

**London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Executive
on Monday, 16 January 2012**

PRESENT: Councillor John (Chair), Councillor Butt (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Arnold, Beswick, Crane, Jones, Long, J Moher, R Moher and Powney

ABSENT: Councillors

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Al-Ebadi, Cheese, Chohan, Colwill, Gladbaum, Harrison, Hashmi, Hector, Hunter, Kansagra, Kataria and Thomas

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5.	Procurement of Highway Services	All Wards	<p>(i) that approval be given to the Council to participate in a collaborative procurement exercise known as the London Highways Alliance Collaborative which would lead to the establishment of a framework agreement by Transport for London for the supply of an extensive range of highways orientated services from 1 April 2013.</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to the collaborative procurement exercise as described in paragraph 2.1 to exempt from the normal requirements of Brent's Contract Standing Orders in accordance with Contract Standing Orders 85(c) and 84(a) on the basis that there are good financial and operational reasons as set out in the body of this report.</p> <p>(iii) that the work the Director of Environment & Neighbourhood Services is leading on, as part of the Council's "One Council"</p>

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			programme, to identify the optimum mechanism for delivering highways services in Brent, as set out in this report, and that a further report will be presented in due course setting out a proposed way forward which will include consideration of use of the London Highways Alliance Contract be noted.
6.	Cross-borough procurement of cultural services	All Wards	<p>(i) that approval be given for the council to participate in a collaborative procurement exercise that would lead to the establishment of a framework agreement for leisure services at Vale Farm Sports Centre.</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to the collaborative procurement exercise detailed in 2.1 above to be exempted from the normal requirements of Brent's Contract Standing Orders in accordance with Contract Standing Orders 85(c) and 84(a) on the basis that there are good financial and operational reasons for Harrow leading on the procurement as set out in the report below.</p> <p>(iii) that approval be given to publish an OJEU notice for leisure services at Vale Farm Sports Centre and to carry out the pre-qualification exercise.</p> <p>(iv) that officers be asked to report back setting out the specification along with any necessary consultation results, equality impact assessment and seeking approval to the tender</p>

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			<p>evaluation criteria before inviting shortlisted suppliers to submit a detailed tender.</p> <p>(v) that the procurement options set out in 3.10- 3.12 be noted. Also that approval be given for officers to proceed with Option 1 – Lead Borough Model (weak) and for the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Director of Legal and Procurement to move to Option 2- Lead Borough Model (strong) if they consider it appropriate.</p> <p>(vi) that the proposed governance arrangements set out in paragraphs 3.16-3.19 be noted and that officers be asked to report back to the Executive for approval to the governance arrangements once they have been developed further.</p> <p>(vii) that the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services in consultation with the Director of Legal and Procurement be authorised to decide whether the contract should be tendered for a period of 5 years or 10 years following discussions with Ealing and Harrow.</p>
7.	Willesden Green Redevelopment Project	Willesden Green	(i) that the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects in consultation with Director of Legal & Procurement be authorised to award and enter into a Development Agreement with Galliford Try Plc in respect of the Willesden Green Library Centre site as shown crossed hatched black in the plan A at

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			<p>Appendix 1; such agreement to provide for the acquisition of the land as shown edged blue and green in the plan B at Appendix 1 and the development of a new cultural centre within the land as shown edged orange in the plan B at Appendix 1;</p> <p>(ii) that the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects be authorised to dispose of the land at Chambers Lane Willesden Green shown crossed hatched black on Plan C at Appendix 1 to Galliford Try Plc to form part of the Willesden Green Library Centre site as shown crossed hatched black in the plan A at Appendix 1;</p> <p>(iii) that the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects (where the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects in conjunction with the Director of Legal and Procurement consider applicable) be authorised to take the necessary steps to override or where requisite extinguish rights and interests in the land which might otherwise act to constrain the development by:-</p> <p>(a) appropriating the land shown crossed hatched black in the plan A at Appendix 1 for planning purposes when it is no longer required for the purposes for which it is currently held</p> <p>(b) taking any other legal steps as may be necessary to achieve this objective;</p> <p>(iv) that authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and</p>

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			<p>Major Projects in consultation with the Director of Finance and Corporate Services to authorise the detailed design and detailed costs for the “Council Works” as detailed in Section 5.2, 7.5 and 7.6;</p> <p>(v) that the proposed interim service delivery strategy as detailed in paragraphs 6.4 -6.36 below for the services currently provided at the Willesden Green Library Centre be endorsed;</p> <p>(vi) that the detailed Impact Needs/Requirements Assessment in Appendix 15 and the detailed Equality Strand Analysis, key issues and proposed mitigation in Annex 15.1 be noted;</p> <p>(vii) that the proposed consultation strategy outlined in Appendix 2 be endorsed.</p>
8.	Annual Audit Commission Letter	All Wards	<p>(i) that the contents of the Annual Audit Letter be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that it be noted that the Audit Committee will monitor progress against the main features highlighted and delivery of the Action Plan</p>
9.	Revised Treasury Management Code	All Wards	that the revised Treasury Policy Statement to Full Council for approval be recommended.

