

**London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Cabinet
on Monday 23 February 2015**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Colacicco, Duffy, S Choudhary, A Choudry, Ezeajughi, Filson, Harrison, Long, Mahmood, Marquis, Perrin, Stopp, Tatler and Warren

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4.	Petitions		Noted.
5.	Budget 2015/16 and Council Tax	All Wards	<p>Subject to the final confirmation of the GLA precept, to approve the following recommendations for Full Council at its meeting on 2 March 2015, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) agree that there is no increase in the Council's element of council tax for 2015/16. (ii) agree the General Fund revenue budget for 2015/16, and note the indicative budget for 2016/17, as summarised in appendix B. (iii) agree the Service Area budgets including the cost pressures and savings detailed in Appendices C and D and dedicated schools' grant as set out in section 6. (iv) agree the budgets for central items as detailed in Appendix G. (v) agree the Housing Revenue Account budget set out in Appendix I(ii). (vi) agree the 2015/16 to 2016/17 capital programme as set out in Appendix J. (vii) agree the Treasury Management Strategy and the Annual

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			<p>(viii) Investment Strategy for 2015/16 set out in Appendix K. agree the Prudential Indicators measuring affordability, capital spending, external debt and treasury management set out in Appendix L.</p> <p>(ix) note the report from the Chief Finance Officer in Appendix E in respect of his statutory duty under Section 25 of 2003 Local Government Act.</p> <p>(x) note the advice of the Chief Legal Officer as set out in Appendix M.</p> <p>(xi) note the levels of unsupported borrowing forecast for 2015/16, based on the borrowing levels agreed by the Council on 3 March 2014.</p> <p>(xii) agree the instalment dates for council tax and NNDR for 2015/16, and the recovery policy for council tax as set out in Appendix H(ii).</p> <p>(xiii) agree that decisions on individual applications for reducing Council Tax payable in accordance with section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 be delegated to the Chief Finance Officer.</p>
6.	Contract with Brent Play Association for Stonebridge Adventure Playground	All Wards	that the contract with Brent Play Association for the provision of play services delivered from Stonebridge Adventure Playground be allowed to expire on 31 March 2015 and that the council does not enter into a further contract for the delivery of play services from Stonebridge Adventure Playground.
7.	The future development of Children's Centres	All Wards	<p>(i) that the initial outcome of the consultation on the development of a sustainable model for the borough's children's centres as detailed in paragraphs 3.1- 3.2 of the report and Appendices 3 and 4 be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that the invitation of tenders for the management and operation of Children's Centres on the basis of the pre-tender considerations set out in paragraph 4.0 of the report be approved;</p>

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			<p>(iii) that officers be authorised to evaluate the tenders referred to in 2.2 above on the basis of the evaluation criteria set out in paragraph 4.7 (vi) of the report;</p> <p>(iv) that an exemption from Contract Standing Order 104 (b) be granted to permit evaluation of bids on the basis of quality criteria alone within a price envelope;</p> <p>(v) that approval be given to the inclusion in the invitation to tender documents of a draft form of lease(s) and/or licence, to be on terms agreed by the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Growth in consultation with the Director of Legal and Procurement to be granted to the preferred partner of the Children Centres;</p> <p>(vi) that it be noted that organisations tendering will be expected to demonstrate that they will work with local voluntary organisations as service providers in children’s centres and that will be assessed as part of the tender evaluation;</p> <p>(vii) that the Strategic Director of Children and Young People, in consultation with the Lead Member, be authorised to approve the final service specification.</p>
8.	Stonebridge redevelopment proposals including Primary School Expansion and the Stonebridge Day Centre - update	Stonebridge	<p>(i) that approval be given to the revised principles of redevelopment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that the former Stonebridge Day Centre site - currently the Stonebridge Primary School Annex (a temporary use) and Milton Avenue be re-planned to provide new homes; (ii) that Stonebridge Primary School be expanded from 2 Forms of Entry to 3 Forms of Entry; (iii) that in respect of the Adventure Playground the land be re-planned to form part of the expanded Primary School; (iv) that the Open Space is re-planned to provide an equivalent area, of improved quality, running alongside the existing canal

