

**London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Executive
on Monday 24 March 2014**

PRESENT: Councillor Butt (Chair), Councillor R Moher (Vice-Chair) and Councillors A Choudry, Crane, Hirani, Mashari, McLennan, J Moher and Pavey

ABSENT: Councillors Denselow

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Chohan, Hashmi, Hunter, John and Kabir

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4.	Report on the progress of the administration of the Green Charter	All Wards	that the contents of the Green Charter monitoring report in Appendix A and note the achievements listed in section 3.5 be noted.
5.	Brent Local Plan – Development Management Policies	Barnhill; Preston; Stonebridge; Tokyngton; Wembley Central	(i) that agreement be given to the draft Development Management Policies document, and the proposed alterations to the Core Strategy, for public consultation starting on 26 th May 2014 for 6 weeks; (ii) that the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Growth be authorised to make further editorial changes to the document prior to finally issuing it for public consultation; (iii) that agreement be given to the revised timetable for the preparation and review of Brent’s Local Plan as set out in paragraph 3.25 of the Director’s report.
6.	School Expansion Programme – revised School Expansion Strategy	All Wards	(i) that approval be given to the draft School Expansion Strategy 2014-2018 for consultation purposes in line with the consultation plan set out in paragraph 3.6 of the report from the Director of Regeneration and Growth; (ii) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Growth in consultation with the Director of Legal and

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			Procurement and the Lead Member for Regeneration and Growth to approve the pre-tender considerations for the Temporary School Expansion Programme 2014-15.
7.	Universal Infant Free School Meals - allocation and use of capital grant funding	All Wards	<p>(i) that be noted that the Operational Director for Regeneration and Growth (Property and Projects) would develop a costed programme of works at schools as described in the report for the delivery of Universal Infants Free School Meals for agreement by the officer-level Major Projects Review Panel.</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to the use of capital from the sources described in this report to deliver the programme of works once agreed;</p> <p>(iii) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Growth to agree the pre-tender considerations (including evaluation criteria) for the procurement of a works contractor or contractors for the delivery of the programme, and for the procurement of design services if not delivered in-house;</p> <p>(iv) that authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Regeneration & Growth in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer to award the contract(s) referred to in paragraph (ii) above.</p>
8.	Green Deal and Energy Company Obligation - Delivery Partner Contract Award	All Wards	<p>(i) that agreement be given to the award of a contract for a single delivery partner for Green Deal and ECO works in Brent to Lakehouse Contracts Ltd;</p> <p>(ii) that it be noted that the award was subject to the agreement of Brent Housing Partnership, as they are joint client for the contract with the Council.</p>
9.	Cable Easement and Lease for the construction of an Electricity Sub Station - rear of Tenterden Sports	Preston	that approval be to the granting of the lease and the cable easement, on the terms set out in Appendix 1 of the report from the Director of Regeneration and Growth.

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	Ground off Preston Road, Harrow		
10.	Disposal of 10 Coverdale Road, Cricklewood NW2	Brondesbury Park	<p>(i) that approval be given to the disposal of the Council's freehold interest in the subject property on the open market for a capital receipt, which is forecast to be significant given the location and size of the property</p> <p>(ii) that the Operational Director of Property and Projects, Regeneration and Growth be authorised to agree the terms of the disposal and the most appropriate disposal route;</p> <p>(iii) that subject to approval of the overall capital programme funding position in the Budget Setting Report to be submitted to Members in March 2014, agreement be given to ring-fence the net capital receipt for the acquisition of additional medium-sized family homes for which there is an acute shortage.</p>
11.	National Non-Domestic Rates – Autumn Statement – Business Rates Relief	All Wards	<p>(i) that the scheme awarding up to £1,000 discount in business rates in 2014/15 and 2015/16 to occupied retail shops with a rateable value of £50,000 or less as detailed in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.5 of this report pursuant to the Council's powers under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 be approved;</p> <p>(ii) that the scheme awarding 50% relief in business rates for 18 months to businesses who move into and occupy retail premises between 1 April 2014 and 31 March 2016 that have been empty for a year or more as detailed in paragraphs 3.10 and 3.11 of this report and which satisfy the criteria to be confirmed in guidance to be issued by the DCLG be agreed pursuant to the Council's powers under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;</p> <p>(iii) that the scheme to exempt newly built commercial properties completed between 1 October 2013 and 30 September 2016 from empty property rates for up to 18 months as detailed in paragraphs 3.12 and 3.13</p>

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			<p>of this report and which satisfy the criteria confirmed in guidance issued by the DCLG in September 2013 be agreed pursuant to the Council’s powers under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988;</p> <p>(iv) that the Chief Finance Officer be authorised to implement the schemes referred to in paragraphs 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 of this report so that the agreed discretionary discounts and reliefs in business rates can be awarded in compliance with the criteria set out by the Department for Communities and Local Government.</p>
12.	Authority to invite tenders for advice and guidance services for older people and people with disabilities	All Wards	<p>(i) to approve inviting tenders for Advice and Guidance Service for people with disabilities and older people on the basis of the pre - tender considerations set out in paragraph 3.10 of the report;</p> <p>(ii) to give approval to officers to evaluate the tenders referred to in 2.1 above on the basis of the evaluation criteria set out in paragraph 3.10 of the report;</p> <p>(iii) to delegate authority to the Assistant Chief Executive to agree the award of the contract to the successful bidder, in liaison with the portfolio holder for Corporate Strategy and Policy Coordination, for the reasons set out in paragraph 3.11 of the report;</p> <p>(iv) to agree an extension to the interim contract for advice for people with disabilities provided by Brent Mencap, until the start of the new contract being tendered as referred to in paragraph (i)</p> <p>(v) to note the extension of the grant funded agreements with Age UK for provision of advice to older people and with Brent Mencap for provision of advice to people with learning disabilities until the start of the new contract being tendered as referred to in paragraphs 3.6 and 3.8.</p>
13.	Performance and Finance Review - quarter 3, 2013/14	All Wards	<p>(i) that the Finance and Performance information contained in the report be noted and agreement given to the remedial actions as</p>

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			necessary; (ii) that the current and future strategic risks associated with the information provided be noted and agreement given to remedial actions as appropriate; (iii) that it be noted that responsible officers will be challenged progress with as necessary; (iv) that agreement be given to the budget virements as set out within the appendix to the report.
14.	Report from Task Group Tackling Violence against Women and Girls	All Wards	(i) that the contents of the report be noted; (ii) that officers consider the individual findings of this important report and bring forward appropriate recommendations on their implementation by the end of June 2014. Responsibility for co-ordinating and monitoring the council's response to the task group's findings will be with the Assistant Chief Executive's Service.