

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

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

QUALITY MONITORING OF CARE HOMES

(Report ACS10009)

Decision:

That the principle that new placements are only made in one star homes if the service user wishes to exercise choice be endorsed.

That the enhanced review activity which is employed where residents are living in a nil or one star home be endorsed.

Reasons:

Under Section 21 of the National Assistance Act 1948 the Council has a duty to provide or arrange for residential accommodation for persons who by reason of age, illness, disability or any other circumstances are in need of care and attention not otherwise available to them.

Once a person has been assessed as being in need of such care, the Council must have regard to the National Assistance Act 1948 (Choice of Accommodation) Direction 1992 which is intended to give clients a choice over where they receive such care arranged or provided by the Council. Such choice has to reflect both the costs of such accommodation as well as its availability.

National and local policies expect that continuous improvement be achieved in the quality of care delivered in residential and nursing homes service the local community.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 24th February 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

(Report ACS10005)

Decision:

That the projected reduction in overspend for the Adult and Community Services Portfolio from £333k to £292k as at 31st December 2009 be noted.

That the transfer of the sum of £100k from the budget for Private Sector Renewals to fund the increased cost of Renovation Grants in 2009/10, as approved by the Executive on 3rd February 2010, be noted.

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 services 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 prioritise. 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 Financial are continuing to place emphasis on the need for strict compliance with the Council's budgetary control and monitoring arrangements.

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

SUPPORTING PEOPLE FRAMEWORK CONTRACT

(Report ACS10006)

Decision:

That the proposed use of the Framework for housing-related support services and for other appropriate contracts from 1st April 2010 be approved.

Reasons:

The Supporting People programme helps to deliver the aim of Building a Better Bromley to support people to remain independent.

On March 10th 2009 the Portfolio Holder agreed that Bromley would be a secondary partner in the joint framework being developed by the boroughs of Southwark and Lewisham for the procurement of Supporting People services. The associated tendering exercise has now been completed and has established a ranked list of providers based on the most economically most advantageous bids (taking into account quality and price).

There are a range of potential benefits in using the framework agreement to both providers and commissioning authorities as the framework will establish clear prices and ensure that services deliver a high level of quality. The costs of the procurement process will be reduced, both for authorities as the administration is shared and for providers as they only need to tender once.

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