

**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:

**YOUTH OFFENDING TEAM: CORE CASE INSPECTION OF YOUTH OFFENDING WORK BY HER MAJESTY'S INSPECTORATE OF PROBATION**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 200312 Youth Offending Team*

**Decision:**

That the inspection outcomes be noted.

That the draft improvement plan for Bromley Youth Offending Team Service be approved.

**Reasons:**

The Youth Offending Team was subject to a full Core Case Inspection by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Probation (HMIP) in November 2011. The primary purpose of the inspection was to assess the quality of practice in relation to three general criterion; assessment and sentence planning, delivery and review of interventions and outcomes.

Following the inspection, Bromley's Youth Offending Team has been awarded the best possible score of Minimum Improvement required for two out of the three criterion and Moderate Improvement (bordering on Minimum) for the third. Inspectors also made comment that they noted a significant improvement in practice standards and the quality of the service on offer since their 2007 and 2008 inspections. Overall, the Inspector judged these to be a very creditable set of findings with minimum improvement required to bring casework to a sufficiently high quality in respect of the Youth Offending Team's Safeguarding and Public Protection practice.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20th March 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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## 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:

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

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

*CYP PDS 200312 An Update on the Recent Government Reform Developments*

##### **Decision:**

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

That the proposal for Hillside Primary School to convert to academy status as a Sponsored Academy from September 2012, committing the Local Authority to indemnify the proposed academy for all costs and liabilities 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.

The Governors of Hillside Primary School formally resolved to pursue conversion to academy status as a Sponsored Academy in partnership with The Primary on 7th December 2011. On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012, the Department for Education wrote to the Chairman of Governors of Hillside Primary School to confirm that Ministerial approval had been given to the proposal to convert as a Sponsored Academy in partnership with the Priory School, and instructing the Governors to proceed to the Expression of Interest stage of the conversion process with a proposed conversion date of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012.

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**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

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

**STANDARDS OF ATTAINMENT IN BROMLEY SCHOOLS**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 200312 Standards of Attainment in Bromley Schools - 2011*

**Decision:**

That the annual report on the standards of attainment and quality of provision in Bromley schools be noted.

That the priorities for the Local Authority's School Improvement Strategy for the next academic year 2012-13 be approved.

**Reasons:**

It is a main aim of the Children and Young People's Plan to raise the educational standards in Bromley Schools. Children and Young People Services reports annually on the standards of attainment and quality of provision in Bromley Schools, and the detailed analysis contributes to the annual review of the Children and Young People's Plan.

In addition to continuing to challenge, support and provide intervention as necessary in schools to achieve sustainable improvement, two areas for specific focus have been identified:

- Improving outcomes for all children at all Key Stages and closing the gap for those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals
- Improving outcomes for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage.

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

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CYP PDS COMMITTEE**

**Reference Report:**

*None.*

**Decision:**

This item was deferred.

**Reasons:**

The Council's Constitution requires that an annual Policy Development and Scrutiny report be presented to full Council, which includes a summary of each Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee's achievements and its contribution to Portfolio priorities, policy development and portfolio budget setting over the year.

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**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

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

**THE SCHOOL FUNDING SETTLEMENT FOR 2012/13 - DEDICATED SCHOOLS' GRANT**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 200312 The School Funding Settlement for 2012-13*

**Decision:**

That the proposals for use of the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2012/13 be agreed.

**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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**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

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 200312 CYP Budget Monitoring Report 2011-12*

**Decision:**

The success of the action taken to offset the previously reported overspending in Social Care and Children With Disabilities placements be noted.

That contracts of £50,000 and above that have been exempted from the normal requirement to obtain competitive quotes be noted.

That Executive be recommended to agree that £75,000 Pathfinder Grant be added to the 2011/12 CYP budget.

**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 with spend within its budget. Chief Officers and the Head of Finance stress the need for strict budget monitoring to minimise the risk of compounding pressure in future years.

