



LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE

Monday, 9th October 2006 at 7.00 pm

Committee Rooms 1 & 2, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley, Middx

AGENDA

LEAD MEMBER

Cllr Lorber
Cllr Blackman
Cllr Allie
Cllr V Brown
Cllr D Brown
Cllr Castle

Cllr Colwill
Cllr O'Sullivan
Cllr Van Colle
Cllr Wharton

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Apologies for Absence

- 1 Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests
- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 13 September 2006 **p. (i)**
- 3 Matters Arising
- 4 **Deputations (if any)**

Children & Families Reports		Lead Member	Lead Officer	
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| 5 | Award of a Domiciliary Care Service for Children & Young People | Cllr Wharton | John Christie | p. 1 |
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Appendices also below

This report requests authority to award the contract for the provision of domiciliary care services for disabled children and young people as required by Contracts Standing Order 88. This contract is for a period of 3 years, commencing on 4 December 2006, with an option to extend the contract for a further two-year period. This report summarises the process undertaken in tendering this contract and following the completion of evaluation of the tenders, recommends to whom the contract should be awarded.

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| 6 | Islamia/The Avenue – amalgamation | Cllr Wharton | John Christie | p. 9 |
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The governing bodies of Islamia Primary School and The Avenue School jointly with Brent Council are proposing to expand Islamia Primary School from one form of entry (1FE) to two forms of entry (2FE), to close The Avenue School and transfer its pupils to Islamia Primary School by the end of the current school term. This report outlines the reasons why this action is needed, summarises the outcome of the initial consultation and seeks approval to issue statutory notices for the formal consultation.

Environment & Culture Reports		Lead Member	Lead Officer	
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| 7 | The Future of Dollis Hill House | Cllr Van Colle/
Cllr Blackman | Richard Saunders/
Duncan McLeod | p. 17 |
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This report provides Members with an update on proposals to reinstate Dollis Hill House, Gladstone Park, as a community facility and on future options for the House.

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| 8 | Local Development Framework – Core Strategy Preferred Options | Cllr Van Colle | Richard Saunders | p. 27 |
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Appendix circulated separately

This report presents a draft Core Strategy which is a key document of the new Local Development Framework (LDF). The Council is required to consult with the local community on its 'Preferred Options' for the Core Strategy. The preferred options for the Core Strategy have been drawn up after a round of public

consultation in September/October 2005 and the options and the alternative options have been subject to Sustainability Appraisal. Executive is asked to agree the draft Core Strategy for public consultation commencing on October 30th 2006.

9 Implementing the contaminated land strategy Cllr Van Colle Richard Saunders **p. 63**

The Council has a statutory duty to inspect land in the Borough and identify potentially polluted land which could pose a risk to human health. 230 potentially contaminated sites have been identified as high priority sites requiring further investigation to determine the risk to health. Current resources will enable us to undertake 7 intrusive site investigations per annum. At this rate it will take approximately 30 years to complete investigation of all high priority sites. Additional resources are sought to accelerate this process which is measured through Performance Indicators and reflect in the CPA and ensure adequate financial provision is made for potential legal costs. The request for additional resources budget will be subject to approval during the 2007/08 budget process.

Central Reports		Lead Member	Lead Officer	
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10	Consideration of extension of contract for the supply of Revenues and IT support service	Cllr Blackman	Duncan McLeod	p. 83
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The purpose of this report is to seek Members' agreement for the future provision of the Revenues service and IT provision for Revenues and Benefits from May 2008, when the existing contract with Capita expires.

11	London Authorities Mutual Insurance and Procurement of Insurance Services	Cllr Blackman	Duncan McLeod	p. 91
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This report describes the proposal to establish a "Mutual" insurance company controlled by, and run for the benefit of, participating London authorities. They would pool their risks and the costs of administration, whilst retaining the current levels of self-insurance. The Mutual will reinsure high-level risk and issue policies to its members annually. It will register with the Financial Services Authority as an insurance company and it will need to capitalise (by guarantees from member authorities) and appoint experienced non-executive directors as well as London Finance Directors to ensure it was run appropriately. The report asks for approval to explore further the option of joining the proposed Mutual.

