

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

UPDATE ON PROPOSED PROPERTY PURCHASE INITIATIVE

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 100412 Bed and Breakfast Pressures, 10/04/2012 Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

That the proposal to work with Orchard and Shipman on their scheme to purchase properties to be let to Council nominees as an alternative to bed and breakfast be agreed.

Reasons:

The Council has a number of statutory obligations in relation to housing, including the provision of housing advice and assistance to prevent homelessness or divert from homelessness, assessment of homeless applications, to make temporary and permanent housing provision for those applicants to whom the Council has a statutory re-housing duty and supporting such households to sustain accommodation.

The proposed initiative will enable the Council to manage increased demand for temporary accommodation from existing resources, providing a cheaper alternative to bed and breakfast provision.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 10th April 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY 2012 - 17

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 100412 Homelessness Strategy, 10/04/2012 Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

ACS PDS 100412 Homelessness Strategy Appx, 10/04/2012 Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

That the final draft of the Homelessness Strategy be approved, subject to the following amendments –

- **Adding a paragraph on relocation to other areas.**
- **Strengthening the wording about the shortage of 4/5 bedroom homes in section 2.8 Overcrowding.**
- **Clarifying the wording in the paragraph in Section 1.3 concerning average property prices and incomes in the borough.**

Reasons:

The Homelessness Act 2002 placed a duty on local authorities to develop a homelessness strategy based on a full review of homelessness in their area, and to then produce a subsequent strategy at least every 5 years. The current strategy covers the period 2008-2012, and a new strategy is required for the period 2012-2017. The strategy sets out how the Council, in partnership with stakeholders, will tackle and prevent homelessness in the Borough, and identifies current and future trends, together with emerging issues in order to determine future priorities and areas for development.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 10th April 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

PROPOSED CHANGES TO FUNDING FOR EMPTY PROPERTY GRANTS AND LOANS AND NOMINATION PERIODS

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 12024 Empty property grants report, 10/04/2012 Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

ACS PDS 101412 Empty Property Appx, 10/04/2012 Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

That the change in funding arrangements for empty property grants and loans, and the proposal to link these to the size of the property and the period of nominations as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

Reasons:

The proposal seeks to amend the level of grant and loan funding available to owners of empty properties and to link them to variable nomination periods and to property size. The proposal fits within the Empty Property Strategy 2009-2011. The proposed initiative will also enable the Council to manage increased demand for temporary accommodation from existing resources and providing a cheaper alternative to current provision.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 10th April 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

TAXICARD BUDGET 2012/13

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 100412 Taxicard, 10/04/2012 Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

That the proposed 2012/13 Bromley Taxicard Budget be agreed, as set out in paragraph 5.2 of the report.

That the proposal to allow rollover of any unused trips be agreed, as set out in paragraph 5.3 of the report.

Reasons:

This decision supports the Council's Building a Better Bromley 2020 Vision of Supporting Independence which seeks to ensure people, particularly older people and vulnerable adults are supported to lead active, healthy and independent lives.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 10th April 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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The Portfolio Holder for Adult and Community, Councillor Robert Evans has made the following executive decision:

ADMISSIONS AVOIDANCE SERVICE

Reference Report:

ACS PDS 100412 Admissions Avoidance, 10/04/2012 Adult and Community Policy Development and Scrutiny Committee

Decision:

That the proposal to withdraw funding from the Admissions Avoidance Service be noted.

That the consultation with staff and their representatives which commenced on 23rd March 2012 be noted.

Reasons:

The Admissions Avoidance service has been delivered by Bromley Healthcare since December 2010. The cost of the service is £543k, of which Adult and Community Services contributes £261k and the remainder is funded by the Primary Care Trust. The business case for the service was built on the savings made in hospital tariffs, with the risk and benefits of funding the service shared by the two organisations.

Although activity levels for the service in 2011/12 have resulted in avoided admissions (and therefore notional reductions in cost), the Primary Care Trust has experienced an overall increased spend on emergency acute activity this year and is not in a position to reimburse any funding to the Council. As a result it is proposed that the Council should withdraw its funding for the service.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 10th April 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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