STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

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

SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE IN BROMLEY: PROMOTING TECHNOLOGY

Reference Report:

SUPPORTING INDEPENDENCE IN BROMLEY: PROMOTING TECHNOLOGY

Decision:

That the overall strategy of delivering information, advice and guidance via a webbased portal and through Bromley's libraries be endorsed.

Reasons:

Information, advice and guidance is a key part of the Supporting Independence in Bromley Programme, and supports the overall Building a Better Bromley criteria for supporting Independence.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 25th January 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

PORTFOLIO PRIORITIES AND PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK FOR 2011-2012

Reference Report:

PORTFOLIO PRIORITIES AND PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK FOR 2011-2012

Decision:

- 1. That the areas of priorities resulting from the Portfolio Planning Conference be noted;
- 2. That the proposed Outcomes Based Assessment Framework currently under consultation by the Government be noted;
- 3. That the outcome of the annual Performance Assessment for Adult Social Care 2009/2010 Performing Well be noted.

Reasons:

The four year financial forecast gives an overview of the key service and financial pressures facing the Council and identifies in detail the cost pressures facing the Adult and Community Services Department. As part of the Portfolio Planning process linkages are made with the financial forecast to ensure that any additional cost pressures or savings that arise are taken into account.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 25th January 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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BUDGET MONITORING 2010-2011

Reference Report:

BUDGET MONITORING 2010-2011

Decision:

That a projected overspend of £192,000 forecast on the controllable budget for the Adult and Community Portfolio as at 30th November 2010 be noted.

Reasons:

The Resources Portfolio Plan for 2010/2011 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. Chief Officers and Departmental Heads of Finance are continuing to place emphasis on the need for strict compliance with the Council's budgetary control and monitoring arrangements.

Bromley's Best Value Performance Plan "Making a Difference" refers to the council's intention to remain amongst the lowest Council Tax levels in outer London and the importance of greater focus on priorities.

The four Year financial Forecast report highlights the financial pressures facing the council. It remains imperative that strict budgetary control continues to be exercised in 2011/2012 to minimise the risk of compounding financial pressures in future years.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 25th January 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

DRAFT 2011/12 BUDGET

Reference Report:

DRAFT 2011/12 BUDGET

Decision:

- 1. That the saving options proposed by the Executive be noted;
- 2. That the update on the financial forecast and the draft 2011/2012 budget proposals be noted;
- 3. That the outcome of the Local Government Settlement which results in significant reductions in Government funding to the Council be noted.

Reasons:

The scale of funding reductions and the late financial settlement make this an exceptional year for setting the budget with a higher level of uncertainty than previous years. It is critically important that action is taken in future years to eliminate or substantially reduce growth in spending forecast to avoid untenable council tax rises.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 25th January 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2ND QUARTER 2010/11

Reference Report:

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING - 2nd QUARTER 2010/11

Decision:

That the report be noted.

Reasons:

Capital Programme monitoring and review is part of the planning and review process for all services. The capital review process requires Chief Officers to ensure that bids for capital investment provide value for money and match Council plans and priorities.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 25th January 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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PERSONAL BUDGETS AND CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY CONSULTATION

Reference Report:

PERSONAL BUDGETS AND CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY CONSULTATION

Decision:

1. That the consultation being undertaken with the wider stakeholder groups be noted.

Reasons:

Personal Budgets are central to the Supporting Independence in Bromley Programme which is a key priority within the Adult and community Portfolio Plan and central to the Building a Better Bromley priority of Promoting Independence. The current Fairer charging Policy will be revised to reflect the agreed changes and will be available on the Bromley website in April 2011.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS on 25th January 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

CLOSURE OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE RECEPTION SERVICES

Reference Report:

CLOSURE OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE RECEPTION SERVICES

Decision:

That the proposed closure of Adult Social Care receptions at The Walnuts and Yeoman house area offices be agreed, subject to consideration of the breakdown of redundancy costs (Decision ACS11007a).

Reasons:

The proposals to close these services follows a number of changes which have had a significant impact on the demand for reception services, including the relocation of children's social care teams from The Walnuts and Yeoman house to the Old Town Hall.

The proposals contained within the report will achieve savings of £50,000 in 2011/2012 and £150,000 per annum from 2012/13.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 25th January 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORTED LIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES: SCHEME A

Reference Report:

COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORTED LIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES

Decision:

That the award of a contract for one year from 1st April 2011 to Family Mosaic for support to 8 service users at Padua Road be agreed, subject to consideration of the detailed financial implications (Decision ACS11009/a).

Reasons:

Padua Road opened in September 2010 and support for the first cohort of service users has been purchased on a spot contract basis for a trial period whilst the service users settle in. The scheme is designed to support service users to develop independent living skills that will enable them to move in the future to other accommodation with a significantly reduced level of support.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee 25th January 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORTED LIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES: SCHEME B

Reference Report:

COMMISSIONING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUPPORTED LIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES: SCHEME B

Decision:

- That a waiver be granted under Contract Procedure Rule 13.1 for the need for competitive tendering to allow officers to award a contract for support services for people with learning disabilities to Elizabeth Fitzroy Support with effect from 1st April 2011, subject to consideration of detailed financial implications (Decision ACS11009/a).
- That the proposed length of the Contract be one year with the potential to extend for a
 further period up to but not exceeding one year. The extension to be agreed by the
 Director of Adult and Community services in consultation with the Adult and
 Community Portfolio Holder.
- 3. That the Contract include a break clause which will enable the Council to withdraw from the Contract earlier should a review of funding become necessary.

Reasons:

The service to be delivered through this contract will support the priority outcomes in the Commissioning Plan for Supporting Independence 2010/2011, the Learning disability Strategy Delivery Plan 2009/2011, the Government's Valuing People Now – A 3 Year Strategy for People with learning disabilities, published in January 2009 and is designed to meet the council's objective to support independence, especially for people with learning disabilities.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 25th January 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Reference Report:

SERVICES FOR PEOPLE WITH VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

Decision:

- 1.That the requirements for competitive bids pursuant to Contract Procedure Rule 13.1 be waived and the proposal to negotiate a new contract with the current provider for the provision of services to people with visual impairments for a period of one year from 1st April 2011 to 31st March 2012 be approved.
- 2.That the consultation on the proposal that small items of equipment and talking books will no longer be provided free of charge to people with visual impairment be approved.

Reasons:

Support services for people with Visual Impairments support the priority outcomes in the Older People Strategy 2008-2013, Independence and Choice for Older People in Bromley. The services also support the Putting People First agenda by providing rehabilitation to people with visual impairment to maximise functioning and live independently.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Adult and Community PDS Committee on 25th January 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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