

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY
STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

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

MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

Reference Report:

Membership of School Governing Bodies

Decision:

That the following Local Authority governors be appointed subject to CRB checks:

Balgowan Primary School:	Mrs Patricia Spedding (Beckenham)
Bickley Primary School:	Mrs Jasmine Berry (London)
Bishop Justus CE School:	Mr Dave Hines (London)
Cator Park School:	Mrs Jenni Mogridge (Bromley)
Chelsfield Primary School:	Mrs Eileen Vassie (Orpington)
Churchfields Primary School:	Councillor Reg Adams (Clock House)
Crofton Junior School:	Mrs Carole Powell (Orpington)
Darrick Wood Infant School:	Ms Suzanne Barnaby (Swanley)
	Mrs Claudia Jasper (Beckenham)
Downe Primary School:	Mrs Louise Hussey (Cudham)
Glebe School:	Mrs Judith Armstrong (Bromley)
Mottingham Primary School:	Councillor Roger Charsley (Mottingham and Chislehurst North)

Perry Hall Primary School:	Councillor David McBride (Cray Valley East)
Pickhurst Junior School:	Mr John Wood (Beckenham)
Royston Primary School:	Mrs Kirsty Watt (London)
Southborough Primary School:	Mrs Tamerisk Hearnden (Bromley)
	Ms Beryl Coleman (Orpington)
Stewart Fleming Primary School:	Mrs Julie Fox (Beckenham)
	Mrs Carole Hitchens (Beckenham)
St Joseph's RC Primary School:	Mr Paul Iredale (Chislehurst)
Tubbenden Primary School:	Mr Gary Brown (Petts Wood)

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 15th June 2010 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

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

CYP PLAN 2009/11: ANNUAL REVIEW 2010

Reference Report:

CYP Plan 2009-11 Action Plan Annual Review

Decision:

That the progress made as at April 2010 in addressing the priorities included in the Children and Young People's Plan 2009-2011 be noted.

Reasons:

The Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP), sets out the vision and priorities of the Council and its partners within the Children and Young People Trust, namely to secure improved outcomes for children and families in the borough. It is a key contributor to the aspirations within the local 'Community Plan, "Building a Better Bromley: 2020 vision". Based on locally identified priorities and the views of stakeholders, the CYPP forms a challenging and ambitious agenda designed to "secure the best possible future for all children and young people in Bromley".

The CYPP for 2009-2011 was approved by the CYP Portfolio Holder on 28 September 2009, the Council's Executive on 4 November 2009 and by full Council on 15 December 2009. The Plan was the subject of wide consultation with stakeholders including partner agencies and children, young people, parents and carers and took account of comments made at the CYP Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee on 30 June 2009.

The Annual Review identified significant progress had been made towards delivering the 32 key areas of focus within the CYPP, which comprise some 119 separate tasks and milestones, including improving access to Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services, addressing the health needs of, and ensuring sufficient support for children and young people with learning difficulties and disabilities, reducing absence from school and improving attendance, reducing school exclusions, particularly for children from vulnerable groups.

A range of areas had also been identified where further work was required, including improving children and young people's health, working with relevant services to increase the availability of suitable and affordable housing for vulnerable groups.

The Children Act 2004 (Section 10) requires the Council to make arrangements to promote co-operation 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 Children and Young

People Plan (England) Regulations 2005 require each Local Authority to undertake an annual review, to include the results of consultation and to publish the outcomes in an appropriate manner. This requirement was reiterated in the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009.

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STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

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

THE TRANSFER OF FUNDING AND COMMISSIONING TO BROMLEY FROM THE LEARNING AND SKILLS COUNCIL

Reference Report:

The Transfer of 16-19 Funding from the LSC

Decision:

That the statutory arrangements for 16-19 Commissioning following the transfer of responsibility from the Learning and Skills Council to Local Authorities from April 2010 be noted.

That the proposed process and indicative timescale for preparation of the Bromley Post-16 Commissioning Plan for 2011/2012 be endorsed.

Reasons:

Under the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning (ASCL) Act 2009, the Council is now responsible for securing sufficient high quality education and training for all young people aged 16-18 and learners aged 19-25 with learning difficulties and disabilities.

