

**London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet
on Monday 10 November 2014**

PRESENT: Councillor Butt (Chair), Councillor Pavey (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Crane, Hirani, Mashari, McLennan and Moher

ABSENT: Councillors Denselow

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Filson, Long and Mahmood

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4.	Authority to tender a contract for Independent Reviewing officer (IRO) Service for Looked After Children	All Wards	(i) that approval be given to the invite of tenders for Brent Independent Reviewing Service for Looked After Children on the basis of the pre - tender considerations set out in paragraph (vi) of the report from the Strategic Director of Children and Young People; (ii) that the tender be let for a term of two years with the option to extend for a further 12 months; (iii) that officers evaluate the tenders referred to in paragraph (i) above on the basis of the evaluation criteria set out in paragraph (vi) of the report.
5.	Future Development of Children's Centres	All Wards	that officers commence a programme of consultation and engagement with service users, staff and other stakeholders, reporting back to Cabinet in January 2015 with proposals for a sustainable model of delivery for the children's centres.
6.	Allocation Scheme Review	All Wards	(i) that the responses provided in the consultation process as summarised in Sections 4 and 5 of the from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Growth report (and as set out in more detail in Appendix 3 and in in the Equality Impact Assessment in Appendix 1 to the report);

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			<p>(ii) that the content of the Equality Impact Assessment as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;</p> <p>(iii) that approval be given to the proposed changes to the Council's Allocation Scheme as set out in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.8 of the report and summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) In specified circumstances, the Allocation Scheme will allow bids to be placed automatically through Locata where a household fails to bid. (b) Band C priority should be restored for homeless households accepting a Qualifying Offer. (c) The Allocation Scheme should allow direct offers to be made at the council's discretion rather than limited to exceptional circumstances. (d) Adult children should not be allocated a separate bedroom if they are able to share with a same-sex sibling of any age. (e) Parents who have only one child residing with them will be able to bid for one-bedroom properties where they choose to do so. (f) Where the applicant is an under-occupier, adult children may be included as part of the household if the move is

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			<p>to a smaller home.</p> <p>(g) Households who were not employed at the time of application should be able to request the award of additional waiting time once they enter employment through submission of a change of circumstances form.</p> <p>(h) Residence criteria should apply to homeless households as they do to other applicants.</p> <p>(i) Overcrowding cases should move from Band B to Band C for all tenures.</p> <p>(j) The omission of the Voluntary Sector Quota from the current Allocation Scheme should be corrected.</p> <p>(iv) that it be noted that a report on the impact of the changes based on the first six months following implementation will be presented to the Policy Coordination Group in July 2015.</p>
7.	Housing Private Finance Initiative project agreement revisions	Barnhill; Brondesbury Park; Kenton; Stonebridge; Wembley Central; Willesden Green	<p>(i) that the proposed revisions to the Project Agreement (and related documents) as set out in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.15 of this report be noted and authority to agree of the final terms of revision to the Project Agreement (and related documents) contract be delegated to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Growth in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the Borough Solicitor;</p> <p>(ii) that authority be authority to the Strategic Director for Regeneration and Growth, in consultation with the Chief Finance Officer and the Borough Solicitor, to agree the variation to the PFI Project Agreement and</p>

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			<p>all other related documents, in order to enable the contract revisions to be properly documented;</p> <p>(iii) that the Borough Solicitor, or an authorised delegate acting on her behalf, be authorised to execute all of the legal agreements, contracts and other documents on behalf of the council and such other legal agreements and documentation which may be necessary to give full effect to the variation to the PFI Project Agreement, subject to her receiving confirmation of continuing credit approval from the Department for Communities and Local Government, through the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) or, executing such contracts and other documentation with a pre-condition that they shall only come into full effect upon the issuing of such PFI credit approval by the HCA/DCLG;</p> <p>(iv) that the Chief Finance Officer can issue, on behalf of the council, such certificate or certificates under the Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 to:</p> <p>a. Brent Co-Efficient in respect of the Deed of Amendment (or such other document) to give effect to the variations to the PFI Project Agreement;</p> <p>b. Brent Co-Efficient's funders in respect of any the Direct Agreement Amendment Deed (or such other document) to give effect to the variations to the Direct Agreement entered into between the council, such the funders and Brent Co-Efficient; and</p> <p>c. Hyde Housing Association and the Brent Co-Efficient's funders in respect of a the Residual Value Amendment Deed (or such other document) to give effect to the revised Residual Value Deed to</p>

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			<p>be entered into between the council, Hyde Housing Association and the funders.</p> <p>(v) Agree that the Chief Finance Officer will be fully indemnified by the council in the event of any claim against him arising from the provision of any Certificate he may issue in accordance with recommendations/decisions in (iv) above.</p>
8.	Review of Revenues Collection post 2016	All Wards	<p>(i) that the options for the future provision of Revenue and IT services as outlined in paragraphs 3.2 to 3.6 of the report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Growth be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to officers' recommended option to exercise the contractual provision to extend the existing Revenues and IT contract with Capita for three years from 1 May 2016 to 30 April 2019.</p>
9.	Authority to award Employment Services Provider Framework	All Wards	That approval be given to approve the appointments of the twelve (12) providers listed in Para. 3.15 of the report from the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Growth to the Brent Employment Services (multi-provider) Framework for an initial period of two (2) years with an option to extend up to a further two (2) years.
10.	Disposal of basement space at 48d Mapesbury Road, London NW2 4JE	Mapesbury	<p>(i) that approval be given to the leasehold disposal of the Council's basement space directly lying beneath 48d Mapesbury Road to the leaseholder of the same address, for a capital receipt.</p> <p>(ii) that authority be delegated to the Operational Director of Property and Projects to agree the terms of the disposal and grant a new lease for the sale of the basement space.</p>
11.	Annual report of the Director of Public Health for Brent 2014	All Wards	That the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health for Brent 2014 which will be presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for consideration be noted. The Health and Wellbeing Board will review its

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			work programme and priorities in the light of the Report.
12.	Award of Contracts for Gas and Electricity	All Wards	(i) that the contract for the Supply of Electricity be awarded to Npower Limited and Kent County Council for four years from 1 October 2016 via a call-off from the LASER framework. (ii) that the contract for the Supply of Gas be awarded to Total Gas and Power Limited and Kent County Council for four years from 1 October 2016 via a call-off from the LASER framework.
13.	2014/15 Mid-Year Treasury Report	All Wards	That the 2014/15 mid-year Treasury report, which has been presented to the Audit Committee and will also be submitted to Full Council be noted.