

**London Borough of Brent  
Summary of Decisions taken by the Executive  
on Monday, 26 July 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor John (Chair), Councillor Butt (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Arnold, Beswick, Crane, Jones, J Moher, R Moher, Powney and Thomas

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Adeyeye, Chohan, S Choudhary, Harrison, McLennan and Mitchell Murray

<b>Agenda Item No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Ward(s)</b>	<b>Decision</b>
5.	Determination of proposals for the alteration (expansion by one form entry) of Park Lane Primary School	Alperton; Preston; Sudbury; Tokyngton; Wembley Central;	<p>(i) that approval be given to the statutory proposal published on 20 May 2010 for the alteration of Park Lane Primary School so that it expands from 210 places to 420 places with effect from January 2011, conditional upon the grant of planning permission under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 by January 2011;</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to an exemption to the requirement in Contract Standing Orders to get three quotes for a Low Value Contract in relation to the appointment of a structural engineer for this expansion project, on the basis of the good operational and financial reasons set out in paragraph 3.5 of the report from the Director of Children and Families.</p>
6.	Brent Transport Service approval for procurement of managed service contract staff	All Wards;	<p>(i) that approval be given to the pre-tender considerations and the criteria used to evaluate tenders for a managed service for the supply of staff services for BTS as set out in paragraph 7.0 of the report from the Director of Children and Families;</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to the invite of tenders for a managed service for the supply of staff services and their evaluation in accordance</p>

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			with the approved evaluation criteria referred to in paragraph (i) above.
7.	Criteria for transport services	All Wards;	that approval be given to consult service users and their carers on the proposed adoption of the Eligibility Policy for access to council-funded transport for users of adult social care services. Under this Policy, eligibility will be determined by assessment of a service user's access to existing transport, and an assessment of their mobility and ability to travel independently.
8.	Modernisation of Direct Services	All Wards;	<p>(i) that approval be given to the consultation on the Day Opportunities Strategy, this to include a review of all buildings accommodating directly provided adult social care services, and is intended to lead to their modernisation and transformation;</p> <p>(ii) that the issues relating to Stonebridge be noted and that options for addressing these issues will be discussed as part of the consultation.</p>
9.	Soil conditions investigations at St Raphael's and Brentfield estates	Stonebridge;	<p>(i) that the findings of the soil investigation at St Raphael's and Brentfield Estates be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that agreement be given to the approach to risk management and the threshold levels of 17 ppm for benzo-a-pyrene;</p> <p>(iii) that officers carry out such further investigations as are necessary in order to ascertain exactly how many properties are affected by the above threshold levels;</p> <p>(iv) that the options for remediating and agree soil replacement for the affected properties be noted;</p>

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			<p>(v) that approval be given to waive the costs of basic remediation of privately owned properties;</p> <p>(vi) that the financial risks associated with remediation and the intention to seek grant funding from Environment Agency be noted and that a further report would submitted when the outcome was known.</p>
<b>10.</b>	Transition Services Task Group	All Wards;	<p>(i) that agreement be given to the Task Group recommendations as set out below and in the report from the Director of Policy and Regeneration:</p> <p>Recommendation 1 – The task group recommends that officers working with the Children in Care Council, known as Care in Action, develop a range of activities to bring elected councillors and young people in care together to discuss ways of improving council services. This should not just be restricted to services for looked after children, but the range of services provided in Brent.</p> <p>Recommendation 2 – The task group recommends that steps are taken to weight the criteria for adult social care services and mental health services to better reflect the needs of young people in transition. For example, mental health assessments for 18 to 25 year olds are adapted to meet the needs of young people to recognise the difference between those in transition and older adults.</p> <p>Recommendation 3 – The task group recommends that NHS Brent fully re-commissions the early intervention in psychosis service in 2010/11 and that it reports to the Health Select Committee during 2010/11 outlining the work of the service and the commissioning</p>

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			<p>priorities for mental health services in Brent.</p> <p>Recommendation 4 – The task group recommends that officers develop a proposal for the remodelling of services for vulnerable young people so that there is greater emphasis on early intervention and preventative services. This should build on initiatives such as implementation of the Common Assessment Framework, the development of children’s centres and introduction of the Family Intervention Project. The task group believes the development of a fully integrated preventative service is an aspiration the council and partners should be aiming to deliver and see this as a long term project. If implemented, it could ease the difficult transition from children’s to adult’s services as positive interventions will happen at an earlier stage in a young persons’ life. Initial follow up on this recommendation will take place in 12 months time (April 2011) by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to see how it has been progressed.</p> <p>Recommendation 5 – The task group recommends that Brent Housing Partnership and Registered Social Landlords in Brent change their tenancy management procedures and policies to allow siblings who are leaving care the opportunity to share a tenancy if there is a desire to do so. This will affect a small number of care leavers each year that would benefit from the support provided by living with a brother or sister.</p> <p>Recommendation 6 – The task group recommends that the Young People in Care Services Team and Housing Services work up a solution to allow young people in care the opportunity to go to</p>

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			<p>university outside of London but maintain a tenancy in Brent so they retain a link with their home area. This will affect a small number of young people each year, but could have a significant impact on their life chances if implemented.</p> <p>Recommendation 7 – The task group recommends that adult social services makes it clear who is the named contact for organisations working with vulnerable young people to improve the referral process and to assist young people when they are contacting statutory services.</p> <p>Recommendation 8 – The task group recommends that a prospectus of services for young people aged 16 to 25 in Brent is developed to help sign post young people in transition to the most appropriate services. The prospectus should include contact details for services and referral routes and should be used as a one-stop guide for staff and young people. Statutory services and voluntary organisations should be included in the prospectus.</p> <p>Recommendation 9 – The task group recommends that officers are instructed to work up proposals for a foyer project in Brent, bringing together a small amount of accommodation plus associated services to deliver a holistic, one stop service to meet the needs of vulnerable young people in transition from childhood to adulthood. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider an update on progress in implementing this in October 2010.</p> <p>Recommendation 10 – The task group recommends that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee asks officers to prepare two</p>

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			<p>further task group scopes to look at services in place for young people in Brent:</p> <p>(i). Transition services for young people with physical disabilities</p> <p>(ii). Mental health services for young people in Brent aged 16 to 25.</p> <p>(ii) that the task group members be thanked for their work.</p>
11.	Budget Strategy 2011/12 to 2014/15	All Wards;	<p>(i) that the latest forecast for the council's revenue budget for 2011/12 to 2014/15 at Appendix A to the report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources and the assumptions used to derive this be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that the overall budget process set out in the report be endorsed;</p> <p>(iii) that the proposed budget timetable be noted.</p>
12.	Relocation of Albert Road Day Care Centre	Kenton; Kilburn;	that approval be given to the total budget estimate as shown in Appendix 3 of the report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources for construction of the day care centre at John Billam Playing Fields to replace the one currently situated at Albert Road.
13.	Brent Engagement Strategy	All Wards;	that the draft of the new Community Consultation, Engagement and Empowerment Strategy be adopted as the Brent Engagement Strategy 2010-14, the strategy to be published formally in August 2010.
14.	Performance and Finance Quarter 4, 2009-2010	All Wards;	<p>(i) that the council's spending, activity and performance in financial year 2009/10 be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that all directors ensure that where there are underlying spending</p>

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			<p>pressures these are addressed in 2010/11 so spend is kept within budget and underperformance tackled, and that measures are taken, in consultation with relevant portfolio holders, to achieve this;</p> <p>(iii) that approval be given to the 2010/11 virements referred to in paragraph 5.11 of the report from the Directors of Finance and Corporate Resources and Policy and Regeneration detailed in appendix G;</p> <p>(iv) that approval be given to the budget reductions in those areas where government grant has been reduced in 2010/11 as set out in Appendix H of the Directors' report.</p>
15.	Reference of item considered by Forward Plan Select Committee		<p><i>Enforcement of moving traffic and parking contraventions by means of CCTV cameras</i>  <i>Main Programme Grant – funding for organisations providing regeneration, and community safety services</i></p> <p>that the Select Committee's recommendations noted and approved subject to clarification of the recommendation relating to Brent Private Tenants Rights Group and the chances of funding becoming available.</p>