



Executive

Monday 11 February 2013 at 7.00 pm

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

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Lead Member Councillors:

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Beswick	Lead Member for Crime and Public Safety
Crane	Lead Member for Regeneration and Major Projects
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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

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Local authorities have discretionary powers to charge adult recipients of non-residential services. The decision as to whether or not to charge and how to charge are matters for local choice subject to public law principles and should comply with the Department of Health's "Fairer Charging" and "Fairer Contributions" guidance. This guidance was updated and issued by the Department of Health on the 29th October 2012 to take effect immediately. Based on this revision, the department took the opportunity to review its current charging policy and related practice frameworks. Following on from this review, this report recommends that Members agree to adopt a revised policy, namely the Brent Council's Fairer Contributions Policy (the 'policy') and related practice frameworks to ensure that practice in Brent is in line with the Department of Health's Guidance and is consistently applied across all residents of Brent.

Appendices circulated separately

Appendix also referred to below

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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Children and Families reports

5	Outcome of Safeguarding Inspection report and Action Plan	19 - 62
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The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the outcome of the Ofsted inspection of Brent's arrangements for the protection of children

which took place between 22-31 October 2012. The detail is contained within the attached full inspection report and the associated Action Plan.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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6 Authority for exemption to allow the award of contracts to Brent schools for specific education services 63 - 72

This report details special educational needs and learning support services delivered to the Council by four academies and makes recommendations on the contractual arrangements to be put in place to formalise these arrangements.

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All Wards

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7 Procurement of Speech and Language Therapy and information and guidance Services at Children's Centres 73 - 76

The purpose of this report is to seek authority for the renewal of two contracts delivered through Brent Children's Centres; one supplying speech and language therapy to children aged under 5 years and the other delivering independent advice and guidance to Brent families. The services are commissioned by the council and form part of a range of services to families delivered through Children Centres.

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All Wards

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8 SEN and Disability Strategy 2013-2016 77 - 104

This report responds to the statutory duty on councils to set out its arrangements to meet the needs of children with special educational needs and to consult on these arrangements. Attached is a draft, three year partnership strategy for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) in Brent (Appendix A) for

consideration and approval by the Executive.

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9 Authority for exemption to award a two year and one term contract for Special Educational Needs independent special school provision 105 - 112

This report concerns the commissioning of school places for secondary students with Statements of Special Educational Need (SEN) for autistic spectrum disorders, (ASD) at Centre Academy, an independent day special school in Wandsworth.

Appendix referred to below

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Environment and Neighbourhood Services reports

10 Public Realm Contract Award criteria 113 - 120

On 15 October 2012 the Executive gave its approval to invite tenders for a public realm contract. The Executive approved the advertising and the operation of a pre-qualification process without the approval of evaluation criteria and certain other pre-tender considerations subject to approval of such matters at a future Executive. This report updates the Executive on progress to date, explains the procurement process and sets out the proposed contract award criteria and other pre-tender considerations.

Ward Affected:

All Wards

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11 Dog Control orders 121 - 126

This report provides information on the current Dog Control orders, the informal feedback that has been received since their implementation in April 2012 and recommends one change to the Dog Control Orders currently in force in Brent's parks and open spaces.

Ward Affected:

Lead Member: Councillor Powney

All Wards

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12 Transportation Major Works Programme 2013-14 127 - 150

This report sets out recommendations for how Brent's £3.5 million capital budget should be allocated through a prioritised programme of: Major and minor pavement upgrades; Road resurfacing; and Improvements to the public realm.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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Regeneration and Major Projects reports

13 Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Budget 2013-14 and Rent Increase Proposals for Council dwellings for 2013-14 151 - 194

This report presents to Members the revised (probable) HRA budget for 2012/13 and the draft HRA budget for 2013/14 as required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Members are required to consider these budget estimates and the associated options, taking account of the requirement to set a Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget that does not show a deficit and in particular Members need to consider and agree the level of HRA dwelling rents and service charges for 2013/14. The report also sets out an update on the 30 year HRA Business Plan which takes account of the HRA Self Financing regime which was introduced in April 2012. The report also includes proposals for setting the rent and service charge levels for 2013/14 for the non HRA Brent Stonebridge dwellings.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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14 Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 Planning Obligations 195 - 224

Government legislative changes mean the Community Infrastructure Levy will replace S106 Planning Obligations as the vehicle for funding the infrastructure that supports growth and development. Authorities will collect Community Infrastructure Levy contributions from developers to pay for the infrastructure requirements created by new development, with S106 Planning Obligations restricted in the main to site specific matters.

The Council is now in a position to adopt the Brent CIL Charging Schedule.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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15 Disposal of the former Tokyngton Library

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On 11 April 2011, in a report to the Executive titled "Libraries Transformation Project" Members approved the closure of a number of libraries including Tokyngton. At the 21 May 2012 Executive meeting Members were informed of the intended disposal of the surplus former Tokyngton library. This report details the marketing exercise undertaken for the former Tokyngton Library and makes recommendations to the Executive in respect of the disposal.

