

**London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Executive
on Monday, 19 September 2011**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Hashmi, Hunter and McLennan

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6.	The South Kilburn Regeneration Programme	Queens Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1144 754 2092 818">i. that the progress made on the South Kilburn Regeneration project as set out in the report be noted. <li data-bbox="1144 858 2092 1262">ii. that the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects be authorised to seek the Secretary of State's consent to the disposal and redevelopment of phase 2 sites on the estate for the purposes of Ground 10A of Schedule 2 of the Housing Act 1985, to enable the Council to apply for a court order to obtain vacant possession of residential dwellings let under secure tenancies, Section 32 of the Housing Act 1985 to dispose of housing land, Section 19 of the Housing Act for appropriation of all housing land within Phase 1b and Phase 2 of the South Kilburn Regeneration project for planning purposes and under the necessary Act (if applicable) to dispose of non housing land (all blocks and phases earmarked for redevelopment are listed in Appendix 2). <li data-bbox="1144 1302 2092 1390">iii. that the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects be authorised to appropriate all land comprised within Phase 1b and Phase 2 of the South Kilburn Regeneration project to planning purposes when

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			<p>it is no longer required for the purposes for which it is held prior to appropriation subject in respect of land held for housing purposes to the consent of the Secretary of State under Section 19 of the Housing Act 1985.</p> <p>iv. that the making of compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) to acquire (a) all interests and rights in the properties listed in Appendix 1 and comprising the land shown edged red on the plans in Appendix 1 (the CPO Land) and (b) any new rights in the CPO Land which may be required under section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, notably Bronte House, Fielding House, Wordsworth House, Masefield House, Durham Court and Gloucester House, be authorised.</p> <p>v. that the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects be authorised to cease long term lettings and authorise the service of demolition notices and the suspension of tenants' Rights to Buy applications in relation to secure tenancies across the estate on all one bedroom properties that have been identified to be demolished as part of the South Kilburn Regeneration Programme and continue to prioritise all new development site lettings in South Kilburn to tenants within sites on the next phase of development (all blocks and phases earmarked for redevelopment are listed in Appendix 2 of the report).</p> <p>vi. that the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects be authorised to cease all long term lettings in blocks earmarked for redevelopment within five years of their scheduled demolition date (all blocks and phases earmarked for redevelopment are listed in</p>

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			<p>Appendix 2 of this report).</p> <p>vii. that it be authorised that the CPOs, once made, be submitted to the Secretary of State for confirmation and that at the same time, the council seek to acquire the land by private negotiated treaty on such terms as may be agreed by the Director of Finance & Corporate Services.</p> <p>viii. that demolition notices be served and the tenants' Rights to Buy in relation to secure tenancies at Masefield House, Wordsworth House, Durham Court and Gloucester House which are all on the South Kilburn estate, be suspended and that the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects be authorised to issue all and any notices required to be issued in connection with such demolition.</p> <p>ix. that the following be authorised: -</p> <p>(a) The submissions of the CPOs, once made in respect of the CPO Land, to the Secretary of State for confirmation whilst at the same time seeking to acquire the CPO land by private negotiated treaty on such terms as may be agreed by the Director of Regeneration and Major Projects;</p> <p>(b) The Director of Regeneration and Major Projects to enter into agreements and make undertakings on behalf of the Council with the holders of interests in the CPO Land or parties otherwise affected by the Scheme setting out the terms for the withdrawal of their objections to the confirmation of the CPOs and including the</p>

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			<p>offering back of any part of the CPO Land not required by the Council after the completion of the development or the acquisition of rights over the CPO Land in place of freehold acquisition, where such agreements are appropriate;</p> <p>(c) The making of one or more general vesting declarations or service of Notices to Treat and Notices of Entry (as appropriate) pursuant to the Compulsory Purchase (Vesting Declarations) Act 1981 and the Compulsory Purchase Act 1965 respectively should the CPOs be confirmed by the Secretary of State;</p> <p>(d) The serving of all requisite notices on the holders of the CPO Land relating to the making and confirmation of the CPOs;</p> <p>(e) The Director of Regeneration and Major Projects to remove from the CPOs in respect of any plot (or interest therein) no longer required to be acquired compulsorily for the scheme to proceed and to amend the interests scheduled in the CPOs (if so advised) and to alter the nature of the proposed acquisition from an acquisition of existing property interests to an acquisition of new rights (if so advised);</p> <p>(f) The Director of Regeneration and Major Projects within the defined boundary of the CPO Land, to acquire land and/or new rights by agreement either in advance of the confirmation of compulsory purchase powers, if so advised, or following the confirmation of compulsory powers by the Secretary of State;</p> <p>(g) The Director of Regeneration and Major Projects, if so advised, to</p>

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			seek to acquire for the Council by agreement any interest in land wholly or partly within the limits of the CPO Land for which a blight notice has been validly served.
7.	LDF - Wembley Area Action Plan Public Consultation	Barnhill; Preston; Stonebridge; Tokyngton; Wembley Central	<p>(i) that the proposals for processing the Area Action Plan to adoption, and the Issues and Options for the proposed public consultation commencing on 27 September be agreed.</p> <p>(ii) that the Assistant Director, Planning and Development be authorised to make further editorial changes to the Issues and Options consultation document prior to finally issuing it for public consultation.</p>
8.	Brent's response to the HS2 consultation	All Wards	that the response submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport in July 2011, as set out in paragraph 3.24 of the report, be endorsed.
9.	Proposed Changes to Articles of Association for Brent Housing Partnership	All Wards	<p>i. that the following clause be inserted into BHP's Articles as paragraph 16(1)(d):</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">“PROVIDED THAT all Independent Board Members will retire</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">from office on expiry or termination of the Management Agreement dated 1st October 2002 or such earlier date as the Council may determine by notice to the Company Secretary”</p> <p>ii. that BHP will not advertise their Tenant Board Member vacancy until the governance review, due to commence in September 2011, has been concluded.</p>
10.	Authority to invite tenders for	All Wards	i. that the report which identified opportunities for collaborative