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			<p>feeder;</p> <p>(v) that the existing open space at the frontage of the site be re-planned for housing;</p> <p>(vi) that the school building currently let to the Welsh School revert back to the Stonebridge Primary School; and</p> <p>(vii) that an alternative proposal in respect of play provision be developed on site as appropriate.</p> <p>(ii) that formal statutory consultation on the proposed expansion of Stonebridge Primary School from 2 Forms of Entry to 3 Forms of Entry be undertaken, subject to approval of the school's Governing Body to proceed to this stage on the basis of the proposals approved by the Cabinet as described in the report;</p> <p>(iii) that existing occupation arrangements (as per Confidential Appendix 3) with Brent Play Association be terminated and that the mitigation plan included within the Diversity Implications section of this report be implemented;</p> <p>(iv) that existing occupation arrangement (as per Confidential Appendix 3) with Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain, the Welsh School be terminated and that the relocation plan at paragraph 3.47 is progressed;</p> <p>(v) that the Operational Director Property and Projects in consultation with the Operational Director Children and Young People be delegated authority to agree the terms of the termination arrangement with Brent Play Association. And that the Operational Director Property and Projects be delegated authority to agree the terms of the termination arrangement with Ysgol Gymraeg Llundain, the Welsh School;</p> <p>(vi) that subject to the decisions made on the revised principles of redevelopment a subsequent report be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet for approval providing details of final plans for the expansion</p>

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			<p>of the Stonebridge Primary school and proposed redevelopment of the wider Stonebridge site and the associated forecast costs of the proposed redevelopment;</p> <p>(vii) that the Chief Finance Officer determine the precise financing arrangements for the scheme, once costs and likely receipts are more certain;</p> <p>(viii) that the overall land receipts are expected to exceed the capital costs as per 4.5 be noted;</p> <p>(ix) that the findings of the Equality Analysis be noted.</p>
9.	Development Funds Programme Development for 2015-16	All Wards	<p>(i) that approval be given to the proposed 2015-16 programme of Development Funded projects and the relevant Heads of Service authorised to deliver this programme using the allocated budget and resources available;</p> <p>(ii) that the 2015-16 allocation of £10.43m of S106 funding in the following split: £4.8m for Education; £0.6m for Transportation, £0.5m for Parks and Sports; £0.1m for Landscaping; £0.2m for Employment & Enterprise; £1.5m for Affordable Housing; £2.3m for Environment & Sustainability; £0.05m for Healthcare; and £0.4m for specific projects in Growth Areas, be noted;</p> <p>(iii) that any necessary statutory or non-statutory consultation and the consideration of any objections or representations be undertaken by the relevant Heads of Service responsible for delivering the projects;</p> <p>(iv) that the Director of Planning and Regeneration be authorised to approve and relevant Heads of Service to deliver projects in 2015-16 over and above the allocations and projects detailed herein where the exceptional circumstances criteria as set out in section 3.7, in the report from Strategic Director, Regeneration and Growth, are met.</p>
10.	The Housing Revenue Account (HRA)	All Wards	<i>HRA Business Plan Budget 2014/15:</i>

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	Business Plan and Budget (including rent proposals for 2015/16)		<p>(i) that that the HRA forecast outturn 2014/15 (<i>Table 1 –Budget Outturn Table 2014/15</i>) be noted;</p> <p><i>HRA Business Plan Budget 2015/16:</i></p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to the proposals and agreement to given to the savings/budget reductions for the HRA budget for 2015/16, as set out in Table 11 of this report and agree that they be included in the overall Budget for 2015/16 for approval by Full Council in March 2015;</p> <p>(iii) that approval be given to the HRA budget growth for 2015-16 of £1.434m and use of £778k of one off available resources;</p> <p><i>Rent Setting 2015/16:</i></p> <p>(iv) that approval be given to an average overall rent increase (excluding service charges) from April 2015 of £3.14 per week, which is an average overall increase of 2.8%;</p> <p>(v) that the revised HRA Council Dwelling service charges from April 2015 which results in an average increase of 0.4% and £0.03 per week for the majority of households affected be agreed;</p> <p>(vi) that an average overall rent increase from April 2015 of £2.79 per dwelling per week on the Brent Stonebridge Dwellings, which is an average overall rent increase of 2.2% as set out in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(vii) that the service charges on the Brent Stonebridge Dwellings from April 2015 increase by an average of 2% or an average of £0.17 per dwelling per week as set out in Appendix 1;</p> <p>(viii) that approval be given to the rent increase for Residential</p>