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10.	Treasury mid-year report	All Wards	that the report, which has also gone to the Audit Committee, be noted and that it be recommended to Full Council.
11.	NNDR discretionary rate relief	All Wards	(i) that the discretionary rate relief applications in Appendix 2 be agreed; (ii) that the granting to Meanwhile Space CIC 100% discretionary rate relief in respect of their short term occupation of units in Willesden as detailed in Appendix 3 be agreed.
12.	Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund	All Wards	(i) that the creation of a newly named Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund from the existing Main Programme Grant and the Advice Services budgets be agreed; (ii) that the creation of three funding streams within the Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund in the financial year 2012 – 2013 be agreed, which are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a funding stream using existing Main Programme Grant Budget for projects which run for two year and nine months aligned to Borough Plan priorities excluding crime and regeneration as set out in paragraph 4.3 of this report; • a funding stream using existing Main Programme Grant Budget to commission infrastructure support for Brent's voluntary and community sector for three years from 1st April 2012 until 31st March 2013 as set out in paragraph 4.10 of this report;

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a funding stream containing existing advice, guidance and advocacy arrangements funded from the Advice Services budget and Main Programme Grant Budget from 1st April 2012 and 31st March 2013 as set out in paragraph 4.13 of this report; (iii) that agreement the addition of a further three year funding stream to commence in the financial year 2013-2014 for projects aligned to the range of borough plan priorities as set out in paragraph 4.4 of this report using the existing Main Programme Grant Budget as existing grant terms come to an end be agreed; <i>Grant projects aligned to Borough Plan priorities</i> (iv) that the extension of (within existing budgets) all existing grant agreements under the children and young people's theme and decommission, with appropriate notice, these projects at the point the new themed funding becomes available be agreed; (v) that the decommission, with appropriate notice, the last set of projects being funded by the council under one year agreements at the point new funding streams become available with the exception of those covered by the advice, guidance and advocacy proposal be agreed; (vi) that agreement the decommissioning of the the crime and

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			<p>regeneration themed funding stream at the end of its three year grant period in March 2013 and replace it as outlined in paragraph 2.3 above, be agreed;</p> <p>(vii) that it be agreed to maintain the grant funding principles set out in paragraph 4.7 of this report;</p> <p><i>Advice, Guidance and Advocacy</i></p> <p>(viii) that extending (within existing budgets) the existing one year grant agreements for projects provided by Brent Mencap, Brent Association of Disabled People and Age UK until March 31st 2013 whilst a review of advice guidance and advocacy stream is undertaken be agreed;</p> <p>(ix) that extending (within existing budgets) the existing arrangements for Brent Citizen's Advice Bureau, Brent Community Law Centre and Brent Private Tenants Rights Group until March 31st 2013 whilst a review of the advice, guidance and advocacy stream is undertaken be agreed.</p> <p><i>Operational Arrangements</i></p> <p>(x) that the draft themed grant funding criteria as set out in Appendix 3 of this report be agreed;</p> <p>(xi) that the amended grant funding terms and conditions set out in</p>

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			<p>Appendix 4 of this report be agreed;</p> <p>(xii) that authority be delegated, in line with arrangements in place in Housing and Community Care, to the Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Improvement to commission replacement projects where allocated funding is not taken up by a successful bidder or the project monitoring highlights a need to cease funding the agreed project.</p> <p>(xiii) that the review of advice guidance and advocacy will take place in the year 2012/ 2013 as set out in paragraph 4.13 of this report be noted;</p> <p>(xiv) that a further equality impact assessment will be undertaken for the review of the advice, guidance and advocacy funding stream in 2012/2013 which will accompany any proposals to the Executive arising from the review be noted;</p> <p>(xv) that the content of the equality impact assessment which is set out in Appendix 7 of this report upon consideration of the recommendations set out in this report be noted.</p>
13.	London Councils Voluntary Sector Grants Scheme	All Wards	<p>(i) that the recommended budget for the London Councils Grant Scheme and the contribution of £377,097 to be paid by the Council towards the London Boroughs Grants Scheme for 2012/13 be agreed.</p>

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			<p>(ii) that the reallocation of the sum of £83,832, which is no longer paid towards the London Boroughs Grant Scheme, be agreed by:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) allocating the sum of £24,583 to cover the overspend created by the increase in the contribution sought from London Councils during 2011/2012 (as set out in paragraph 4.3 of this report), and by; (b) allocating the remaining sum of £59,249 to Brent Council's Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund.