

FULL COUNCIL – 22 NOVEMBER 2010

Report from the Executive

1. Items to be reported by the Executive

The Leader has given notice that the Executive will report to Council on the following items:

- i. Day centres
- ii. Emissions based parking
- iii. Waste and recycling
- iv. Libraries transformation
- v. Meeting with head teachers over cuts in BSF funding
- vi. Comprehensive Spending Review
- vii. London Councils' Summit
- viii. Member Development Charter

2. Decisions taken by the Executive under the Council's urgency provisions

Under the provisions of rule 38 of the Access to Information Rules in the Constitution, the Executive is required to report to the next Full Council for information on any key decisions taken by them but which did not appear in the Forward Plan.

Authority to appoint to a framework for leaseholder right to buy insurance and to award a call-off contract

The above item was considered by the Executive on 18 October 2010 when it was agreed:

- (i) that Acumis be appointed to the West London Alliance single-provider framework for leaseholder right to buy insurance with effect from 1 November 2010, with the framework running for a period of three years;
- (ii) that Acumis be awarded a contract for the provision of insurance to Brent right to buy leaseholders for a period of three years commencing 1 November 2010;
- (iii) that the observations made by leaseholders, set out in paragraph 3.20 and Appendix 3 of the report submitted in response to the leaseholder consultation notice dated 20 August 2010 regarding the proposal to award the contract to Acumis be noted.

Reason why it was impractical to defer the decision until it could be included on the Forward Plan:

Due to slippage in the procurement timetable, the current contract has already been extended until 31 October. Under EU procurement law such extensions are treated as new contracts. If the “new contract” / extension were to be extended by another month then this would take its value over the EU threshold.

As leaseholders pay for this insurance through their service charge, the award of contract is subject to the leaseholder consultation legislation. This consultation process has already been done, naming the contract start date as 1 November, and responses have already been received from leaseholders.

Taxicard – budget update and Transport for London funding redistribution

The above item is to be considered by the Executive on 15 November 2010 with the recommendation to note the projected Taxicard budget overspend for 2010/11 and to agree changes to bring spend within budget as recommended by London Councils.

Reason why it was impractical to defer the decision until it could be included on the Forward Plan:

Decisions have been requested by 25 November as if not made soon, the budget for individual borough schemes will be spent before the end of the financial year and London Councils will regrettably have no choice but to suspend the scheme in the borough concerned.