STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Peter Morgan, has made the following executive decision:

BUDGET MONITORING 2011-12

Reference Report (DRR11/140):

RR PDS 131211 Budget Monitoring 2011-12

RR PDS 131211Budget Monitoring 2011-12 Appendix 1

Decision:

The latest 2011/12 budget projection for the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio be endorsed.

Reasons:

Based on expenditure and activity levels to 31st October 2011, the controllable budget for the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio is projected to show an underspend of £180k.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee on 13th December 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Peter Morgan, has made the following executive decision:

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - Q2 2011-12

Reference Report (RES11146):

RR PDS 131211 Capital Programme Monitoring - Q2 2011-12

RR PDS 131211 Capital Programme Monitoring Q2 2011-12 Appendices A and B

Decision:

- (1) The Capital Programme for the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio be endorsed following changes agreed by the Executive in November.
- (2) The following post-completion reports be received later in the year:
 - Walnuts Leisure Centre roof
 - Biggin Hill Leisure Centre.

Reasons:

At its meeting on 16th November 2011 the Executive agreed a revised Capital Programme for 2011/12 to 2014/15.

Changes agreed by the Executive relating to the Capital Programme for the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio are highlighted in Report RES11146 which includes a revised programme for the Portfolio as well as comments on individual schemes and latest expenditure figures.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee on 13th December 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Peter Morgan, has made the following executive decision:

RENEWAL AND RECREATION BUSINESS PLAN 2011-12 MONITORING REPORT - QUARTER 2

Reference Report (DRR11/134):

RR PDS 131211 Renewal and Recreation Business Plan 2011-12 Monitoring Report - Quarter2

RR PDS 131211 Renewal and Recreation Business Plan 2011-12 Monitoring Report - Qtr 2 - Appendix

Decision:

- (1) Progress made towards the delivery of actions agreed in the Renewal and Recreation Business Plan 2011/12 for Quarter 2 be noted.
- (2) New actions for addition to the Renewal and Recreation Business Plan 2011/12 be approved.

Reasons:

Report DRR11/134 outlines the Renewal and Recreation Business Plan 2011/12 Monitoring Report for Quarter 2. This includes the reporting of actions identified as priorities in Quarter 2 along with updates provided by lead officers.

Concerning new actions, milestones and targets for inclusion in the 2011/12 Business Plan, Bromley Adult Education College has reviewed its performance for the 2010/11 academic year in the quarter, and following self assessment have set new milestones and targets for the 2011/12 academic year. These will be carried over into the Renewal and Recreation Business Plan 2012/13 as a final report will be provided in the first quarter of the next financial year.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee on 13th December 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Peter Morgan, has made the following executive decision:

BROMLEY ADULT EDUCATION COLLEGE REVIEW

Reference Report (DRR11/146):

RR PD 131211 Bromley Adult Education College Review

Decision:

- (1) The final report of the Adult Education Review Board be noted and in particular the benefits including the levels of potential savings that have been identified.
- (2) The Director of Renewal and Recreation commences consultation with staff at Bromley Adult Education College and their representatives on the review, both in the short and medium term and its potential implications for staff and to continue with detailed discussions with the Bromley College of Further and Higher Education on the potential opportunities for adult learning in the longer term.
- (3) The Director of Renewal and Recreation is requested to provide a report on the outcome of these negotiations and consultation which can be considered for scrutiny at the meeting of the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee on 27th March 2012.

Reasons:

Of six options considered by an internal board reviewing strategic options available to the Adult Education College for the future, two were escalated for further detailed analysis: a) remaining as a core, scaled down directly provided adult education service and b) merging with Bromley College of Further and Higher Education.

Both providers were tasked with producing high level business cases to demonstrate how their proposal would protect and enhance the adult learning offer for Bromley and submissions were received from the BAEC management team and the Further Education (FE) College.

The review board analysed the two options and a summary of key points from the analysis is included in the board's report appended to report DRR11/146.

The board endorsed the Bromley Adult Education College option but recognised the strategic importance to the borough of a strong and sustainable lifelong learning offer that: (i) supported and facilitated progression to higher education and other adult

learning opportunities; and (ii) promoted economic growth and strengthened routes into employment whilst continuing to maintain a rich range of learning activities for personal and life enhancement reasons.

From this perspective, it is felt that the opportunity to merge with Bromley College of Further and Higher Education College might represent a more financially sustainable option in the long term but at this stage it is felt that the additional benefits of bringing such a package of services together has not been sufficiently articulated; the financial drivers are not clearly set out and the risks to service quality during implementation based on the proposal's current stage of maturity is high. The principle of a merger is sound, but the Board considered the business case to be under developed and concluded that it would be premature to recommend a merger at this stage, and certainly not within the timescales set out in the FE proposals.

