

**London Borough of Brent
Summary of Decisions taken by the Executive
on Monday, 18 January 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Lorber (Chair), Councillor Blackman (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Allie, Colwill, Detre, Matthews, Sneddon, Van Colle and Wharton

ABSENT: Councillors D Brown

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Arnold, Crane, Malik, J Moher and R Moher

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1.	Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests		None.
2.	Minutes of the previous meeting		RESOLVED:- that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 December 2009 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting.
5.	Authority to invite tenders for short break services for disabled children and young people	All Wards;	(i) that approval be given to the pre-tender considerations and the criteria to be used to evaluate tenders as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report from the Director of Children and Families; (ii) that approval be given to the invite tenders and their evaluation in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria referred to in (i) above.
6.	Comments on the Mayor of London's Transport Strategy, Economic Development Strategy	All Wards;	(i) that approval be given to the following as set out in the report from the Director of Environment and Culture:

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	and Draft Replacement London Plan - consultation response		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) comments on the Consultation Draft of the Replacement London Plan; (b) comments on the Mayor’s Transport Strategy; and (c) comments on the Mayor’s Economic Development Strategy; and <p>(ii) that the comments on the Transport Strategy and the Economic Development Strategy be sent to the Mayor of London to form Brent Council’s response to the consultation on these documents and that the Council confirms that it has no further comments on the draft Replacement London Plan in addition to those set out in the Director’s report.</p>
7.	Proposed pre-submission changes to the Site Specific Allocation Development Plan Document	Alperton; Barnhill; Dudden Hill; Kensal Green; Queens Park; Queensbury; Stonebridge; Tokyngton; Wembley Central;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that agreement be given to the changes to the Site Specific Allocations Development Plan Document contained within the report from the Director of Environment and Culture; (ii) that the document be put to public consultation for a period of six weeks in accordance with the standards set out within the Council’s adopted Statement of Community Involvement commencing upon the 22 January 2010.
8.	Inspiring Brent - Brent's Action Plan for the London 2012 Games	All Wards;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) that progress made to date be noted; (ii) that approval be given to the 2012 Action Plan attached as

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			<p>Appendix to the report from the Director of Environment and Culture;</p> <p>(iii) that progress made towards signing the London 2012 Host Borough Co- Operation and License Agreement as referred to in Paragraphs 3.18 – 3.25 be noted and the Director of Environment and Culture be authorised to agree the exact terms thereof, on the advice of the Borough Solicitor.</p>
9.	Proposed closure of the Church Lane parking shop	All Wards;	that approval be given to the closure of the Church Lane Parking Shop from 1 July 2010.
10.	Adult Social Care Annual Performance Assessment 2008/09	All Wards;	that overall annual performance assessment and in particular the strengths and areas for further improvement identified in the performance assessment report be noted.
11.	Authority to tender a contract for Supporting People funded services for domestic violence floating support service	All Wards;	<p>(i) that approval be given to the tender of the Supporting People domestic violence floating support service being taken out of the tender for the Families floating support framework and being separately tendered alongside the service for women fleeing domestic violence accommodated in refuges;</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to the pre tender considerations and the criteria to be used to evaluate tenders to award a contract for the provision of Supporting People funded services for floating support service for women escaping domestic violence with a range of support needs as set out in paragraph 7.1 of the report from the Director Housing and Community Care;</p>

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			(iii) that approval be given to the invite of tenders and their evaluation in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria referred to in paragraph (ii) above.
12.	Outcome of re-negotiation of existing housing support contracts for Offenders and People with Drug and/or Alcohol issues	All Wards;	(i) that the outcomes of the re-negotiation meetings and the efficiency savings achieved be noted; (ii) that approval be given to the extension of the current contracts in relation to all the offender and drug and / or alcohol services funded by Supporting People, as listed in sections 4 and 5 of the report from the Director of Housing and Community Care, to 31 December 2012.
13.	Authority to Tender Contracts for Supporting People Funded Services for Single Homeless People	All Wards;	(i) that approval be given to the pre tender considerations and the criteria to be used to evaluate tenders to award framework agreements for the provision of Supporting People funded accommodation based services and floating support services for single homeless people, and a contract for work and life skills training services for single homeless people, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report from the Director of Housing and Community Care; (ii) that approval be given the invite tenders for the two framework agreements and one contract and their evaluation in accordance with the approved evaluation criteria referred to in paragraph (i) above; (iii) that approval be given to an extension of the existing Supporting People contracts for services for Single Homeless Services as specified in paragraph 8.9 of the Director’s report until 31 March

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14.	ALMO Settled Homes Initiative	All Wards;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="1115 483 2087 612">(i) that approval be given to note Brent Housing Partnership at present is not contemplating setting up a special purpose vehicle, as a wholly owned subsidiary of BHP, in order to deliver the scheme; <li data-bbox="1115 651 2087 748">(ii) that approval be given to approve the delivery arrangements proposed and note the increased number of dwellings achievable from the additional £5m HCA grant support; <li data-bbox="1115 786 2087 986">(iii) that approval be given to the provision of a loan facility to Brent Housing Partnership Ltd of up to £8million to facilitate the delivery of tranche 1 of SHI scheme and to delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Borough Solicitor, to agree the final terms and conditions of the loan facility; <li data-bbox="1115 1024 2087 1224">(iv) that approval be given to BHP, to enter into a Grant Agreement for the SHI scheme with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) in respect of their £10 million funding allocation, under the Settled Homes Initiative, and delegate authority to Director of Finance and Corporate Resources to agree the terms of that Grant Agreement, in consultation with the Borough Solicitor; <li data-bbox="1115 1262 2087 1426">(v) that approval be given provide BHP a loan facility of up to £8 million to fund the acquisition of approximately 50 properties under the tranche 1 of the SHI programme and also delegate authority to the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources to agree the final loan sum to be provided to BHP and the term over which the loan

