

SUMMONS ITEM 8(a)

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

FULL COUNCIL MEETING – 27th JUNE 2005

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) Best Value Performance Plan

This report is to be considered by the Executive on 20th June 2005 and recommendations will be put to the Council for agreement.

(ii) Local Development Framework – Statement of Community Involvement

This report is to be considered by the Executive on 20th June 2005 and recommendations will be put to the Council for agreement.

(iii) Council Tax collection

(iv) Wembley update

(v) Streetcare and Enviro-crime

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.

1. The Avenue School's Request to Delay the Voluntary Aided Status Implementation Date from 1 April 2005 to 1 September 2005

The above item was considered by the Executive on 23rd May 2005.

Decisions taken:

To consider the reasons why the Trustees of The Avenue School wish to retrospectively delay the implementation date for VA status and consider the response of Brent LEA to the request.

To convey to the School Organisation Committee the view of the LEA that EITHER the LEA supports the request that there be a delay in implementation of BA status from 1 April 2005 OR the LEA does not support the request that there be a delay in implementation of VA status from 1 April 2005 and asserts that all parties should implement the current VA status of the school.

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

The request to delay the implementation date for VA status by the Trustees of The Avenue School was totally unexpected by the Authority. The full details of the request were not received until 12th April 2005. The considerable uncertainty in the school should not be allowed to continue.

2. Wembley Park Bridge Strengthening.

The above item was considered by the Executive on 23rd May 2005.

Decisions taken:

To consider the pre-tender considerations and the criteria to be used to evaluate tenders as set out in paragraph 3.11 of this report for the contract for the strengthening of Bridge Road Wembley Park over Network Rail and London Underground.

To invite tenders and evaluate them in accordance with the approved criteria and that officers report back to seek approval for the award of the contract.

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

For reasons of timing and practicality, S106 works for the station improvement have very recently been added to a proposed bridge strengthening contract. The value of the contract now exceeds £1 million which requires additional approvals. A large part of the works needs to be completed before the opening of the National Stadium.

3. Authority to Award A Construction Contract for Wembley Stadium Access Corridor Phase 2 Section 1.

The above item was considered by the Executive on 23rd May 2005.

Decisions taken:

To note the content of the report and the progress to date on the Stadium Access Corridor scheme and notes the risk of serious prejudice to the project should the contract not be awarded to PJ Carey as set out by officers at paragraph 3.19, 3.29 and 5.6.

To approve the award of the Stadium Access Corridor Phase 2 Section 1 construction contract to PJ Carey (Contractors) Ltd at the increased price as set out in this report.

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

Failure to complete the project in time will cause significant problems to both the Stadium and the Borough road network.

4. Progress Report on Controlled Parking Zones Programme.

The above item was considered by the Highways committee on 26th May 2005.

Decisions taken:

Approve course of action following officers investigations on petitions received, to agree to programme of implementation of CPZs and funding thereof.

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

Decision required to add schemes to 2005/6 programme, to ensure delivery in current financial year and hence maximize spending of revenue funding allocation.