In partnership with London Borough of Bexley, Bromley applied for and was successful in achieving National Pathfinder status and a grant of £75k in 2011/12 and £150k in 2012/13 to test out a range of proposals set out in the SEN and Disabilities Green Paper. Work is now successfully underway involving all partners including parents and the voluntary sector and authority is requested to adjust the 2011/12 budget accordingly for the £75k grant.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20th March 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

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

#### **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING: SCHOOLS PLANNED MAINTENANCE AND SUITABILITY PROGRAMME 2012-13**

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

*CYP PDS 200312 Asset Management Planning\_Schools Planned Maintenance and Suitability Programme 2012-13*

##### **Decision:**

That the list of schemes to be included in the 2012-2013 Planned Maintenance Programme be approved.

That Officers develop a Suitability and Seed Challenge Programme for 2012-13 for future consideration by the Portfolio Holder.

That, where appropriate, the Director CYP be authorised to submit planning applications at the appropriate time in respect of the list of schemes.

##### **Reasons:**

The Council has a five year maintenance programme of CYP properties that is reviewed each year based on funding available, condition of facilities and urgent items that arise during the year. The Council also provides assistance to improve the security and suitability of schools as well as operating the Seed Challenge programme that part funds school promoted improvements that meet set criteria.

The CYP buildings planned maintenance and suitability programmes are funded by 100% Department for Education Capital Maintenance Grant. Bromley's allocation for 2012-13 is £2,576,170, and in line with previous years a budget of £600,000 has been allocated to improve the 'suitability' of school buildings. This is split between the Seed Challenge programme, Security and Suitability improvements.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20th March 2012 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:

#### **ASSET MANAGEMENT PLANNING - POST COMPLETION REVIEW REPORTS**

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

*CYP PDS 200312 Asset Management Planning - Post Completion Review*

##### **Decision:**

To endorse the findings of the Post Completion Reviews that have been carried out in respect of:

- Refurbishment works carried out to create Riverside Beckenham Autistic Centre
- Modular building works carried out to improve the quality of facilities at the Kingswood Pupil Referral Unit
- Capital works carried out to support the creation of Biggin Hill Primary School following the amalgamation of Biggin Hill Infant School and Biggin Hill Junior School.

##### **Reasons:**

The Capital Programme Procedures require that a post completion review be carried out within 12 months of the completion of schemes that are included within the programme. This process is designed to determine the Local Authority's performance around achieving the original scheme objectives, to identify whether the scheme was completed on time and whether costs were contained within the original budget, and what the end user's level of customer satisfaction was with the overall process.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20th March 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

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

#### **BASIC NEED PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT 3**

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

*CYP PDS 200312 Basic Need Programme Update Report 3*

##### **Decision:**

That the list of schemes to be included within the Basic Need Capital Programme 2012-13 be approved.

That expenditure on the projects in delivery including feasibility studies at Churchfields Primary School, Chislehurst (St Nicholas) CE Aided Primary School and for the Secondary ASD SEN Invest-to-Save scheme be approved.

That the initial allocation to projects in development which will be subject to future reports to Members be noted.

That, where appropriate, the Director CYP be authorised to submit planning applications at the appropriate time in respect of the list of schemes.

##### **Reasons:**

The Basic Need Programme is funded by the Basic Need Capital Grant that is provided by Central Government and can be spent on any publicly funded school to support the provision of sufficient school places.

On 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012, the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People agreed an initial list of priority schemes for addressing the estimated increase in the number of reception age pupils from September 2012. To meet this demand, 'bulge years' are planned at existing local schools to provide the required pupil places, which will be delivered through a combination of modular build and internal refurbishment.

