

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, Councillor Ernest Noad has made the following executive decision:

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES: STAFFING BUSINESS FUNCTIONS AND FUNDING

Reference Report:

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SERVICES: STAFFING BUSINESS FUNCTIONS AND FUNDING

Decision:

That the position for the CYP Department be endorsed in relation to:

- (i) The business functions, service provision, funding and staffing within Children and Young People Department, together with the changes made to the organisational structure in October 2011 to facilitate transition towards the Council's organisational redesign in 2012.
- (ii) The budget framework for CYP Department, the profile of changes 2010/11 – 2011/12 to address in-year grant reduction and cessation of Grants by Department for Education, together with the Council's budget options 2011/12 – 2012/13.
- (iii) Bromley's low expenditure on children's services when compared to statistical neighbours and other London boroughs as evidenced by the Audit Commission.
- (iv) The significant improvement achieved across a range of key services as validated by independent inspection.
- (v) The extensive involvement of Members in reviewing and scrutinising Children and Young People Departmental services.

Reasons:

Bromley Council faces significant financial and service challenges over the next four year planning cycle 2011/12 – 2014/15. The direct funding reductions to Local Government in respect of Revenue Support Grant and related funding streams will require an overall reduction in Bromley Council's net spend from £200m to £150m by 2014/15.

The Council is looking at all areas of spend within service departments and from central support service costs to identify further areas for reduction. All departments are the subject of a programme of corporate Aligning Policy and Finance reviews as a basis for determining future levels of statutory and discretionary services, identifying efficiencies, and alternative ways of delivering services. Opportunities for shared service delivery with the London Boroughs of Bexley and Croydon are also being considered, and the CYP Departmental structure is being reviewed.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 29th November 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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Date of Decision: 29 Nov 2011
Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 7 Dec 2011
Decision Reference: CYP11074

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The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, Councillor Ernest Noad has made the following executive decision:

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT FOR 2011/2012

Reference Report:

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2011/12

Decision:

That the budgetary pressures be noted and the action to reduce the overspending be endorsed.

That contracts of £50,000 and above that have been exempted from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotes be noted.

Reasons:

“Building a Better Bromley” refers to the Council’s intention to remain among the lowest Council Tax levels in Outer London through greater focus on priorities. The Resources Portfolio Plan has the target that each department will spend within its budget. Chief Officers and Heads of Finance stress the need for strict budget monitoring to minimise the risk of compounding pressure in future years. It is key to performance management.

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The Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, Councillor Ernest Noad has made the following executive decision:

MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Reference Report:

MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Decision:

That the following LA Governor appointments be approved, subject to CRB checks:

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| Highfield Junior School | Ms Fiona Cape (Beckenham) |
| Hillside Primary School | Mr Paul Iredale (Chislehurst) |
| Royston Primary School | Mrs Jennifer Avery (Hayes) |
| St Paul's Cray CE Primary School | Mr Stephen Mead (Orpington) |
| St Vincent's RC Primary School | Mrs Janine Caldwell (Bromley) |

That the following LA Governor appointments to academies be confirmed:

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| Bullers Wood School | Mr Arthur Johnston JP (Chislehurst) |
| Langley Park School for Girls | Councillor Diana MacMull (Bromley Town Ward) |
| Pickhurst Junior School | Mrs Stella Brackpool (Bromley) |

Reasons:

Schools contribute to the achievement of improved outcomes for children and young people as outlined in the Borough's Sustainable Community Strategy: 'Building a Better Bromley 2010 Vision' and in the CYP Portfolio Plan for 2011/12.

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