

# London Borough of Brent

## Summary of Decisions taken by the Executive on Monday 14 January 2013

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

ABSENT: Councillors Beswick

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Al-Ebadi, Cheese, Chohan, S Choudhary, Harrison, Hashmi, Kataria, Lorber, Mitchell Murray, RS Patel and Pavey

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4.	Authority for the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects and Director of Adult Social Services to jointly award supporting people contracts	All Wards	that authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects and the Director of Adult Social Services in consultation with the Leader and Lead Members to award six (6) call-off contracts from the Supporting People Framework for a period of two (2) years followed by discretionary extensions of 1 year plus 1 year (a maximum contract term of four [4] years).
5.	Blue Badge Scheme	All Wards	(i) that approval be given to the implementation of a charge for a standard issue Blue Badge in line with national guidance from 1 February 2013; (ii) that agreement be given to the set fee for recovery of enforcement costs and its future inflation indexing as set out in paragraph 6.10 of the report from the Directors of Environment and Neighbourhood Services and of Adult Social Services; (iii) that agreement be given to enhance Blue Badge enforcement capacity to ensure that Blue Badge benefits are used only enjoyed by people with a genuine need; (iv) that agreement be given to the adoption of a robust enforcement

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			approach.
<b>6.</b>	Green Charter monitoring report	All Wards	that the contents of the Green Charter monitoring report in Appendix A to the report from the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services be noted.
<b>7.</b>	School Expansion (Secondary) Programme 2012-16	All Wards	(i) that the current and future demand for secondary school places as set out in paragraphs 5.8 to 5.13 of the report from the Directors of Regeneration and Major Projects and of Children and Families be noted; (ii) that approval be given to the strategy for the delivery of secondary school places as set out in paragraphs 5.15 to 5.29 of the report, subject to availability of funds.
<b>8.</b>	Authority to allocate Main Capital Programme Funding for the expansion of Vicar's Green Primary School	Alperton	(i) that approval be given to the funding by Brent Council of £2m, together with a contingency of £0.5m, towards London Borough of Ealing's school expansion project at Vicar's Green Primary School; (ii) that the comments from the Director of Legal and Procurement in Section 5 relating to the involvement with the neighbouring borough of Ealing be noted and authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects in consultation with the Lead Member for Regeneration and Major Projects to approve the funding agreement with Ealing Council on finalisation of the terms for the expansion of Vicar's Green Primary School from September 2014; (iii) that all Brent Council funding be subject to a legal agreement between the Council and Ealing Council setting out that:  (a) The Council funding contributions can only be spent on legitimate education facilities, as defined in government guidance, and not on ancillary facilities that form part of the project; (b) Full and proper governance arrangements are established

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			<p>for the project to ensure it is delivered to time and budget, and providing for a senior Brent Council officer representation on the project board.</p> <p>(iv) that approval be given to the allocation of £2m from the main capital programme in line with the approved August 2012 Executive Report to fund fifty per cent of the cost of the school expansion project in partnership with Ealing Council;</p> <p>(v) that the contingency of £0.5m be maintained to cover unforeseen project costs since the design stage has not commenced and cost are an estimate at this stage.</p>
<b>9.</b>	London Living Wage	All Wards	<p>(i) that agreement be given to the Council seeking Accreditation as a London Living Wage Employer;</p> <p>(ii) that positive steps be taken to review existing contracts over a three year period on a case by case basis to wherever possible apply LLW criteria;</p> <p>(iii) that Social Care contracts be examined with the London Living Wage Foundation and other LLW Boroughs to explore the application of LLW;</p> <p>(iv) that officers should act to promote the application of the LLW to schools, businesses and other organisations within Brent;</p> <p>(v) that, subject to Finance, Procurement and Legal advice, officers seek to apply the LLW consideration when tendering;</p> <p>(vi) that note the comments of the Deputy Director of Finance regarding the potential cost of applying LLW.</p>
<b>10.</b>	Brent Working with Families Strategy	All Wards	<p>(i) that the Working with Families Strategy, set out at in Appendix 1 of the report from the Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Improvement be endorsed;</p>

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			(ii) that the high level action plan in Appendix 2 to the Director's report be noted.
<b>11.</b>	Annual Audit Commission Letter	All Wards	that the contents of the Annual Audit Letter be noted.
<b>12.</b>	London Housing Consortium	All Wards	<p>(i) that Brent Council continue to be a member of the London Housing Consortium;</p> <p>(ii) that it be noted that the London Housing Consortium has been formally established as a Joint Committee by seven other local authorities pursuant to section 101(5) of the Local Government Act 1972;</p> <p>(iii) that the Executive's functions in relation to the running of the London Housing Consortium be discharged to the Joint Committee of the London Housing Consortium and agreement given to Brent Council's membership and participation in that Joint Committee;</p> <p>(iv) that the Lead Member for Housing be appointed as Brent Council's Executive representative to the Joint Committee of the London Housing Consortium and that the Non-Executive Member for the Joint Committee of the London Housing Consortium be appointed by the Executive at a later date;</p> <p>(v) that the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects, in consultation with the Lead Member for Housing and the Director of Legal and Procurement, be authorised and to agree a Constitution for the Joint Committee based on the draft Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 to the report from the Director of Legal and Procurement;</p> <p>(vi) that other options for the legal framework and governance structure of the London Housing Consortium be fully explored and that a further report, detailing the options, be presented to a future meeting of the Executive for consideration.</p>

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<b>13.</b>	Any Other Urgent Business		
<b>14.</b>	Reference of item considered by Call in Overview and Scrutiny Committee		
<b>15.</b>	Exclusion of Press and Public		
<b>16.</b>	Compulsory Purchase: Northwick Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex, HA3 0AA	Northwick Park	<p>(i) that agreement be given to the use of compulsory purchase powers to acquire the property on Northwick Avenue Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex, HA3 0AA referred to in the report from the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects compulsorily under section 17 of the Housing Act 1985;</p> <p>(ii) that the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make and seal the Order for submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for consideration and approval. Further, to authorise the Head of Legal Services to confirm the said Compulsory Purchase Order in the event of the Secretary of State returning the Order;</p> <p>(iii) that upon confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order, to proceed with the acquisition;</p> <p>(iv) that subject to confirmation of the Compulsory Purchase Order by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government Cabinet, approval be given to the disposal of the property to a Registered Social Landlord in the first instance, or to a Private Developer (in which case the sale would be by way of auction) with covenants applied to bring the property back into use as soon as possible.</p>

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