The National Commissioning Framework, issued by the Young People Learning Agency as statutory guidance on 1 April 2010, provides the necessary information for the Council to prepare for and implement its role as lead commissioner for 16-18 places on an annual basis.

The Council's new responsibilities outlined in the National Commissioning Framework include:

- Commissioning to meet the learning needs of:
 - a. Resident young people 16-18 (including advocacy for residents to travel to learn);
 - b. All who learn in the Council's area (including those with learning difficulties and young offenders);
 - c. And from 2011/12, it is anticipated that the Council will have responsibility for commissioning places in Independent Specialist Providers hosted in the borough - i.e. Nash College.
- Intervention, challenge and support on achievement and retention of young people in School Sixth Forms;
- Contracting and paying Further Education and Adult Colleges for 16-18 provision, Work Based Learning and making payment to School Sixth Forms. (Apprenticeships for 16-18 year olds will be contracted and managed by the Skills Funding Agency);
- Financial assurance and audit associated with this funding in School Sixth Forms;
- Competitive tendering for new post 16 provision (if appropriate).

In order for the Council to be able to undertake its duties in the 2011/12 academic year, there is a clear planning process and timeline within the National Commissioning Framework. During Autumn 2010, the CYP 16-19 Commissioning team will present the borough's Commissioning Statements to the CYP Portfolio Holder for approval before this is submitted to the Young People Learning Agency (November 2010).

The LA's Commissioning Statements for 16-18 learner provision will detail the planning priorities for 2011/12 which have been informed by local priorities and agreed by the Local Authority following advice from the Bromley 14-19 Partnership. They will take into account the national and regional strategic priorities.

The Commissioning Statements will be shared with providers to ensure they are preparing to work towards the borough's priorities. There is a clear link between commissioning and provider quality. Under the National Commissioning Framework for 2011/12, LA's will be able to use available performance evidence to determine where there are areas of weakness or of particular strengths to influence the expansion of good provision or decommissioning of poor provision.

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

YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM: INTENSIVE SUPERVISION AND SURVEILLANCE GRANT RELEASE

Reference Report:

Youth Offending Team - Intensive Supervision and Surveillance Grant Release

Decision:

That the Executive be recommended to agree the release of £81,000 Intensive Supervision and Surveillance grant from contingency and for this sum and the expenditure it supports to be added to 2010/11 Children and Young People Youth Offending Team budget.

Reasons:

The implementation of the Youth Rehabilitation Order through the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 placed the Intensive Supervision Surveillance (ISS) on a statutory footing. ISS is a combination of punitive and positive opportunities for young people which provide the courts with a robust alternative to custody and is designed to:

- Ensure that the young person makes recompense for their offences
- Address underlying causes of offending
- Implement structures that will support the young person to avoid offending in the future
- Manage the risks posed by the young person in the community
- Stabilise what is often a very chaotic lifestyle
- Reintegrate the young person into the community

The ISS is available as a condition of bail where the young person is at risk of remand to custody, a requirement attached to a YRO or as a condition of Notice of Supervision on release from custody.

Prior to 1 April 2010, Bromley YOT was part of a five Borough consortium (Greenwich, Southwark, Lewisham, Bromley and Bexley). The ISS budget was retained and administered by Lewisham YOT, and within the consortium Bexley and Bromley shared funding amounting to approximately £91,000. The consortium commissioned the National Association for the Criminal Rehabilitation of Offenders to deliver the ISS through a Service Level Agreement. On 1 April 2010 the consortium was dissolved following the decision by Lewisham YOT to transfer their ISS provision in-house, and as a consequence Bromley YOT has been awarded a direct grant for £81,000 for 2010/11.

As part of the 2009/10 budget setting process, Members agreed that any new grant funding or increases above inflation for existing grants would be held in the central

contingency budget and not included in departmental service budgets. Although ISS grant is not 'new' in that it was previously available via the consortium, the route by which it reaches the Council has changed and so Member approval is required before it can be used for its intended purposes.

The grant terms of reference specify that it must be used for the ISS provision. The options open to Members are either to agree to its use for this purpose, or to return it unused to the Ministry of Justice. In the event of the latter, support to young people will still be needed, since the services covered have a statutory basis under Section 1 (3) (a) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 1 of the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008 that cannot be avoided.

