grants for April 2006/07 as summarised in Appendix B and detailed in the individual reports attached as Appendix C to the report be approved and noted;

	<p>(ii) that it be confirmed all funding be made subject to the Council's Grant Conditions, and to each organisation agreeing a statement of purpose with the Council, and abiding by that;</p> <p>(iii) that an allocation of £15,000 be agreed to deliver training and capacity building to voluntary sector organisations by the Voluntary Sector Team;</p> <p>(iv) that it be noted there is one organisation (SIRI Behavioural Health) which received funding in 2005/06 but which is not being recommended for funding in 2006/07.</p>
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**ITEM 7                      Joint Working with Brent Teaching PCT**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report provides members with an update on a strategy for improving partnership arrangements between the Council and Brent Teaching Primary Care Trust and provides details of the framework agreement between Brent Council and Brent tPCT.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	<p>(i) that a framework agreement agreed substantially as described in Appendix 1 to the report be entered into between the tPCT and the Council, the final terms of the agreement to be approved by the Borough Solicitor;</p> <p>(ii) that the arrangements in respect of partnership governance structures set out in paragraph 3.20 of the report be noted;</p> <p>(iii) that it be agreed to receive further reports in respect of individual projects to be incorporated into the framework agreement as they are developed.</p>

**ITEM 8                      BACES Fees and Charges 2006/07**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report sets out proposals for changes to the Fees and Charges Schedule of Brent Adult and Community Education Service, which is part of the Arts and Learning Division of the Environment and Culture Department. Members are asked to approve BACES' fees and charges for the academic year 2006/07 as set out in Appendix A to the report
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	that BACES' fees and charges for the academic year 2006/07 as set out in Appendix A to the report be approved.



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**ITEM 11 Authority to Tender Contract for a Client/Business Index**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report requests approval to invite tenders in respect of the supply of a Client/Business Index as required by Contract Standing Orders 88 and 89.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	(i) that approval be given to the pre-tender considerations and the criteria to be used to evaluate tenders as set out in paragraph 3.16 of the report;  (ii) that officers be authorised to invite tenders and evaluate them in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria referred to in (i) above.

**ITEM 12 Vital Signs Quarter 3**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report introduces the Vital Signs for the period October to December 2005 and members are asked to note the Council's performance against key performance indicators.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	That the Council's performance against key performance indicators be noted.

**ITEM 13 Amendments to the Local Authority Gold Resolution to enable action to be taken to deal with Non-Catastrophic Incidents**

<b>Summary:</b>	The ALG Leaders' Committee, at their meeting on 7 <sup>th</sup> February 2006, agreed the text of a resolution to be recommended to London local authorities. This would amend the previous 'Gold' resolution agreed by the Brent Executive on 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2004. The purpose of the amended resolution is to broaden the powers of the 'Gold' Chief Executive so as to enable him or her to act on behalf of all the London local authorities in responding to an emergency in London, not just an event classified by the Minister as a catastrophic incident.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	That the Local Authority Gold Resolution, attached as Appendix B to the report and set out below, be agreed subject to any further changes considered necessary by the Borough Solicitor following consultation with the ALG and other London boroughs who shall have delegated authority to make such changes to it:

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This resolution is made in accordance with section 138 Local Government Act 1972, section 101 Local Government Act 1972, section 19 Local Government Act 2000, Regulations 7 and 10 Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2000 and all other enabling powers. The resolution has regard to “Emergency Response and Recovery” the non-statutory Guidance issued pursuant to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004.</li> <li>2. As from the date of this resolution the Council’s functions under section 138(1) Local Government Act 1972 (Powers of principal councils with respect to emergencies or disasters) are delegated to the Council which has appointed the Head of Paid Service as defined in paragraph 3 below in the circumstances set out in paragraphs 4-7 below.</li> <li>3. The Head of Paid Service is the person appointed by one of the Councils under section 4 Local Government and Housing Act 1989 who, following the convening of the Strategic Co-ordinating Group (“Gold Command”) to respond to an incident requiring a “Level 2” response (as defined in paragraph 4 below) has agreed to discharge the functions under section 138 (1) Local Government Act 1972 (“the functions”) on behalf of the Councils.</li> <li>4. An emergency requiring a Level 2 response is a single site or wide-area disruptive challenge which requires a co-ordinated response by relevant agencies.</li> <li>5. The functions hereby delegated shall not be exercised until resolutions delegating the functions have been made by all the Councils.</li> <li>6. The powers hereby delegated to the Council which has appointed the Head of Paid Service shall not include any power to incur expenditure or to make grants or loans to any person unless either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Head of Paid Service has received confirmation from the Minister that expenditure reasonably incurred by the Head of Paid Service in taking immediate action to safeguard life or property or to prevent suffering or severe inconvenience will be reimbursed by HM Government; or</li> <li>• the Head of Paid Service has received confirmation on behalf of the Council(s) in whose areas(s) the incident has occurred that expenditure reasonably incurred by the Head of Paid Service in taking immediate action to</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
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	<p>safeguard life or property; to prevent suffering or severe inconvenience and to promote community cohesion and a return to normality, will be met by the Council (or the Councils in proportions to be agreed by them).</p> <p>7. In the event the Minister has confirmed that expenditure will be reimbursed by HM Government, the Head of Paid Service shall, insofar as reasonably practicable, consult with and inform the Council(s) in whose areas the incident has occurred regarding any action proposed to be taken.</p>
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**ITEM 14                      Wembley Regeneration - Response to the Casino Advisory Panel**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report sets out the findings of independent economic and social impact assessments of a potential regional style casino at Wembley. It asks members of the Executive to consider the findings of the assessments and to determine whether to submit a formal Statement of Case to the government's independent Casino Advisory Panel by the 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2006 deadline.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	All
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	<p>(i) That in the light of the findings of the Economic and Social Impact assessments, the preparation and submission to the Casino Advisory Panel of a full statement of a case for a regional casino in Wembley be approved.</p> <p>(ii) that it be noted officers are preparing a schedule of consultation to inform any Examination in Public that may be called by the Casino Advisory Panel.</p>

**BELOW THE LINE REPORT**

**ITEM 15                      Wembley Sports Association - Lease Extension for 11 years**

<b>Summary:</b>	This report seeks the Executive's consent to extend the lease held by the trustees of Wembley Sports Association (WSA) over its pavilion and playing fields at the Vale Farm Sports Complex.
<b>Ward(s):</b>	Sudbury
<b>Decision Taken:</b>	<p>(i) That it be agreed to extend WSA's lease of its premises by a term of years so as to provide an unexpired term of 21 years from the date of actual completion, on the main terms set out in the Detail of the report and on such other terms which the Director of Environment and Culture and the Head of Property and Asset Management consider to be in the best interest of the Council;</p> <p>(ii) that the Director of Environment and Culture be instructed to advertise the proposed disposal within the open space as required by Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 and to consider any objections received and take such actions as he considers appropriate after considering all relevant matters (including taking all actions as necessary to implement the recommendation in i) and to report back to the Executive only if he considers it reasonably necessary.</p>

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