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	Highways Maintenance Works		<p>procurement and improved service provision in the future, be noted;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. that an exemption from standing orders for the procurement of interim Highway Maintenance Framework Agreements on the basis of good operational reasons as set out in Section 3 of the report be agreed and the establishment of these Framework Agreements as listed in paragraph 3.2 of the report be approved. iii. iv. that the appointment to the Highways Maintenance Framework Agreements of the contractors listed in Appendix 1 from 1st August 2012 until 31st March 2013 be approved.
11.	Review of school crossing patrol service	All Wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that it be agreed not to proceed with the proposed withdrawal of School Crossing Patrol officers at this time; ii. that the Director of Environment & Neighbourhood Services, together with the Director of Children & Families, undertake a detailed consultation with schools, including governors, encouraging them to contribute voluntarily to the costs of the service and further promoting the importance of road safety education in schools; iii. that the risk evaluation matrix, as set out in Section 4.2, based on rates of vehicular and pedestrian traffic flows, additional risk factors and evaluation of mitigation, and the safety ranking of sites implied by that matrix, be adopted; iv. that this matrix be used to prioritise the deployment of school crossing patrol officers at such time when there is natural turnover

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			<p>of staff within the service, ensuring that sites with a higher risk assessment (with an adjusted score greater than 1×10^6) are prioritised for cover;</p> <p>v. that the prioritisation of risk mitigation measures at school crossing patrol sites, particularly the introduction of speed reduction interventions and controlled crossings that will continue to reduce the adjusted risk scores of sites, be noted.</p>
12.	A review of Fairer Contributions Policy for Adult Social Services	All Wards	<p>i. that the Fairer Contributions Policy (attached at Appendix A to the report) be adopted;</p> <p>ii. that it be agreed that the new policy should begin to be implemented from 1st October 2011.</p>
13.	Outcomes of the consultation into the closure of Knowles House Site	All Wards	that the closure of the Knowles house site, and the re-provision of care for both Knowles House Residents and Westbrook Day service attendees be undertaken by agreed and appropriate approved independent and voluntary sector providers, as near to family and friends as is possible.
14.	Authority to agree changes to the Taxicard scheme in Brent from October 2011	All Wards	<p>i. that Option 3 be implemented from 1 October 2011 in order to manage demand in the future and focus the scheme on those with the highest needs. This option is focused on the following changes:</p> <p>a) Introduction of a mobility assessment to replace the current GP assessment for people who do not automatically qualify for a Taxicard</p> <p>b) A reduced trip limit of 48 as the standard with provision to extend the number of trips based on clear criteria related to the</p>

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			<p>mobility assessment, wider need and available circle of support</p> <p>c) Re-introducing double swiping and continuing to allow 'roll overs' to ensure that Taxicard members have control over their allocation and can use it to meet their individual needs.</p> <p>ii. that authority be delegated to the Director of Adult Social Care in consultation with the Director of Finance and Corporate Services, to adjust the trip level if the monthly monitoring data from London Councils indicates there will be an overspend in 2011/12.</p>
15.	Authority to renew grant funding for the Brent Citizens Advice Bureau and Brent Community Law Centre	All Wards	<p>i. that the grant for the BCAB be renewed for a further 6 months from 1st October 2011, to conclude 31st March 2012.</p> <p>ii. that the grant for the BCLC be renewed for a further 6 months from 1st October 2011, to conclude 31st March 2012.</p>
16.	Preventing youth offending - overview and scrutiny task group	All Wards	that the approach and findings of the task group be endorsed and the recommendations passed to the One Council Programme Board to be addressed within the new project focusing on early intervention and services to children.
17.	Joint Procurement of Knowledge Management Software (Legal Services)	All Wards	<p>i. that the proposal for Brent to act as lead authority for a collaborative procurement (with other members of the London Boroughs Legal Alliance) of a framework or frameworks for the procurement of on-line legal resources be noted.</p> <p>ii. that tenders need not be sought for the collaborative procurement described in paragraph 2.1 of the report for reasons connected with</p>

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			the protection of exclusive rights, as described in paragraphs 3.6 – 3.10 of the report, in accordance with Contract Standing order 86(e)(i).
18.	Private Hire Framework - WLA	All Wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the pre-tender considerations and the criteria to be used to evaluate tenders, as set out in paragraph 7.1 of the report, be approved; ii. that officers invite tenders and evaluate them in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria referred to in the decision above.
19.	Request authority to tender the Insurance Contracts	All Wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the pre-tender considerations and the criteria to be used to evaluate tenders for the Council’s Insurance Services, as set out in paragraph 3.10 of the report, be approved; ii. that officers invite expressions of interest, agree shortlists, invite tenders in respect of the Council’s Insurance Services contracts and evaluate them in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria referred to in the decision above; iii. that approval be given to extend the current insurance services contract with Zurich Municipal for a period of six months.
20.	Performance and Finance review - quarter 1	All Wards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. that the Finance and Performance information contained in the report be noted and that remedial actions as necessary be agreed; ii. that the 2010-11 budget virements contained in the report be agreed.