Appendix referred to below

Ward Affected:
Tokyngton

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16 Vivian Avenue covenant - deed of release

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Wembley District Council (the Council as successor in title) entered into a covenant with trustees of the Oakington Manor Estate not to develop open land at the rear of Vivian Avenue. Network Housing Group have secured a planning permission to develop the site for an extra care housing scheme for the frail elderly and have requested a deed of release from the covenant from the council. The benefits of new supported housing for the elderly, along with retention of part of the site for community allotments, are such that it is recommended that the council enter into such a deed.

Appendix referred to below

Ward Affected:
Tokyngton

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17 Douglas Avenue Resource Centre disposal and Ashley Gardens Pavilion refurbishment - amendment to the capital programme

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To amend the capital programme to enable the forward funding of refurbishment works at Ashley Gardens Pavilion, Ashley Gardens and agree to dispose of the freehold interest in the Douglas Avenue Resource

Centre in order to repay the forward investment.

Ward Affected:

Alperton;
Preston;
Wembley
Central

Lead Member: Councillor Crane

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18 South Kilburn development - Phase 3 amendment

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This report seeks an amendment to the recommendations approved by the Executive on 15th October 2012 pertaining to Phase 3 of the South Kilburn regeneration programme which are required to further progress this phase. In the report to the Executive, 113 to 136 and 97 to 112 Carlton House and Peel Precinct were together defined as the 'Peel' redevelopment site. This definition of Peel should not have included 113 to 136 Carlton House (all numbers inclusive) and should have included 8 to 14 Neville Close (all numbers inclusive). This report seeks an amendment to the recommendations in relation to the Peel redevelopment site, to include 8 to 14 Neville Close and exclude 113 to 136 Carlton House.

Ward Affected:

Kilburn

Lead Member: Councillor Crane

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19 Lease extension Pyramid House, Fourth Way, Wembley

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This report seeks to obtain authority to extend the lease at Pyramid House, Fourth Way, Wembley.

Ward Affected:

All Wards

Lead Member: Councillor Crane

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20 Coles Green Court

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This report concerns the redevelopment of Coles Green Court by Network Housing Group and seeks approval to make a Compulsory Purchase Order to acquire leaseholder interests and other relevant interests at Coles Green Court and authority to take all necessary steps to acquire said interests.

Appendices referred to below

Ward Affected:

Dollis Hill

Lead Member: Councillor Crane

Contact Officer: Jonathan Kay, Major Projects

Central Reports

21 2013/14 Budget and Council Tax

The budget report sets out the key decisions Members are asked to make on: the 2013/14 General Fund revenue budget; the 2013/14 Schools Budget; the 2013/14 Housing Revenue Account; the Council's capital programme for 2013/14 to 2016/17; the Council's treasury management strategy; and prudential indicators aimed at ensuring the affordability of capital spending and a secure approach to borrowing and investment. *circulated separately*

Report circulated separately

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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22 Voluntary Sector Initiative Fund 2013-16

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This report seeks agreement to grant fund 14 projects led by voluntary organisations for three years, subject to performance, following assessment of the round 2 of bids for grant funding against the criteria set by the Executive in January 2012.

Appendices circulated separately

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All Wards

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23 Local Welfare Assistance Scheme for Brent

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This report sets out: a recommended scheme for Local Welfare Assistance payments replacing the previous provision of similar services via Job Centre Plus and administered through the Department for Work and Pensions, and taking account of the outcomes from the recent public consultation process; the findings and outcomes of the consultation arrangements for the proposed Local Welfare Assistance Scheme carried out over a five week period between 6 December 2012 and 11 January 2013; the financial and equality impacts of the recommended Local Welfare Assistance Scheme for Brent residents.

Appendices circulated separately

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24 Collective Switching 321 - 378

This report considers Collective Energy Switching (CES) as a way of obtaining fairer energy prices for the residents of Brent. Domestic energy is a significant cost for all Brent residents, with many paying more than they should be. By purchasing energy collectively the cost of procuring energy can be reduced. This report discusses the various options, implications, costs and benefits of CES and seeks Executive approval to the introduction of a collective energy switching scheme for Brent residents in association with a number of other London authorities.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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25 Internal Audit Contract - 2013 to 2015 379 - 382

This report seeks approval for the council to enter into a contract with the London Borough of Croydon for the provision of internal audit services for a two year period from April 2013 to March 2015. The anticipated cost of this contract over two years, including inflationary uplift is £590,000. The Audit Committee endorsed the proposal at its meeting on 9th January 2013.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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26 Applications for NNDR Discretionary Rate Relief 383 - 394

This report includes applications received for discretionary rate relief since the Executive Committee last considered such applications in October 2012.

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All Wards

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27 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.

28 Reference of item considered by Call in Overview and Scrutiny Committee - none

29 Exclusion of Press and Public

The following item(s) is/are not for publication as it/they relate to the following category of exempt information as specified in the Local Government Act 1972 namely:

“Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings”

APPENDICES:

- Fairer Charging Policy update

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority)

APPENDICES:

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- Vivian Avenue covenant - deed of release
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