

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY**

**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

The Portfolio Holder for Education, Councillor Peter Fortune has made the following executive decision:

**GATEWAY REVIEW: FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF THE CONTRACT FOR A FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE**

**Reference Report:**

*Gateway Review: Future Consideration of the Contract for a Family Support Service*

**Decision:**

That comments by Members of the Education PDS Committee be noted.

That the Family Support Service be market tested during 2015/16.

**Reasons:**

The Local Authority has provided a family support service to parents and carers of children and young people diagnosed with an autistic spectrum disorder through a contract with Burgess Autistic Trust, formerly known as Bromley Autistic Trust, for over ten years. The service offers a comprehensive range of support and information to children and young people and their families and carers, and is highly regarded by service users and professionals with a total of 920 families using the Family Support Service during 2014/15. The provision of this service has never been competitively tendered with all contracts awarded via an exemption.

It is proposed to market test this service during 2015/16 to ensure that it continues to offer good value for money and provides a high quality service which meets the Local Authority's requirements

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Education PDS Committee on 8th July 2015 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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**Date of Decision:** 14 July 2015  
**Implementation Date (subject to call-in):** 21 July 2015  
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