STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Graham Arthur, has made the following executive decision -

PROCUREMENT STRATEGY FOR SUPPORTING PEOPLE SCHEMES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

(Report ACS090103)

Decision:

That the contract with Look Ahead for housing related support services for young people is extended for eight months until November 30th 2010.

Reasons:

The Supporting People programme makes a significant contribution to the achievement of the key Council priorities of supporting and maintaining independence, the reduction of repeat homelessness and improving community safety.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 17th November 2009 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Graham Arthur, has made the following executive decision -

EMPTY PROPERTY STRATEGY AND POLICY

(Report ACS09106)

Decision:

That the scoring criteria utilised for the prioritisation of formal action on empty properties be reaffirmed.

That the draft Empty Property Strategy be approved.

Reasons:

The Empty Property Strategy 2009-2011 represents a part of the council's overall Housing Strategy. It links with the Council's Sustainable Community Strategy - 'Building a Better Bromley' 2020 vision as well as other local, sub regional, regional and national housing strategies. The Strategy also provides the basis for the development of services and policy decisions to bringing long term empty properties back into use in the London Borough of Bromley. It will contribute to the development of a new LBB Housing Strategy, to be produced in 2009/10 and assist with delivery of the London Mayors Housing Strategy.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 17th November and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Graham Arthur, has made the following executive decision -

SUPPORTING PEOPLE SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

(Report ACS09108)

Decision:

That a contract be awarded to Keyring for housing support for people with learning disabilities in independent housing for a period of 3 years from 1st April 2010 with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years, and

That a contract for housing support to 3 people with autism living in Burgess House be awarded to Bromley Autistic Trust for a period of 3 years from 1st April 2010 with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years.

Reasons:

The review of the current supporting people services for people with learning disabilities and local priorities in relation to maximising individual independence supports the aim of promoting independence contained within Building a Better Bromley. It is also in line with the core values and principles of "Valuing People Now" in particular that people with a learning disability have the right to lead their lives like any others with the same opportunities and responsibilities and the same dignity and respect, and are entitles to the same aspirations and life chances as other citizens.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 17th November and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Graham Arthur, has made the following executive decision -

COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT RETAIL MODEL

(Report ACS09109)

Decision:

That the proposals for the development of the CERM be endorsed with the Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee and Portfolio Holder receiving a report evaluating the benefits of the service once it has been in operation for 6 months.

Reasons:

The community equipment retail model supports the Putting People First approach by sharing the same goal of promoting the independence, health and wellbeing of service users, while improving the choice and control of support offered. It also supports the 'universal offer' demonstrated in Putting People first which represents services available to all adults living in Bromley and relates to peoples widest needs i.e. public health, housing, recreation, transport

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 17th November and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Graham Arthur, has made the following executive decision -

HOUSING AND RESIDENTIAL SERVICES: 2009/10 HALF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT

(Report ACS09105)

Decision:

That the actions being taken, as detailed throughout the report, to meet the range of housing duties and needs in Bromley and to deal with increased pressures on the service resulting from the recession be approved.

Reasons:

The objectives and work detailed in the report to increase the supply of affordable housing, assist in achieving targets in Building a Better Bromley as well as the achievement of other corporate priorities and targets e.g. Residential Home Re-provision, Learning Development Supported Living Initiative and Town Centre Regeneration.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 17th November and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Graham Arthur, has made the following executive decision -

BUDGET MONITORING 2009/10 – ADULT AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (Report ACS09113)

Decision:

That the latest projections that indicate that the Adult and Community Services Portfolio will be overspent by £652,000 and the financial risks impacting on the ACS Portfolio Relating to the recession be noted.

That the Executive be recommended to release £200,000 from the Central Contingency relating to 2009/10 inflation pressures.

Reasons:

The Resources Portfolio Plan for 2009/10 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. Bromley's Best Value Performance Plan "Making a Difference" refers to the Council's intention to remain amongst the lowest Council Tax levels in outer London and the importance of greater focus on priorities. 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 2009/10 to minimise the risk of compounding financial pressures in future years. Chief Officers and Departmental Heads of Finance are continuing to place emphasis on the need for strict compliance with the Council's budgetary control and monitoring arrangements.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 17th November and the Committee supported the proposal.

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