

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Resources, Councillor Graham Arthur has made the following executive decision:

BROMLEY YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROJECT

Reference Report:

ER PDS 140612 Bromley Youth Employment Project

Decision:

- (1) Approve in principle the creation of an employment programme for young people aged 18-24 over 3 years (2013-2016) by way of apprenticeships and internships.**
- (2) Approve the outsourcing of the project to a suitable, experienced and proficient employment and skills provider to deliver the outcomes desired from the programme.**
- (3) Approve an application to Jobcentre Plus' Flexible Learning Fund to deliver environmental skills and training to young people over the next 3 years with support from local and regional partnerships. (It should be noted that the application may actually be submitted by one of Bromley's partners rather than by the Council directly.)**

Reasons:

The Executive allocated £500,000 to support sustainable employment opportunities for young unemployed people living in Bromley. It is proposed to establish a three year project to create these jobs for young residents aged 18-24. The programme focuses on creating sustainable apprenticeships and internships in the private sector to give young people skills and experience in the workplace.

It is proposed to carry out a tendering exercise to engage specialist providers, and report back to the Executive and Resources Committee on 3rd January 2013 before a final decision is taken to award a contract. The criteria for awarding the contract will be weighted more towards quality than price to ensure that an effective provider is chosen. The proposal will include sound financial controls and payment by results.

Alongside this, it is also proposed to work with other partners to apply to the Jobcentre Plus Flexible Learning Fund to create a skills based environmental training programme that will complement Council initiatives in the borough's parks and open spaces.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Executive and Resources PDS Committee on 14th June 2012 and the Committee supported the proposal in principle, subject to there being sufficient focus on quality and control of the contract.

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Date of Decision: 27th June 2012

Implementation Date (subject to call-in): 4th July 2012

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