

Cabinet

Monday 23 February 2015 at 7.00 pm

Board Room 4 - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way,
Wembley HA9 0FJ

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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence.

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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	1 - 14
3 Matters arising	
4 Petitions	15 - 16

Petitions on the following have been received in response to the budget exercise:

- 1. Keep Stonebridge Adventure Playground open**
- 2. Keep Welsh Harp Environmental Study Centre open**
- 3. Save our youth service**
- 4. Save School Crossings Patrol**
- 5. Leopold Primary School - save our School Patrol Officer**
- 6. Keep Bridge Park Community Leisure Centre open**

Details attached.

5 Budget 2015/16 and Council Tax	<i>Circulated separately</i>
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On 15 December 2014 Cabinet considered the council's overall financial position and a set of draft budget proposals. Cabinet agreed that:

"...consultation be carried out with residents, the voluntary and community sector, local businesses and other groups as necessary on the draft savings proposals and their consequences."

Cabinet is now required to recommend a budget for Full Council to consider at its meeting of 2 March 2015. This report therefore presents a summary of the further work that has been undertaken in order to reach the budget now proposed, and the reasons for the proposals. Where appropriate the financial information previously presented has been updated, and those remaining uncertainties (as at the date of despatch) are highlighted and addressed.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

Lead Member: Councillor Pavey
Contact Officer: Mick Bowden, Operational

Children and Young People reports

6 Contract with Brent Play Association for Stonebridge Adventure Playground 17 - 34

This report seeks to determine the future of the contract with Brent Play Association for the provision of play activities at Stonebridge Adventure Playground (SAP). The current contract runs until 31 March 2015.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

Lead Member: Councillor Moher
Contact Officer: Sara Williams, Operational
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7 The future development of Children's Centres 35 - 184

This report details the initial outcome of ongoing consultation with staff and service users on the development of a sustainable model for the borough's children's centres to be implemented from September 2015. This report recommends a preferred option following consideration of the consultation and requests approval to invite tenders in respect of the management and operation of Children's Centres as required by Contract Standing Orders 88 and 89.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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Regeneration and Growth reports

8 Stonebridge redevelopment proposals including Primary School Expansion and the Stonebridge Day Centre - update 185 - 296

Following public consultation, this report is an update to Members, detailing the development of site proposals for the Subject Lands, setting out the process of public consultation on the most up-to date plans and setting out the feedback received. Based on this, Officers have made various recommendations with regard to the redevelopment.
(Appendix referred to below)

Ward Affected:
Stonebridge

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9 Development Funds Programme Development for 2015-16 297 - 324

This report seeks the approval of Cabinet for the proposed spatial and thematic allocation of Section 106 funds for expenditure in 2015-16 and commissioning specific projects and budget amounts detailed herein.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

Lead Member: Councillor McLennan
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10 The Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan and Budget (including rent proposals for 2015/16) 325 - 360

This report presents to Members the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) forecast outturn for 2014/15 and a proposed HRA Business Plan budget for 2015/16 as required by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. The report sets out budget proposals for housing management services, stock investment and new council housing development, and rent-setting proposals for 2015/16.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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11 Authority to award contracts for Rough Sleepers' Outreach and Housing Advice and Resettlement Services 361 - 428

At its meeting on the 16 June 2014, Cabinet approved proposals to invite tenders for the provision of the London Borough of Brent's Rough Sleepers' Outreach and Housing Advice and Resettlement Services. Subsequently the services were put out as two separate tenders namely: The Rough Sleeper's Outreach Service; and The Rough Sleepers' Housing Advice and Resettlement Service. This report now requests authority to award contracts as required by Contract Standing Order No 88. This report summarises the process undertaken in tendering this contract and, following the completion of the evaluation of the tenders, recommends to whom the contracts should be awarded.
(Appendix referred to below)

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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12 National Non Domestic Rates – applications for Discretionary Rate Relief 429 - 438

The Council has the discretion to award rate relief to charities or non-profit making bodies. It also has the discretion to remit an individual National Non-Domestic Rate (NNDR) liability in whole or in part on the grounds of hardship. The award of discretionary rate relief is based on policy and criteria agreed by the Executive in September 2013. New applications for relief have to be approved by the Cabinet. The report details new applications for relief received since the Executive last considered such applications on 26 August 2014.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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Environment and Neighbourhoods reports

13 Libraries Stock Contract 439 - 442

This report sets out the process for re-tendering of the stock contract for the Library Service. The current framework agreement with the Central Buying Consortium ends in March 2016. There are two potential new frameworks that Brent could join. This report addresses that and also suggests a contingency arrangement, should the setting up of the frameworks be delayed.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

Lead Member: Councillor Denselow
Contact Officer: Sue McKenzie, Libraries, Arts and Heritage
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Adult Social Care reports

14 Adult Social Day Care Opportunities provision - Direct Services 443 - 456

The report identifies the need to begin a statutory consultation period on the future delivery model for day opportunities currently delivered from the New Millennium Day Centre and Kingsbury Resource Centre. The report additionally identifies the need to carry out a co-production exercise and options appraisal process in parallel to the statutory consultation to ensure we make best use of existing resources, support the re-modelling of day opportunities services within the community and ensure the current service users eligible needs continue to be met.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

Lead Member: Councillor Hirani
Contact Officer: Nancie Alleyne, Direct

15 Tudor Gardens - Supporting Independent Living 457 - 468

Tudor Gardens is a registered residential care home that Brent Council, adult social care, directly provides for adults with learning disabilities. This paper provides an overview of the service and the proposal to de-register the residential care home and re-provide it as supported living accommodation in line with the department's objectives to support people to have increased choice and control to live as independently as possible. The report also sets out the consultation process that will need to take place and highlights the potential issues that will need to be resolved as we go through that consultation process.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

Lead Member: Councillor Hirani
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16 Authority to award contract for Housing Related Support Services 469 - 476

This report requests authority to award a Floating and Accommodation Housing Related Support Services (FAHRS) contract as required by Contract Standing Order No 88. It also summarises the process undertaken in tendering this contract and, following the completion of the evaluation of the tenders, recommends to whom the contract should be awarded.

(Appendix referred to below)

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All Wards

Lead Member: Councillor Hirani
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Central Reports

17 Promoting Individual Electoral Registration - Scrutiny Task Group Report 477 - 508

This report brings to the Cabinet a report which contains findings and recommendations of the scrutiny task group's investigation into how to manage a successful transition to Individual Electoral Registration (IER). The IER system went live in July 2014 and is expected to fully supplant the current Household Electoral Registration system on 1st December 2015 with the aim of making the process of registration more convenient and secure.

Ward Affected:

Lead Member: Councillor Pavey

All Wards

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18 Authority to tender a contract for pre paid Financial Services

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This report concerns the procurement of pre-paid financial services for clients (principally adult care clients and carers of children) who are allocated personal care budgets, in order to allow them more independence in the management of their financial affairs. This report requests approval, as required by Contract Standing Orders 88 and 89 to invite tenders for the renewal of this contract from 1st October 2015.

Ward Affected:
All Wards

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19 Reference of item considered by Scrutiny Committee - none

20 Exclusion of Press and Public

The following items are not for publication as they relate to the following category of exempt information as specified in the Local Government Act 1972 namely:

APPENDICES:

- Stonebridge redevelopment proposals including Primary School Expansion and the Stonebridge Day Centre - update
- Authority to award contracts for Rough Sleepers' Outreach and Housing Advice and Resettlement Services
- Authority to award contract for Housing Related Support Services

(reports above relate)

21 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.

Date of the next meeting: Monday 16 March 2015



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