

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:

MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Reference Report:

CYP PDS 220410 Membership of School Governing Bodies

Decision:

The following Local Authority Governors be appointed subject to CRB checks:

Blenheim Primary School:	Ms Lydia Butlinger
Crofton Infant School:	Mrs Sue Hannay (from 1 June 2010) Mr Peter Woods (from 1 June 2010) Mr Neil Lawrence (from 1 June 2010)
Hawes Down Infant School:	Mrs Bridget Dunk (from 22 May 2010)
Keston CE Primary School:	Mrs Joanna Simmons
Marjorie McClure School:	Mr Roger Taylor
Oak Lodge Primary School:	Mrs Serena Brock
Parish CE Primary School:	Mrs Amanda Price
Red Hill Primary School:	Mr Martin Udy
Southborough Primary School:	Mrs Mary Plummer
St Paul's Cray CE Primary School:	Mrs Sarah Burgess
Worsley Bridge Junior School:	Councillor Stephen Wells (from 17 June 2010)

Reasons:

It is intended to fill 95% of LA Governor vacancies within three months of becoming vacant.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 22nd April 2010, and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

IMPROVING LIVES - SUPPORTING FAMILIES: DISABILITY STRATEGY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN BROMLEY

Reference Report:

CYP PDS 220410 Improving Lives - Supporting Families_ Disability Strategy for Children and Young People in Bromley

Decision:

That the proposed Disability Strategy be approved as the overarching document for improving services to disabled children and their families.

Reasons:

The Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2011 sets a number of priorities in relation to services for disabled children. These include addressing the health needs of children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities, ensuring that there is sufficient support through short breaks and other services, promoting active involvement in decision making, and ensuring the effectiveness of preventative services by improving referral pathways and timeliness of support at key life stages.

The Disability Strategy aims to improve services for disabled children and young parents and their parents and carers across education, health and social care services to ensure families receive high quality support. The Strategy adopts the key principles from the national strategy 'Aiming High for Disabled Children', which sets out five areas of a 'Core Offer' to parents. These can be summarised as:

- **Information** Disabled children and their families have access to appropriate information at every stage of a child's life.
- **Transparency** Levels of support for disabled children and their parents are decided on a fair, understandable and transparent basis.
- **Participation** Disabled children, young people and their parents are routinely involved and supported in making decisions about their treatment, care and support and in shaping services.
- **Assessment** Disabled children and young people receive multi-agency coordinated services from the point of referral and assessment to delivery.
- **Feedback** Disabled children, young people and their parents are involved, listened to, asked for their views and given choices.

Local authorities will be measured on how they deliver on the Core Offer through an annual parental satisfaction survey (National Indicator 54: Services for Disabled

Children).

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

COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS 2011/2012

Reference Report:

CYP PDS 220410 Commissioning Intentions for 2011-2012

Decision:

That the Commissioning Intentions for 2011/2012 for the Children and Young People Service be approved.

Reasons:

Effective commissioning is a central plank from which the Children and Young People Services will continue to work with its partners to improve the lives of children and young people in the Borough through the delivery of better, joined up services that provide value for money.

The Children Act 2004 (Section 10) requires the Council to make arrangements to promote cooperation between the Council and relevant partners to improve the wellbeing of children and young people. Section 10 also provides the legislative basis for Children's Trusts to pool funds and other resources.

The Every Child Matters Change for Children Programme, the Government's strategy supporting the 2004 Children Act, requires all Children's Trusts to have implemented a commissioning framework and strategy to provide, where appropriate, commissioned services for children and young people.

The Apprenticeship, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 puts a duty on every area to have a Trust Board (extended the range of statutory Children's Trust partners), giving the Board responsibility for preparing and monitoring the implementation of the Children and Young People's Plan. The Act again emphasises commissioning as the process by which all relevant services should be planned, investment decision agreed, delivery ensured and effectiveness reviewed.

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

FUTURE SCHOOLS FUNDING 2011-2012 ONWARDS

Reference Report:

CYP PDS 220410 Future Schools' Funding 2011-12 Onwards

Decision:

That the response to the current Consultation on School Funding 2011-12 onwards be approved.

Reasons:

School funding is crucial to the delivery of many of the priorities set out in the Children and Young people's Plan 2009-11, particularly in relation to the 'Enjoy and Achieve' outcome.

On Monday 15th March 2010, the Government made a number of announcements about school funding to 2013. They also launched the consultation on the future distribution of schools funding as well as guidance on balances.

The key points contained in the documents are:

- the Pre-Budget report announced that schools funding would have a 0.7% real terms increase in 2011/12 and 2012/13. The government have now announced that this would mean an average 2.7% increase (2.1% per pupil) increase in 2011-12 and 2012-13;
- the government estimates that schools will have to find 0.9% efficiency savings per annum over 2011-12 and 2012-13. The DCSF will fund a schools efficiency unit to offer tailored support to local authorities to enhance their capacity to support schools;
- the distribution consultation proposes the principles on which a new formula would be based, replacing the existing spend-plus formula for Dedicated Schools Grant. This would be in the form of a basic entitlement with add-ons for additional educational needs, high cost pupils, sparsity and an area cost adjustment. It would include the majority of grants currently paid separately to schools alongside the DSG;
- there are no proposals for how the overall formula would be weighted between the various elements and no overall authority by authority exemplifications, although there are various options for different elements of the formula;
- the government propose a 'local pupil premium' to be agreed by Schools Forums, to ensure that deprivation funding reaches the most deprived;
- the Minimum funding guarantee will continue. Its level for 2011-12 and 2012-13 will be announced late as will the precise way in which damping will

work at local authority level.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 22nd April 2010, and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

CYP ROLLING WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10

Reference Report:

CYP PDS 220410 Forward Rolling Work Programme 2009-10

Decision:

The Children and Young People Forward Rolling Work Programme be agreed.

