

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

BUDGET MONITORING 2011/12

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 270911 Budget Monitoring

Decision:

That a projected underspend of £295,000 forecast on the second budget monitoring report for 2011/2012 based on information as at June 2011 be noted.

Reasons:

The Resources Portfolio Plan for 2011/2012 includes the aim of effective monitoring and control of expenditure within budget and includes the target that each service department will spend within its own budget. The four year financial forecast report highlights the financial pressures facing the council. It remains imperative that strict budgetary control continues to be exercised in 2011/12 to minimise the risk of compounding financial pressures in future years.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 27th September 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Date of Decision: 29 Sep 2011

Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 6 Oct 2011

Decision Reference: ACS11029

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 1ST QUARTER

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 270911 Capital Programme

Decision:

That the revised Capital Programme agreed by the Executive in July 2011 be confirmed and noted.

Reasons:

Capital programme monitoring and review is part of the planning and review process for all services. The capital review process requires Chief Officers to ensure that bids for capital investment provide value for money and match Council plans and priorities. On 20th July 2011, the Executive received the 1st quarterly capital monitoring report for 2011/12 and agreed a revised Capital Programme for the four year period 2011/12 to 2014/15.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

INTEGRATED TRANSITION STRATEGY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AND/OR DISABILITIES

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 270911 Transition Strategy

Decision:

That the release of the draft Integrated Transition Strategy for Young People with Learning Difficulties and/or Disabilities for consultation for a period of 3 months from November 2011 be agreed

That the proposal to report the results of the consultation by to the Portfolio Holders prior to the Portfolio Holders being asked to endorse the final strategy be agreed.

Reasons:

The overarching 'Improving Lives – Supporting Families: Disability Strategy for Children and Young People in Bromley' clearly identified amongst its key aims, improved transition planning for young people with learning difficulties and disabilities.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 27th September 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

BLUE BADGE GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS ELIGIBLE "SUBJECT TO FURTHER ASSESSMENT"

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 270911 Blue Badge Guidance for Applicants Eligible Subject to Further Assessment

Decision:

That the criteria for the discretionary or under the 'subject to further assessment category' for applicants for the Blue Badge Scheme be endorsed.

Reasons:

The Blue Badge scheme is a national arrangement of parking concessions for people with severe walking difficulties who travel as drivers or passengers in cars. The scheme is operated in Bromley in accordance with the guidelines set out by the Department of Transport. In June 2011 the Department for Transport released an updated national guidance document in conjunction with a Local Authority Circular (England) on eligibility changes; this was followed in July 2011 with a Good Practice Review document on delivery of improved Blue Badge administration, assessment and enforcement.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 27th September 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

GATEWAY REVIEW AND PROCUREMENT STRATEGY - RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING HOME RESPITE CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 270911 Gateway Review and Procurement Strategy - Residential and Nursing Home Respite Care for Older People

Decision:

That the approach to the provision of residential and nursing respite care and the development of alternatives to care home respite be agreed.

That the procurement intentions to establish contracts for residential respite services as set out in paragraphs 3.13 – 31.5 be approved.

Reasons:

The proposal meets the Council's priority to support independence by providing respite breaks for carers, thereby helping them to continue in their caring role, enabling vulnerable people to remain in the community and in their own homes.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 27th September 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH PHYSICAL DISABILITIES

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 270911 Services for People with Physical Disabilities

Decision:

That the proposals for investment of the NHS social care funds for presentation to the Executive in October 2011 be supported.

Reasons:

The proposed initiatives will be funded by the NHS funds for Social Care which have been transferred under a section 256 agreement from the Primary Care Trust for a two year period (2011/12-2012/13). These initiatives contribute to the Building a Better Bromley objective of Supporting Independence.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 27th September 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

ADDRESSING RISING HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING NEED AND ASSOCIATED BUDGETARY PRESSURES

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 270911 TA Report

Decision:

1. That the continued strategy and initiatives for 2011/12 to deal with increased pressures on the service and budget as detailed in paragraph 1.18 be agreed.
2. That the pursuance of the proposed initiatives and direction as outlined in paragraph 1.19 and in particular the work around seeking use of empty Council buildings as temporary accommodation and the potential for using other forms of temporary accommodation – e.g. mobile homes be approved
3. That the proposals for use of Payment in Lieu funds as detailed in paragraph 1.22 aimed at contributing supply options to help address the issues raised in this report be approved.
4. That the ongoing work of Empty homes Officers to contribute to the supply and help address the budget pressures and for the additional financial benefits as per paragraphs 1.26 to 1.28 be supported.
5. That the proposal to make a spend to save bid for a person to see through the work on the range of proposals and initiatives on increasing supply to reduce the pressures and spend on Bed & Breakfast accommodation be approved
6. That the proposal to make a bid for LBB capital to ensure sufficient funding for grants to bring empty properties back in to use with the aim of such grants to be in the form of loans to reduce the pressures and spend on Bed & Breakfast accommodation and increase the financial benefit to the Council from the New Homes Bonus be supported.

Reasons:

Increased homelessness prevention and housing options work has achieved a year on year reduction in homeless acceptances and temporary accommodation since 2005. However, in line with concerns raised in the annual and half yearly performance reports to this Committee, the latest statistical reports are now showing a significant increase in homelessness across London as demand continues to rise more steeply

and access to accommodation becomes more difficult.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 27th September 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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