In order to address increasing demand for pupils with SEN, work was also being undertaken to develop a new 2 form entry ASD specific secondary provision, including sixth form and respite in the Borough.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20th March 2012 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:

**MEMBERSHIP OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 200312 Membership of School Governing Bodies*

**Decision:**

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

Blenheim Primary School	Ms Mary Cooke (Orpington)
Gray's Farm Primary School	Mr Sam Webber (Chislehurst)
Poverest Primary School	Ms Michelle Booker (Orpington)
St Mary Cray Primary School	Reverend Paul Prentice (Orpington)

**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 210 Vision' and in the CYP Portfolio Plan for 2011/12.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20th March 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

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

**REVISED INSTRUMENT OF GOVERNMENT - MARIAN VIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 200312 Revised Instrument of Government - Marian Vian Primary School*

**Decision:**

That the revised Instrument of Government be approved.

That the Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People instructs that the Instrument be made by the Common Seal of the Council of the London Borough of Bromley.

**Reasons:**

Each school must have an Instrument of Government recording the name of the school and the constitution of the Governing Body.

It is the Governing Body's responsibility to prepare a draft instrument for submission to the Local Authority and the Authority must be content that the draft complies with all applicable statutory requirements.

The Governing Body of Marian Vian Primary School has considered their constitution and has unanimously agreed that they would like to increase the community governor category by one governor. This would increase their current constitution from 14 to 15 governors.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee held on 20th March 2012 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:

**CHILDREN AND FAMILY CENTRES: PROPOSALS FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE CENTRES**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 200312 Children and Family Centres\_Proposals for the Future Use of the Centres*

**Decision:**

That the strategy for alternative future usage of those Centres which have been determined for closure be approved.

**Reasons:**

In considering the future options for the use of the 12 Children and Family Centres identified for closure, consideration was given to all expressions of interest received during the formal consultation which appeared to meet the criteria to prevent clawback of the capital invested. The key requirement from the perspective of the Local Authority in relation to the future use of these sites has been whether the proposed use meets the general purpose of the original capital grant to provide 'early childhood services' to support children aged 0-5 years and their parents or carers, and to prevent capital clawback by the Department for Education.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20th March 2012 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:

**ADMISSIONS ARRANGEMENTS 2013-14**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 200312 Admissions Arrangements 2013-14*

**Decision:**

That Bromley's proposed admissions policy for 2013/14 be approved.

That the proposed schemes to coordinate admissions to primary and secondary schools for admission in 2013/14 be approved.

**Reasons:**

The School Standards and Framework Act 1998, as amended by the Education Act 2002 requires that the Local Authority determine its agreed admissions policy for 2013/14 by 15<sup>th</sup> April 2012.

Local Authorities are also required to coordinate admissions to secondary and primary schools in their area. Any scheme to coordinate admissions must be agreed with all other secondary and primary admission authorities within Bromley (i.e. – the Governing Bodies of Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools). If agreement is not reached, the Secretary of State will impose a scheme on the Local Authority.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

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

**WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY SHORT BREAK PROVISION FOR DISABLED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE: GATEWAY REVIEW**

**Reference Report:**

*CYP PDS 200312 Weekend and Holiday Short Break Provision for Disabled  
CYP\_Gateway Review*

**Decision:**

The proposal to continue to commission the majority of Short Breaks provision from Riverside School via an internal Service Level Agreement be endorsed.

**Reasons:**

Since 1 April 2011 the Local Authority has had a legal duty to provide Short Breaks to those assessed as being eligible for such provision, and the duty extends to the Local Authority providing an appropriate and relevant range and choice of short break services as deemed necessary by way of consultation with stakeholders, including service users.

The Short Breaks service provided at Riverside School consists of a group provision which typically provides for up to 60 attendees at each session. There are 70 contracted sessions (days) covering Saturdays and school holidays, with each session providing 6 hours of Short Break provision. 150 children and young people access the provision, aged from 5 to 18. Each child will receive 18 days of provision per annum on average while those with the most complex needs may receive up to a maximum of 70 days.

Bromley's Disabled Young Advisers Group carried out an evaluation of the Riverside Short Breaks provision in Summer 2011 and rated the provision very highly, judging it to meet the needs of service users more than adequately. It was rated as 'highly valued' by parents and carers.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Children and Young People PDS Committee on 20th March 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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