

FULL COUNCIL – 12 SEPTEMBER 2011

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. Civil disturbance – Council and partner response
- ii. Schools contracts – joint procurement of school services
- iii. Consultation on schools for the future and school places strategy
- iv. Town centre improvement - Willesden Green
- v. Park Royal business improvement district status
- vi. Village School temporary building
- vii. School crossing patrols

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.

Consideration of representations to proposals to introduce pay and display parking controls in Preston Road and Bridge Road

The above item was considered by the Highways Committee on 27 July 2011 when the decision was taken to introduce pay and display parking controls in Preston Road and Bridge Road and to review the scheme within 12 months of implementation.

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

To defer the decision would result in delaying consideration of representations until the meeting of the Highways Committee in October 2011.

This would delay a decision on the scheme which would:

- (i) either result in a loss of anticipated (budgeted) income to the Council or reduce the opportunity to investigate and implement other proposals to ameliorate the financial impact of any decision not to implement the proposals

- (ii) increase the period of uncertainty in relation to the proposals with an associated impact on those businesses and residents that have made representations in response to the proposals.

Removal and replacement of contaminated soil from St Raphael's and Brentfield estates

The above item was considered by the Executive on 17 August 2011 when the decision was taken to proceed with the remediation work at St Raphael's and Brentfield Estates in accordance with the remediation design approved by the Environment Agency using the £1,422,525 grant monies allocated; to note that Brent Housing Partnership (BHP) proposes to make a contribution from its capital budgets for necessary works outside the scope of the grant such as re-instatement of sheds etc; note that an exemption from Standing Orders has been granted from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources on grounds of extreme urgency pursuant to Standing Order 84(b) after consultation with the Director of Legal and Procurement, exempting the procurement from the requirement to seek Executive authority to go out to tender for remediation works and exempting the requirement to use a single stage or two stage tender process; to note the procurement process for remediation works being followed as set out in paragraphs 3.16 and 3.17 of the report and authorise the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services to award the contract for remediation works following the identification of a preferred contractor.

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

The £1,422,525 was awarded by the Environment Agency to undertake the remediation works at St Raphael's and Brentfield estates on 27 July 2011. The Environment Agency has applied a condition to the grant that monies must be spent this financial year. Notification of grant monies awarded was received on 27 July 2011. Hence the report could not be included in the forward plan.