

FULL COUNCIL – 13TH JULY 2009

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. Improvement and Efficiency Programme
- ii. Housing Strategy Launch
- iii. Place Survey
- iv. North Circular
- v. Sustainability

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.

(i) Petition against the Kilburn Streets for People scheme

The above item was considered by the Highways Committee on 19th March 2009 when the decision was taken to continue with the implementation of the scheme and advise the petitioner accordingly. It was also agreed that that a proportion, to be determined by officers, of new trees to be planted be cherry trees to compensate for the loss of the cherry trees at Post Box Square.

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

The issue is a response to a petition presented at the Highways Committee, against a £1.3million streets for people scheme being implemented during the 2008/09 and 2009/10 financial years. Works are currently underway on the scheme and officers seek the decision to support the process and prevent the risk of underspend during the current financial year.

(ii) Wembley Park Academy – award of design & build contract and entry into a development agreement with ARK

The above item was considered by the Executive on 26th May 2009 when the decision was taken to award the Design and Build contract for the construction of the Academy to Willmott Dixon subject to:

- Granting of planning permission, and
- Approval of final business case;

and to enter into the Development Agreement for the construction of the Academy with ARK.

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

Given delays in the planning process the procurement programme has been squeezed so the completion of the whole building is not now achievable for September 2010. However a sectional completion has been agreed which will enable the school to open in September 2010 with its first tranche of secondary aged pupils. A decision is required at this stage in order for the building project to meet its key milestones for opening and handover.