

LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Julian Benington, has made the following executive decision -

BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2010/11

(Report DRR10/00136)

Decision:

- (1) The latest budget projection for the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio be endorsed;
- (2) A review of the future strategic options for Bromley Adult Education College be undertaken by officers and college staff within existing resources and only referred for external review should it become necessary to do so.

Reasons:

The Resources Portfolio Plan for 2010/11 includes the aim of effective monitoring and control of expenditure within budget and includes the target that each service department will spend within its own budget.

The latest budget monitoring position for 2010/11 for the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio based on expenditure and activity levels up to September 2010 shows a projected underspend of £7k.

The Bromley Adult Education College is also looking to undertake a review of its strategic options for the future given the proposed FE College merger, a reduction in external funding, the general economic climate and introduction of minimum levels of contract value by the Skills Funding Agency. Although it was originally proposed to commission an external study for the review it is now intended that officers and college staff undertake the study with the matter only being referred to external review should it be necessary to do so. In arriving at this decision the views of the Renewal and Recreation PDS Committee at their meeting on 7th December 2010 have been considered.

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The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Julian Benington, has made the following executive decision -

**CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2nd QUARTER
2010/11**

(Report DRR10/00126)

Decision:

The report be confirmed and noted.

Reasons:

Having considered the position on capital expenditure and receipts following the second quarter of 2010/11, the Executive agreed a revised Capital Programme for the four year period 2010/11 to 2013/14 and report DRR10/00126 highlights agreed changes to the Capital Programme for the Renewal and Recreation Portfolio.

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The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Julian Benington, has made the following executive decision -

BROMLEY MYTIME SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN 2011/12

(Report DRR10/00128)

Decision:

- (1) Bromley Mytime's Service Delivery Plan for 2011/12 be approved and
- (2) Bromley Mytime's Investment Fund Programme of Works for 2011/12 be approved.

Reasons:

Under the terms of the Funding Agreement between Bromley Mytime and the Council, Bromley Mytime must supply its draft Service Delivery Plan and budget for the next financial year by no later than 1st October each year. The Agreement also requires the Council to indicate whether it accepts the Plan and to specify any alterations that it requires to be made of the Plan by no later than 1st December.

The Plan includes Bromley Mytime's key corporate priorities for improvement and development and details future investment plans and proposals for the development of new services. It also details how services provided by Bromley Mytime meet the Council's priorities.

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The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Julian Benington, has made the following executive decision -

BROMLEY MUSEUM AT THE PRIORY, ORPINGTON (Report DRR10/00127)

Decision:

That the Executive's Decision taken on 8th December 2010 to approve the submission of a first stage application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding to implement works associated with the enhancement of museum space at the Bromley Museum, The Priory, Orpington (Option 3) be noted and welcomed - the outcome of the application reported back at a later date.

Reasons:

At its meeting on 29th June 2010 the Executive was presented with three options for the future of The Bromley Museum at The Priory, Orpington having agreed to relocate Orpington public library. Having considered the three options the Executive chose to investigate Option 3 and resolved that:

- *Further work be undertaken to explore funding and approval be given for a formal consultation process to be undertaken; and*
- *A further report, with full evaluation and the outcome of discussions to seek external funding be submitted the Executive in six months time, or earlier if possible.*

Option 3 involves substantially enhancing the museum space and extending the museum service into part of the vacated library building. Internal high quality visitor facilities would be created including a cafe area. The aim would be to create an 'arts and heritage hub' at the southern end of Orpington High Street that sits within a fully restored landscape to the front of the building. These enhanced services would support the aims and objectives of the Orpington Master Plan and compliment the various capital schemes that have been successfully completed over the last two years.

Report DRR10/00127 outlines the results of consultation around Option 3 and advises on potential funding for the proposal as a result of a 'pre-application' submission to the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Julian Benington, has made the following executive decision -

THYME OUT SCHEME

(Report DRR10/00125)

Decision:

Progress of the project be noted.

Reasons:

Report DRR10/00125 provides an update on the 'Thyme Out' project which aims to improve the life chances of adults with learning disabilities. External funding was provided for the project through the award of £308,320 from the Big Lottery's Reaching Communities Fund.

At the Adult and Community Portfolio Holder meeting on 10th March 2009 a regular six-monthly update was requested on the progress of the project and its participants from the start of the Scheme in May 2009.

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The Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation, Councillor Julian Benington, has made the following executive decision -

PROPOSED BROMLEY AND ORPINGTON COLLEGE MERGER

(Report DRR10/00135)

Decision:

The recommendation of the Director of Children and Young People and the Director of Renewal and Recreation for continued Local Authority support of the college merger proposal be endorsed.

Reasons:

Orpington College and Bromley College are revisiting and developing an earlier joint proposal that the two colleges should work towards merger with effect from 1st August 2011. The proposal draws upon joint work already undertaken by the Colleges between 2007 and 2009 when the two Corporations developed an Initial Outline Proposal (IOP) for merger. This was endorsed by the London Borough of Bromley, local MPs and the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) and Ministerial approval was also received to proceed to consultation.

The original rationale for merger still remains and the colleges believe the case is now even more compelling in the light of increased pressures on Further Education (FE) funding. The merger proposal was put on hold in October 2009 when members of the Joint Steering Group of College Governors concluded that "although a merger of Orpington and Bromley Colleges would offer increased opportunities for students and employers and would benefit both Colleges, the current political and financial uncertainties pose too great a risk to proceed at this time".

With a proposed merger involving the establishment of a merged FE Corporation with the dissolution of an existing FE Corporation, the Skills Funding Agency will consult on the Draft Proposal and evaluate and submit the Final Proposal to the Secretary of State for determination. Following Skills Funding Agency approval of the colleges' Draft Proposal by the end of December 2010, consultation is expected to take place in January/February 2011 and approval to establish the merged college by early summer 2011.

A working draft of the Colleges' proposal for the merger is appended to Report DRR10/00135.

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