

## 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:

#### **DRAFT 2012/2013 BUDGET**

##### **Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 240112 Draft 2012-13 Budget*

##### **Decision:**

That Members comments on the Draft CYP 2012/13 Budget proposals be noted.

That the draft CYP budget savings options proposed by the Executive be noted.

That the update on the financial forecast for 2013/14 to 2015/16 be noted.

That Members' comments on how the Children and Young People PDS Committee can continue to contribute towards reducing the service pressures to achieve a more sustainable budget position be noted.

That Members' comments be provided to the meeting of Executive on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012, when further consideration will be given to the Draft 2012/13 Budget.

##### **Reasons:**

The Draft 2012/13 Budget for the Children and Young People Portfolio has been developed within the context of a reducing resource base, which includes the need to review the size and shape of the organisation to secure priority outcomes within the resources available, reforming and redesigning services where appropriate. The need to consider "front loading" savings to ensure difficult decisions are taken early in the budgetary cycle has also been identified, providing investment in specific priorities and supporting invest to save opportunities which provide a more sustainable financial position in the longer term. It has also been noted that any budget decisions made will need to consider a long term view of how key children and young people services will be funded in the future.

The Executive has requested that each PDS committee consider the draft budget savings and cost pressures for their Portfolio, and that the views of each PDS Committee be reported back to the next meeting of the Executive on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2012, prior to the Executive making recommendations to Council on 2012/13 Council Tax Levels.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 24th January 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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**Date of Decision:** 1 Feb 2012

**Implementation Date (subject to call-in):** 8 Feb 2012

**Decision Reference:** CYP12001

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

**PERFORMANCE MONITORING: QUARTER 2 2011/12**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 240112 Performance Monitoring - Quarter 2 2011-12*

**Decision:**

That progress against key performance indicators in Quarter 2 2011/12 be noted.

**Reasons:**

Performance monitoring data updates Members on progress against key actions and indicators across Children and Young People's Services and enables Members to scrutinise performance in key areas.

The Children and Young People PDS Working Party on Performance Monitoring Data convened in Autumn 2011 to consider performance monitoring data and recommended a reduced set of indicators be reported to Children and Young People PDS Committee, some of which would be reported mid year at the end of Quarter 2, a further reduction which will be reported in Quarters 1 and 3 and a fuller set for the end of year report at Quarter 4.

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

**CYP BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2011/2012**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 240112 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 Head 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:

**AN UPDATE ON RECENT GOVERNMENT REFORM DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING THE ACADEMY PROGRAMME**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 240112 An Update on the Recent Government Reform Developments including the Academy Programme*

**Decision:**

That the approach being taken by the Director CYP in response to the overall policy changes including local Academy developments be endorsed.

**Reasons:**

The Government's reform agenda for education, schools and wider children's services will be underpinned by major statutory changes. This will impact significantly on local policy, strategy and priorities for Bromley's Children and Young People Services agenda; the detail of which will be brought in progress update reports to Members.

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

**THE SCHOOL FUNDING SETTLEMENT FOR 2012/13 - THE PUPIL PREMIUM AND DEDICATED SCHOOLS' GRANT: CONSULTATION OUTCOMES**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 240112 The School Funding Settlement for 2012-13 - The Pupil Premium and DSG*

**Decision:**

That the School Funding Settlement for 2012/13, including the Pupil Premium and Dedicated Schools' Grant be noted.

**Reasons:**

The Local Authority is obliged to account for and distribute funding received from the Government for the purposes of education in accordance with the relevant legislative accounting provisions.

Following a consultation undertaken by the Government in Summer 2011, it was agreed that the current funding methodology for 2011/12 should continue for 2012/13 through the Dedicated Schools Grant. As part of a further spending review announcement in December 2011, the Government announced that the overall settlement for schools would be maintained at 'flat cash' per pupil throughout the period, which meant that it would rise in line with pupil numbers. It was also announced that the Pupil Premium would be in addition to this settlement.

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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:**

*CYP PDS 240112 Membership of School Governing Bodies*

**Decision:**

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

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| Biggin Hill Primary School       | Cllr Gordon Norrie<br>(Biggin Hill Ward) |
| Hawes Down Infant School         | Mrs Bee Lean Chew<br>(Beckenham)         |
| Hawes Down Junior School         | Mrs Julie Fox<br>(Beckenham)             |
| Holy Innocents RC Primary School | Mrs Vanessa Copper<br>(Bromley)          |
| James Dixon Primary School       | Mrs Janice Mackay<br>(Anerley)           |
| Raglan Primary School            | Mrs Linda Rodin<br>(Orpington)           |
| Unicorn Primary School           | Ms Denise Riley<br>(Beckenham)           |

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

#### **RENEWAL OF LONG TERM SICKNESS SCHEME**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 240112 Renewal of Long Term Sickness Scheme*

**Decision:**

That the Long Term Sickness Scheme be renewed for a further three year period.

**Reasons:**

For a number of years the Local Authority has operated an “in house” Long Term Sickness Scheme for primary and special schools. This scheme provides an insurance to schools by allowing them to claim for any long term sickness absence following a lead-in period of 15 days. Schools are then reimbursed for the cost of staff cover for these absences.

In March 2011, following a full consultation exercise with schools, it was agreed that the 2008/09-2010/11 Long Term Sickness Scheme be extended for an additional year. Schools were then consulted on the possibility of setting up a new scheme to run for a further three year period from 2012/13. The Long Term Sickness Scheme runs as a ‘mutual’ scheme with all costs being borne by the participating schools, therefore there is no financial cost to the Local Authority other than the administration of the scheme. In the new scheme, a proportion of the cost of administration of the scheme will be covered by an additional charge to be paid by academies, and academies will need to recognise that reimbursement rates will be based on Local Authority pay scales and will not reflect any changes to pay or terms and conditions that individual academies may make.

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