The grant concerned would contribute to the delivery of priorities for children's services as set out in the Children and Young People's Plan, under the Every Child Matters outcomes framework.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 15th July 2010 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

PROPOSED SALE OF LAND: COOPERS SCHOOL, CHISLEHURST

Reference Report:

Proposed Sale of Land: Coopers School

Decision:

That the proposal of the Governing Body of Coopers School for the sale of non-playing field land be approved.

That the governing Body be required to use the proceeds of any sale to improve the security of the school site.

That provision for alternative parking places be made on the site if necessary to alleviate the potential impact of any increase in parking congestion in the area.

Reasons:

The Governing Body of Coopers School, Hawkwood Lane, Chislehurst is seeking approval from the Local Authority to dispose of publicly funded non-playing field land measuring 0.034ha on the school's boundary adjacent to an approved housing development.

When the original planning permission was granted for the development of Sydney House, previously owned by the London Borough of Bexley, the school identified an opportunity to benefit from the sale of a small section of land which would "square" a building plot without loss of amenity to the school. The Governing Body reports that it has obtained a commercial valuation of the section of land within the last two years and taking into account the economic climate are negotiating sale of the land to the developers of the Sydney House site at a market rate.

In seeking approval from the Local Authority, the Governing Body has made the case that the land they wish to sell does not come under the definition of 'playing field' set out in the Schools' Standards and Framework Act 1998 Section 77(7) and therefore does not need to seek the Secretary of State for Education's approval for the disposal. A visit to the school by an officer from Property Services confirmed that the land is used for parking of cars, has limited value as an area for recreational use by students and does not meet the definition of playing field set out in the Department for Education guidance on school assets.

Coopers School is a Foundation school and has the full control, including sale of assets, of the school site. The Local Authority in response to the request for approval may:

- (a) Take no action, or notify the Governing Body that it does not object to the disposal or proposed use of the proceeds;
- (b) Object to the disposal;
- (c) Object to the proposed use of the proceeds;
- (d) Claim a share of the proceeds.

The Governing Body propose to use the proceeds from the sale of the land to improve the security of the school site. The Local Authority can confirm that it has worked with the school for some years to improve the safety of students, including those of Marjorie McClure School which is adjacent to the Coopers School site. The school has an estimate for new security fencing for the site of approximately £125,000. The proceeds of the sale would contribute to the school fully funding the proposed work.

Any objection to the proposal would be referred to the Schools' Adjudicator for decision.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 15th July 2010 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE FINAL ACCOUNTS 2009/10

Reference Report:

CYP Final Accounts 2009-10

Decision:

That the Executive be recommended to agree to set aside a sum of £150,000 to enable the Local Authority to deliver its statutory responsibilities to intervene where appropriate with underperforming schools.

Reasons:

The Schools' Budget is funded from the Dedicated Schools' Grant and had a surplus of £3,165,000 at 31 March 2010. Time-limited capital grants have funded major schools projects, and as a result a £3,350,000 funding contribution is not required until 2010/11 to fund the Capital Programme. This underspend is, in part, offset by a cumulative overspending of £185,000 on services including those for children with Special Educational Needs and reimbursements for school staff costs such as maternity cover. This overspending will be funded from the 2010/11 Dedicated Schools' Grant.

The controllable part of the non-schools' budget has overspent by £85,000 (0.2% of the approved budget) after allowing for a £500,000 saving in the schools' budget from Area Based Grant. The pressure on children's social care budgets due to increased referrals which have increased by 117% since 2007/08 and initial assessments which have increased by 88% in the same time period have previously been brought to the attention of Members. Since the last budget monitoring report, there has also been increased pressure from the cost of locums for social worker and senior management vacancies, and additional temporary social workers due to a high increase in the number of referrals and initial assessments. Management action taken by the Director of CYP Services elsewhere in the overall CYP budget has substantially offset the overspending in social care services.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 15th July 2010 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

CYP FORWARD ROLLING WORK PROGRAMME 2009/10

Reference Report:

Forward Rolling Work Programme 2010-11

Decision:

That 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 not decision is required.

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