Reasons:

To provide information on items scheduled for decision by the Children and Young People Portfolio Holder, items for consideration by the Children and Young People PDS Committee and proposed information briefing on which no decision is required.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 22nd April 2010, and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

EXTENSION OF THE CATERING CONTRACT AT THE EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

Reference Report:

CYP PDS 224010 Extension of the Catering Contract at the Education Development Centre (Part 2)

Decision:

That the proposal to grant an extension of one year to the catering contract at the Education Development Centre be approved.

Reasons:

A contract for one year, with an option to extend for a further year, was awarded to Principal's Catering in April 2009. The short term nature of the contract was due to planned capital development at the Education Development Centre. The catering facilities are currently located within temporary hut accommodation and it was expected that capital works would be in place in 2009/10 or 2010/2011 to convert these into permanent buildings. This prevented the implementation of a long term contract due to the risk to the provider of being unable to deliver a service for a significant part of the contract period. The extension option was placed in the contract as a contingency should the implementation of capital works be delayed.

The capital works are now not expected to be implemented until some time in 2010/2011. Therefore it is recommended that the extension option of one year until 31 March 2011 is applied. Applying the extension option is a more efficient alternative to going out to tender for what will have to be another short-term contract and the costs that entering into full open and competitive procurement would entail. The performance of the current provider in delivering the service has been good and there are no concerns about continuing with this provider.

The actual contract value for the service is £5K annually. This covers a basic agreed management fee. The actual income on the contract to the provider is based on usage with all costs recharged to attendee's on a pay-as-you-go basis. This is either through delegates attending events at the Education Development Centre for which a daily delegate rate is charged, or re-charged when arranged through other departments; or through income generated through ad hoc usage.

Estimated income in 2009/10 to the provider through the contract was £81K (inclusive of the management fee) and therefore the estimated value of the contract over two years is £162K. When calculating the value of the contract in order to establish appropriate authority levels, the level of income to the provider is used regardless of whether this represents an actual cost to the London Borough of Bromley.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS

Committee on 22nd April 2010, and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

BROMLEY MENCAP CHILDMINDING NETWORK - CONTRACT EXEMPTION PROPOSAL

Reference Report:

CYP PDS 220410 Bromley Mencap Childminding Network - Contract Exemption Proposal (Part 2)

Decision:

That the proposal to directly commission the Specialist Childminding Network service from Bromley Mencap in 2010/2011 be approved.

Reasons:

Bromley Mencap has been delivering a Specialist Childminding Network service, in partnership with the Children and Young People Service (CYPS), for the past ten years. The service provides support to children and young people with physical and learning disabilities and their families, by providing a network of specialist registered childminders.

The childminding network enables childminding provision exclusively for disabled children and young people by finding and registering appropriate childminders for disabled children who are then matched with families seeking this support. The services allow parents/carers of disabled children and young people to either use the service as registered childcare, enabling them to work or train/study, or to use the service as a 'short break' (respite) from their caring responsibilities whilst affording their children a safe, secure, enjoyable caring experience away from their home. Accredited through the National Childminding Association, the service provides specialist service co-ordinators with detailed knowledge of all childminders on the 'networks' and who deliver and facilitate training to ensure the individual needs of very complex children and young people can be met within the childminders home environment.

The service is often a preferred route for referral from Social Care and for parents. Consultation with parents/carers carried out in December 2008 noted a demand for more specialist childminding provision. In addition, the National Childminding Association require a maximum ratio of specialist co-ordinators to childminders – that ratio has been reached and Bromley Mencap will need to provide further service co-ordinators in order to meet demand. This service currently addresses in substantial part the Authority's Childcare Sufficiency Duty in relation to childcare for disabled children and the proposed growth will additionally address some of the 'short breaks' element of the Aiming High for Disabled Children agenda.

To date, Bromley Mencap has been providing this service under two separate contracts, held with different parts of the Children and Young People Service. Both contracts have an end date of March 2010. It is proposed to continue with the service, consolidated under a single contract managed by the Specialist Disability and Support Service team, with additional funding to support increased capacity, sourced

through Aiming High for Disabled Children funding. It is proposed that the new contract will run for one year, with the option to extend for a further two years.

Bromley Mencap is a local voluntary sector organisation which is highly regarded by the 'disabled' community. This service was developed by Bromley Mencap, in partnership with the Authority, approximately 10 years ago to serve disabled children and young people with learning disabilities. Over time, the service has been extended to work collaboratively with Bromley Autistic Trust (users with autism) and Bromley Family Link (users with physical and health disabilities). The service currently provides support to approximately 45 registered childminders : the proposed increase in funding will extend the range to a further 20 childminders.

It is proposed to directly commission this service from Bromley Mencap in 2010/2011 due to the specialist nature of the service and the lack of appropriate alternative providers available. There are no other specialist accredited providers within the borough that can provide this service. Childminding Network co-ordinators in other London and neighbouring boroughs are provided 'in-house' and tend to provide general childminding services, rather than specialist support for children and young people with disabilities. The National Childminding Association has been contacted and they have been unable to provide information on alternative suppliers other than Bromley Mencap. During 2009, the service provided by Bromley Mencap was reviewed and it was established that the service continues to meet the needs of the service and children and families in Bromley.

The importance of established relationships between the existing provider and the current user of the service should also be noted. This service provides professional and confidential support for service users (disabled children and their parents/carers) ensuring a good match between the child and the childminder and it would be detrimental to the client groups if these relationships were to be terminated with the current provider.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 22nd April 2010, and the Committee supported the proposal.

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