The board went on to recommend that that in addition to consulting staff and their representatives on proposals to implement a restructuring of the existing Adult education service, the BAEC management team work collaboratively with the FE College over the next twelve months to develop the business case for merger, and subject to consultation with staff, their representatives and all other stakeholders to consider a potential implementation date of August 2013. Any joint proposal would need to set out how a merger would enhance, not just consolidate, the lifelong learning offer in Bromley and to set out in detail the full implications for staff.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee on 13th December 2011. The Committee supported the proposal and agreed that a report on the outcome of negotiations/consultation would be provided to the Committee's meeting on 27th March 2012.

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The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Peter Morgan, has made the following executive decision:

BROMLEY TOWN CENTRE VARIABLE MESSAGE SYSTEM

Reference Report (DRR11/138):

RR PDS 131211Bromley Town Centre Variable Message System

Decision:

Implementation of the VMS scheme as part of the delivery of the Area Action Plan be agreed given that the proposed scheme provides value for money and will contribute positively to Bromley Town Centre's economy.

Reasons:

On 18th January 2011 the Environment Portfolio Holder decided:

"That the funds for the (variable message) system be released in principle, but the matter be referred on to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation for his consideration and assessment as to whether such technology provides value for money and will contribute positively to Bromley Town Centre's economy."

The adopted Bromley Area Action Plan (AAP) and supporting information identifies a programme of transport improvements that are necessary to support both the future planned development growth in the town centre and the town's ongoing success as a thriving Metropolitan Centre. The VMS system is seen as the best way of providing the information drivers need (in real time) as it will efficiently redistribute parking demand to car parks with spare capacity. It is considered, therefore, to be an essential requirement to support the successful implementation of Phase 1 of the Area Action Plan. This requirement was also tested and supported at an Examination in Public before a Planning Inspector as part of the AAP adoption and represents value for money.

During the first five years of the AAP (Phase 1), two car parks are due to be developed – Westmoreland Road (581 space capacity) and South Street (68 spaces at weekends only). Additionally, due to structural issues at The Hill car park, an additional 81 spaces cannot be used. Although Site G would provide additional parking stock to existing levels, this is likely to be one of the final sites to be developed (currently scheduled for Phase 3). Therefore, a Parking Migration Strategy had been developed to determine the impact of the loss of spaces and to consider possible mitigation measures, a draft of which has been reported to the Town Centre Working Party for consideration.

In Phase 1 of the AAP, Site K Westmoreland Road has the most significant transport impact given the temporary closure of the car park during the construction period and the resultant loss of parking spaces. Analysis suggests that the likely impact will be felt by more than one car park as drivers seek to find the most attractive alternative, whilst dealing with likely capacity issues at The Mall car park, which is closest to Westmoreland Road.

Information to drivers will be particularly important; otherwise there is likely to be a negative impact on the economy of the town centre. Better information, beyond written information, on alternative car parks and where there might be available spaces will be required by drivers to avoid wasted journeys to a full car park, and a permanent VMS system will be the most effective method of doing this.

Other benefits of a permanent VMS system, in addition to reductions in overall congestion, include air quality improvements, more reliable journeys for customers and higher satisfaction ratings for the motorists, especially shoppers. Bromley is also responding positively to the challenge set by Croydon, Sutton and Kingston town centres all of which currently have VMS systems in operation.

The system is supported by businesses within the town and written comments from the General Manager of the Glades Shopping centre are reported in Report DRR11/138.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee on 13th December 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Peter Morgan, has made the following executive decision:

MYTIME ACTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2012/13

Reference Report (Report DRR11/136):

RR PDS 131211 Mytime Active Service Delivery Plan 2012-13

RR PDS 131211 Mytime Active Service Delivery Plan 2012-13 Appendix 1

RR PDS 131211 Mytime Active Service Delivery Plan 2012-13 Appendix 2

Decision:

- (1) Mytime's Service Delivery Plan for 2012/13 be approved.
- (2) Mytime's Investment Fund Programme of Works for 2012/13 be approved.

Reasons:

Mytime Active (Mytime) have historically provided the Council with a draft Service Delivery Plan (SDP) including their Investment Fund proposals for the forthcoming financial year.

Under the new contractual arrangements within the Deed of Variation agreed between Mytime and the Council, Mytime will receive a significantly reduced Main Grant for 2012/13 and from 2013/14 Mytime will receive no Main Grant from the Council.

In light of these new arrangements, Mytime have provided a shortened SDP for 2012/13, and from 2013/14 Mytime will provide an Annual Report detailing their achievements in the previous year, along with their future plans and aspirations, their Investment Fund proposals and how these support their Business Plan.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee on 13th December 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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