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			<p>will be repayable, subject to the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The loan sum will relate only to costs directly attributable to this scheme (2) The loan is seen to be affordable to BHP and that the agreed loan repayment schedule is substantiated within the overall business case model, and (3) The final agreement to provision of the loan remains within the best interests of the council <p>(vi) that it be noted that the terms of the loan are generally neutral on the Council’s finances and provide for a nil net contribution on the Council’s General Fund;</p> <p>(vii) that the Director of Housing and Community Care be authorised to seek consent from the Secretary of State under section 25 of the Local Government Act 1988 in respect of the £8m loan facility once the final terms of the loan agreement have been agreed by the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources;</p> <p>(viii) that the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources be authorised to enter into a Direct Agreement with the HCA, in consultation with the Borough Solicitor in order to satisfy the grant conditions for the SHI grant allocated to BHP;</p> <p>(ix) that BHP be permitted to acquire, own and manage up to 286 properties and to grant tenancies in connection with the Settled Homes Initiative;</p>

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			(x) that BHP be required to agree a protocol for the use of Ground 8 of Schedule 2 to the Housing Act 1988 as a tool to evict tenants who are in rent arrears.
15.	Allocation of HRA Rooftop Telecommunication Income	All Wards;	<p>(i) that agreement in principle be given to rescind the decision made by the Housing Committee in 1996 to allocate the telecommunication income to the Area Housing Boards for communal repairs and improvements and to grant delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Community Care in consultation with the Lead Member, to make a final decision on this issue following the outcome of consultation with the Area Housing Boards;</p> <p>(ii) that agreement be given that historic telecommunication rental income generated from masts located on Housing Revenue Account (HRA) tower blocks (excluding Watling Gardens) should be used to support expenditure on the Council’s housing stock borough wide and to grant delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Community Care in consultation with the Lead Member, to make a final decision on this issue following the outcome of consultation with the Area Housing Boards;</p> <p>(iii) that agreement be given in principle that the future telecommunication rental income generated from masts located on Housing Revenue Account (HRA) tower blocks should be used to support expenditure on the Council’s housing stock borough wide and to grant delegated authority to the Director of Housing and Community Care in consultation with the Lead Member, to make a final decision on this issue following the outcome of consultation with the Area Housing Boards;</p>

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			<p>(vi) that in relation to the in principle decisions set out in paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) above, approval be given to grant the Director of Housing and Community Care in consultation with the Lead member, discretion to refer the in principle decisions back to the Executive for a final decision if he considers it prudent to do so following the outcome of the consultation with the Area Housing Boards;</p> <p>(v) that approval be given, subject to Paragraph (ii) above, to accrued income of £1.195m from Housing Tower Blocks Rooftop Telecommunication Masts (excluding Watling Gardens and which is held in the Housing Revenue Account), being allocated to be spent on the Council's housing stock borough wide;</p> <p>(vi) that approval be given to the budget virements for the HRA Budget for 2009-10 as set out in paragraph 4.3 of report from the Director of Housing and Community Care.</p>
16.	Annual Audit Letter 2008/09	All Wards;	that the contents of the Audit Report be noted and that the Audit Committee monitor progress against the main features highlighted and delivery of the Action Plan.
17.	Proposal to tender Revenue and IT services	All Wards;	<p>(i) that future service provision from 1 May 2011 for the Revenues Service plus associated information technology support be secured through a retender exercise;</p> <p>(ii) that approval be given to the pre tender considerations and the proposed criteria to be used to evaluate the tenders for the Revenues Service and IT support as set out in Appendix 1 of the</p>

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			<p>report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources;</p> <p>(iii) that officers invite tenders as referred to in paragraph (ii) above and evaluate them in accordance with the evaluation criteria set out in Appendix 1 of the report from the Director.</p>
18.	Former Scouts Hall Site, Coniston Gardens, Kingsbury NW9	Fryent;	that this site is disposed to a Housing Association on the terms set out in the report from the Directors of Finance and Corporate Resources and Children and Families and on such other terms (including price) as considered appropriate by the Head of Property and Asset Management.
19.	Proposed Freehold Disposal of former Bryan Avenue Stores, Bryan Avenue, Willesden, NW10 2AS	Brondesbury;	that the Head of Property and Asset Management be authorised to dispose of the property and adjacent land with vacant possession to Family Mosaic Housing Association for such consideration as is the best that can reasonably be obtained in the opinion of the Head of Property and Asset Management and otherwise in accordance with the proposed terms outlined below and such other terms as he considers to be in the best interests of the Council.
20.	Brent Residents' Attitude Survey 2009	All Wards;	<p>(i) that the report be noted the report, particularly the issues highlighted in section 4;</p> <p>(ii) that it be noted that findings from the 2009 Residents' Attitude survey have provided a robust data set which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - is invaluable to Council's new service planning framework, which is underpinned by the philosophy of evidence-based decision making. - enhances the Council's corporate evidence base to complement the findings of the place survey and the external comprehensive

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			area assessment audit process.