

London Borough of Brent

Summary of Decisions taken by the Executive on Monday 20 August 2012

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

ABSENT: Councillor Beswick

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors S Choudhary, Hashmi and Harrison

Agenda Item No	Item	Ward(s)	Decision
5.	Food Growing and Allotments Strategy	All Wards	<p>(i) that the findings of the strategy be noted and agreement given to its vision to “provide a range of food growing opportunities accessible to all parts of the community and to promote the benefits of a healthy lifestyle within a greener borough”</p> <p>(ii) that agreement be given to the three inter linked objectives which have been formed to deliver the vision of the strategy, as set out in paragraphs 3.15 to 3.17 of the report from the Director of Environment and Culture;</p> <p>(iii) that approval be given to the action plan to deliver the strategy attached as Appendix 4 to the Director’s report.</p>
6.	Outcome of the Strategic Review of the Brent Schools Portfolio	All Wards	<p>(i) that approval be given to the current and future allocation of capital set out in Section 4.0 of the report from the Directors of Children and Families and Regeneration and Major Projects;</p> <p>(ii) that the current and future demand for primary school places as set out in Section 5.0 of the Directors’ report be noted;</p> <p>(iii) that the strategy for the delivery of primary school places as set out in Section 5.0 of the report be approved;</p> <p>(iv) that it be noted that an additional report will be submitted to the</p>

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			<p>Executive on the strategy to deliver secondary school places by December 2012;</p> <p>(v) that it be noted that the demand for new school places cannot be met only through expansion of existing schools due to the limited availability of funding; the Council is required to promote additional ways of creating school places by pursuing the current government agenda on free schools and academies.</p> <p>(vi) that agreement be given to the criteria set out in Appendix 3 of the Directors' report, specifically in relation to the provision of new Free Schools and Academies;</p> <p>(vii) that agreement be given to the proposal to acquire Fulton Road (Quintain) and Oriental City properties for the purpose of developing new schools as part of the S106 developer's agreement. Terms to be advised to the Executive for approval;</p> <p>(viii) that approval be given to the principle of creating a new school expansion team as set out in Section 9.0 of the report, which would be subject to a further approval of a business case;</p> <p>(ix) that the provision of new temporary 'bulge' classes for the academic year 2012-13, as per Appendix 2 of this report, which includes removal of Stonebridge Day Care Centre and Preston Library from the current Council disposal programme for duration of 3-years and 7-years, respectively be noted.</p>
7.	Expansion of St Robert Southwell School	All Wards	<p>(i) that it be confirmed that the main reason for approving the alteration of St Robert Southwell RC primary schools was to provide permanent primary places in an area of the borough which has a severe shortage of Reception to Year 6 Catholic places, as agreed at the Executive meeting on 23 April 2012;</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to the permanent expansion of St Robert Southwell RC Primary School by 0.5FE;</p>

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			<p>(iii) that it be noted that upon implementation of the proposal, St Robert Southwell RC Primary School would provide 15 new permanent places in each year group from 5 September 2013;</p> <p>(iv) that approval be given to the Council entering into a funding agreement with the Roman Catholic Westminster Diocese for the Council to fund the building works to a maximum of £1.31m.</p>
8.	Stonebridge Adventure Playground Grant 2012-2014	All Wards	<p>(i) that the Grant Criteria and Standard Conditions of Grant Aid set out in Appendix 1 of the report from the Director of Children and Families be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that agreement be given to the voluntary sector organisation as Brent Play Association, to continue running Stonebridge Adventure Playground, and delivery of holiday activities during summer, Christmas, Easter, and the half-term breaks;</p> <p>(iii) that it be noted that in the case of the grant funding being withdrawn for performance reasons, the decision to reallocate the fund is delegated to the Director of Children and Families.</p>
9.	Brent Housing Partnership	All Wards	<p>(i) that agreement be given to extend the existing Management Agreement between the Council and BHP until 31st March 2013, at which time it will be replaced with a new long term Management Agreement in line with the decision of the Executive of 16 July 2012;</p> <p>(ii) that agreement be given to amend where necessary BHP's Articles of Association, in particular paragraph 15 thereof, to allow for the existing resident Board members of BHP to remain in situ until 31 March 2013;</p> <p>(iii) that authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Procurement to negotiate and finalise the long term Management Agreement with BHP pursuant to the decision of the Executive dated 16 July 2012;</p> <p>(iv) that authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and</p>

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			Major Projects, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Procurement, to approve subsequent amendments to the Articles of Association and Memorandum of Association of BHP between now and the end of March 2013 which may be necessary to enable the new Management Agreement to be in place by 1 April 2013 and to implement the recommendations set out in the report of Navigant Consulting regarding the Governance Review of BHP.
10.	Brent Meanwhile Partnership and Meanwhile and Urban Regeneration Foundation	All Wards	(i) that the Director for Regeneration and Major Projects be authorised to formally establish the Meanwhile Foundation, a new national charitable organisation in partnership with Locality and other founding partners; (ii) that the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects be authorised to enter into a Framework agreement on behalf of the Council with the Meanwhile Foundation.
11.	Contract for Facilities Management Services to council portfolio	All Wards	(i) that a contract for Facilities Management Services be awarded to Europa Facilities Services Ltd to commence on 1 st November 2012 and to expire on 30 June 2018 with provision for the council to extend the contract for two further one year periods; (ii) that approval be given to the approach outlined within the report from the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects for the treatment of existing council employees delivering FM services affected by this Contract; (iii) that officers' intention to establish an FM Client side team to provide effective contract management be noted.