12	Access of Older People to Sports and Leisure Facilities – final report of Scrutiny Task Group	Cllr Van Colle	Phil Newby	p. 117
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Appendix circulated separately

This report presents the findings of the Access of Older People to Sports and Leisure Facilities Task Group to the Executive. It provides officer comments and information on the legal, financial and diversity implications of its recommendations.

13	Task Group Report - Community Access to Schools	Cllr Wharton	Phil Newby	p. 121
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Appendix circulated separately

This report outlines the work, findings and recommendations of the Overview task group's investigation into community access to schools. The task group membership comprised of Councillors Arnold (chair), Kabir, Galdbaum, Wharton and Mr Lorenzato (Education co-optee). The group met on six occasions between September 2005 and February 2006 and their final report was agreed by the Overview Committee on 23rd March 2006.

Housing & Community Care Reports	Lead Member	Lead Officer		
14	Stonebridge Housing Action Trust – Tenants' Choice of successor Landlord	Cllr Allie	Martin Cheeseman	p. 129
	<p>This report concerns the right of Stonebridge tenants to choose between the council and Hillside Housing Trust as their future landlord, when Stonebridge HAT is wound up in 2007; and seeks members' agreement to the terms of the council's offer to Stonebridge tenants.</p>			
15	Temporary Accommodation Update	Cllr Allie	Martin Cheeseman	p. 147
	<p>This report seeks Members' approval for a change to the Locata banding scheme for households in temporary accommodation who accept a qualifying offer of private sector accommodation. This report provides Members with an update on progress against the Government's target to halve the number of homeless households in temporary accommodation by 2010, including an update on trends in homelessness and current numbers in temporary accommodation.</p>			
16	Supporting People Contract	Cllr Colwill	Martin Cheeseman	p. 161
	<p><i>(Appendix 3 also below)</i></p> <p>This report asks the Executive to AGREE that a number of specific Supporting People contracts due to 'good operational and financial reasons' need not be let in accordance with the tendering requirements as ordinarily required by the Council's Contract Standing Orders.</p>			
17	Selection of the Preferred Bidder for the PFI Housing and Social Care Contract	Cllr Allie/ Cllr Colwill	Martin Cheeseman	p. 177
	<p>This Report describes developments in the prospective PFI scheme since the Executive last considered the item on 14th November 2005. It proposes that the Brent Co-Efficient Consortium be appointed as the preferred bidder for the scheme for the purpose of further detailed negotiations. It also seeks agreement to delete the care services from the specification for the PFI and to authorise the Director of Housing and Community Care to develop options for the future provision of care services, such options to be reported back to members in due course.</p>			

18 REFERENCE OF ITEMS CALLED IN FOR SCRUTINY

- (i) **2006/7 Revenue Budget Monitoring**
- (ii) **Promoting Day Opportunities for Adults with Disabilities**

The above items considered at the 13th September meeting were called in for scrutiny at the Forward Plan Select Committee on 26th September 2006. An extract from the minutes of this meeting will be circulated in advance of the meeting for consideration.

20 **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Executive will take place on **13 November 2006**.

21 **Any Other Urgent Business**

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No. 64

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| 22 | APPENDIX: Award of a Domiciliary Care Service for Children & Young People | Cllr Wharton | John Christie | p. 207 |
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| 23 | APPENDIX: Extension of Capita Contract (Revenues and IT) | Cllr Blackman | Duncan McLeod | p. 213 |
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| 24 | APPENDIX: Supporting People Contract | Cllr Colwill | Martin Cheeseman | p. 223 |
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| 25 | Selection of the Preferred Bidder for the PFI Housing and Social Care Contract | Cllr Allie/
Cllr Colwill | Martin Cheeseman | p. 225 |
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