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			<p>Travellers Pitches from April 2015 of £2.45 per week, which is an average increase of 1% as set out in Appendix 2;</p> <p>(ix) that agreement be given to consult on proposals to de-pool charges for particular services, including CCTV and Door Entry and report the outcomes of this service charge review and consultation in 2015/16;</p> <p><i>HRA Stock Investment 2015/16:</i></p> <p>(x) that the HRA stock investment capital programme of £41.7m for 2015/16 be approved;</p> <p><i>HRA Council Housing Development 2015/16:</i></p> <p>(xi) that approval be given to the HRA Development Consultancy Fee of £1.045m and a capital new build programme of £5.447m for 2015/16 as set out in Table 10 to develop new council housing stock;</p> <p>(xii) that agreement be given to an exemption from the procurement requirements of Contract Standing Orders and delegates to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Growth in consultation with the Director of Legal and Procurement, the negotiation and entry into a Development Services Agreement with Brent Housing Partnership (Arms Length Management Organisation) to deliver Development Services functions in relation to the development of new council homes;</p> <p>(xiii) that the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Growth in consultation with the Director of Legal and Procurement be authorised, to negotiate and enter into a Funding Delivery Agreement with the Greater London Authority, securing Investment Partnering Housing Status for Brent and Social Housing Grant funding in 2015 – 2018 to enable the</p>

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			development of new council homes; (xiv) that approval be given to Phase 1 Council New Build Development Programme schemes as set out in Appendix 3.
11.	Authority to award contracts for Rough Sleepers' Outreach and Housing Advice and Resettlement Services	All Wards	(i) that the contract for the Rough Sleepers' Outreach services be awarded to St Mungo Community Housing Association; and (ii) that the contract for the Rough Sleepers' Housing Advice & Resettlement services be awarded to St Mungo Community Housing Association.
12.	National Non Domestic Rates – applications for Discretionary Rate Relief	All Wards	that the applications for discretionary rate relief detailed in Appendices 2 and 3 to the report from the Strategic Director, Regeneration and Growth be approved.
13.	Libraries Stock Contract	All Wards	(i) that the council express an interest in joining both the new Central Buying Consortium and London Libraries Consortium frameworks, while reserving the right to tender independently should the new frameworks not meet requirements; (ii) that, while the new frameworks are being renegotiated, the council enter into an agreement with a stock supplier for six months from April 2016 to September 2016.
14.	Adult Social Day Care Opportunities provision - Direct Services	All Wards	(i) that agreement be given to a 90 day statutory consultation on the future of New Millennium Day Centre and Kingsbury Resource Centre; (ii) that a co-production process be carried out alongside the statutory consultation. Co-production will involve working collaboratively with the people who use, deliver or are most affected by proposed changes to day services provision to redesign opportunities within the borough to better support local need, to be more personalised and innovative and to be more cost effective;

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			<p>(iii) that an options appraisal be undertaken to establish potential future use of the Kingsbury Resource Centre and New Millennium Day Centre buildings in conjunction with stakeholders based on input from the consultation and the co-production;</p> <p>(iv) that it be noted that the individual needs of current service users will be thoroughly reviewed following any decision to change the way day services are delivered to ensure that their needs continue to be met and to reduce any negative impact on their wellbeing;</p> <p>(v) that it be noted that consultation with affected staff would be carried out with a view to minimising or avoiding compulsory redundancies following any decision to change the way services are delivered.</p>
15.	Tudor Gardens - Supporting Independent Living	All Wards	<p>(i) that the contents of the report be noted;</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to the consultation on de-registering Tudor Garden residential home, and</p> <p>(iii) that the process for consulting with Tudor Garden residents and their families and/or advocates and the potential implications for the directly provided care which would result from agreeing the move to Supported Living, be noted.</p>
16.	Authority to award contract for Housing Related Support Services	All Wards	that the contract for Floating and Accommodation Housing Related Support Services for Physical Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Mental Health and Sensory Impairment be awarded to Look Ahead Care and Support Limited.
17.	Promoting Individual Electoral Registration - Scrutiny Task Group Report	All Wards	Consideration deferred to the next meeting.
18.	Authority to tender a contract for pre	All Wards	(i) that approval be given to invite tenders for the provision of pre-paid

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	paid Financial Services		financial services on the basis of the pre - tender considerations set out in paragraph 3.3. of the report. (ii) that approval be given to the evaluation of the tenders referred to in paragraph (i) above on the basis of the evaluation criteria set out in paragraph 3.3. (vi) of the report.