

# **Executive**

## Monday, 26 July 2010 at 7.00 pm

Committee Rooms 1, 2 and 3, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

## Membership:

Lead Member Portfolio Councillors:

John (Chair) Leader of the Council

Butt (Vice-Chair) Deputy Leader of the Council

Arnold Lead Member for Children and Families

Beswick Lead Member for Crime Prevention and Public Safety
Crane Lead Member for Regeneration and Economic

Development

Jones Lead Member for Human Resources and Diversity, Local

**Democracy and Consultation** 

J Moher
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Lead Member for Highways and Transportation
Lead Member for Adults, Health and Social Care
Powney
Lead Member for Environment, Planning and Culture
Lead Member for Housing and Customer Services

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# **Agenda**

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members.

**Item** Page

1 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda.

2 Minutes of the previous meeting

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- 3 Matters arising (if any)
- 4 Deputations (if any)

## **Children and Families Reports**

5 Determination of proposals for the alteration (expansion by one form 11 - 30 entry) of Park Lane Primary School

This report seeks the Executive's determination of the statutory proposals (published on 20 May 2010) for the alteration of Park Lane Primary School with the net effect that the school expands to a 2fe school. The report also requests an exemption from contract standing orders in relation to the appointment of a structural engineer to design the expansion scheme.

(Appendix circulated separately)

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Councillor Arnold

Alperton: Contact Officer: John Christie, Director of

Preston: Children and Families

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Tokyngton; Wembley Central;

6 Brent Transport Service approval for procurement of managed 31 - 44 service contract staff

This report requests approval to invite tenders in respect of a 'Managed Services for the Supply of Staff Services' contract for Brent Transport Services, as required by Contract Standing orders 88 and 89, to commence in April 2011.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Councillor Arnold

All Wards: Contact Officer: John Christie, Director of

## **Housing and Community Care Reports**

## 7 Criteria for transport services

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This report seeks approval for an Eligibility Policy which provides clear criteria for access to transport provision and promotes the adoption of alternatives, including the provision of independent travel training, which reflect the needs of the individual and help to promote greater independence.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Councillor R Moher

All Wards; Contact Officer: Lance Douglas, Quality and

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#### 8 Modernisation of Direct Services

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The Direct Services Review is part of Adult Social Care Transformation. The Day Opportunities Strategy has been developed through this review. The Strategy aims to improve the provision of direct services provided by the Council to vulnerable people and provide better value for money. The report identifies the need to consult on the strategy with service users, carers and stakeholders. The report also highlights the immediate problems with Stonebridge day centre. The day centre is no longer fit for purpose and requires £150,000 immediate structural repair work followed by an ongoing programme of remedial work.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Councillor R Moher

All Wards: Contact Officer: Alison Elliott, Adult Social Care

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#### **Environment and Culture Reports**

### 9 Soil conditions investigations at St Raphael's and Brentfield estates

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Benzo-a-pyrene levels that may pose a significant possibility of significant harm have been identified in three areas, two areas of St Raphael's Estate and one in Brentfield estate. It is imperative that we apply to Environment Agency for remediation assessments works (consisting of structural, utilities and ecological surveys) funding in July 2010. The results of these surveys are required prior to applying for remediation treatment funding. If the application is successful, the provision will be made by The Environment Agency in September/October 2010. We intend to apply for remediation treatment (removal and replacement of contaminated soil) funding when the next window opens in November 2010. The Environment Agency anticipates that £10 million allocation

(recently reduced from 17.5 million) will continue to be provided by central government but cannot confirm this until after the Comprehensive Spending review in October 2010.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Councillor Powney

Stonebridge; Contact Officer: Yogini Patel, Environmental

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## **Central Reports**

## 10 Transition Services Task Group

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The Transitions Services Task Group report has been considered and agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This report presents the task group's work to the Executive for approval. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee established the Transitions Services Task group to look at the services in place for vulnerable young people in Brent aged 16 to 25.

(Appendix circulated separately)

Ward Affected: Contact Officer: Andrew Davies, Policy and

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## 11 Budget Strategy 2011/12 to 2014/15

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This report sets out the financial prospects for the Council for the next four years within the context of unprecedented reductions in funding for local authorities. It seeks Executive approval for the overall budget strategy based on the One Council Programme. This aims to deliver cost reductions through a planned and strategic approach to service provision. This will be mindful of the priority objectives which will be set out in the new Corporate Strategy.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Councillor John

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## 12 Relocation of Albert Road Day Care Centre

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This report informs Members of the progress to date in the provision of new facilities for Adult Day Care and seeks approval to the revised cost of the project. This report also seeks approval of the variation of the Council's lease with Gujarati Ayra Association London (GAA London). (Appendix also below)

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Councillor Butt

Kenton; Kilburn; Contact Officer: Richard Barrett, Property and

**Asset Management** 

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## 13 Brent Engagement Strategy

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This report presents Executive members with a draft of the new Community Consultation, Engagement and Empowerment Strategy – the Brent Engagement Strategy 2010/14. This strategy replaces the Community Consultation and Engagement Strategy 2006/09.

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Councillor Jones

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## 14 Performance and Finance Quarter 4, 2009-2010

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This report summarises Brent Council's spending, activity and performance in Quarter 4, 2009/10 and highlights key issues and solutions to them. It takes a corporate overview of financial and service performance and provides an analysis of high risk areas. The report is accompanied by appendices providing budget, activity and performance data for each service area, the Local Area Agreement, ring fenced budgets and the capital programme. Vital Signs trend data and graphs are also provided along with the council's overall budget summary. The report also contains details of the recent government announcements reducing various grants to the council and asks the Executive to agree action to balance the revenue budget.

(Appendices A-F circulated separately)

Ward Affected: Lead Member: Councillor John

All Wards; Contact Officer: Phil Newby, Director of Policy

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## 15 Reference of item considered by Forward Plan Select Committee

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The Forward Plan Select Committee at their meeting on 8 July referred the following items considered at the meeting of the Executive in June for further consideration:

- enforcement of Moving Traffic and Parking Contraventions by means of CCTV cameras
- Main Programme Grant funding for organisations providing regeneration, crime and community safety services (three year funding)

Extract from minutes attached

## 16 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 64.

#### 17 Exclusion of Press and Public

The following item is not for publication as it relates to the following category of exempt information as specified in the Local Government Act 1972 namely:

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## **APPENDIX**

Learning Disability Resource Centre – relocation from Albert Road, South Kilburn to John Billam Playing Fields, Woodcock Hill, Kenton (Report above refers)

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### Date of the next meeting: Monday, 11 August 2010



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