

**LONDON BOROUGH OF BROMLEY**

**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Colin Smith, has made the following executive decision:

**BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2010-11**

**Reference Report:**

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8a Budget Monitoring Report 2010-11*

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8a Budget Monitoring Report 2010-11 Appendix 1*

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8a Budget Monitoring Report 2010-11 Appendix 1a*

**Decision:**

The 2010/11 budget projection for the Environment Portfolio based on expenditure and activity levels up to January 2011 be endorsed.

**Reasons:**

Based on expenditure and activity levels up to January 2011, the controllable budget for the Portfolio was expected to be overspent by £777k at year end after allowing for transfers to and from central contingency for the waste underspend of Cr £756k and recession monies to cover the £316k net shortfall on parking income.

A large overspend on winter maintenance was due to the UK experiencing the coldest December in 31 years and the South East in particular suffering two main snow events with as much as 60cm falling in some parts of the Borough.

A £46k under achievement of income on non-controllable budgets was also projected.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Environment PDS Committee on 5th April 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

The Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Councillor Colin Smith, has made the following executive decision:

**VEHICLE CROSSING TO THE REAR OF 75 KENWOOD DRIVE, BECKENHAM**

**Reference Report:**

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8d Vehicle Crossing to the rear of 75 Kenwood Drive, Beckenham*

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8d Vehicle Crossing to the rear of 75 Kenwood Drive, Beckenham Appendix 1*

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8d Vehicle Crossing to the rear of 75 Kenwood Drive, Beckenham Appendix 2*

**Decision:**

The application for a vehicle crossing to serve the rear of 75 Kenwood Drive be refused on the grounds that (1) the creation of such a crossing in Quinton Close would constitute a serious loss in the amenity value of the highway verge and (2) the property is already adequately served for residential purposes by its existing crossing into Kenwood Drive and a further crossing is considered to be inappropriate.

**Reasons:**

The application for a vehicle crossing in Quinton Close, Beckenham, to serve the rear of 75, Kenwood Drive is refused on the grounds that (1) the creation of such a crossing in Quinton Close would constitute a serious loss in the amenity value of the highway verge and (2) the property is already adequately served for residential purposes by its existing crossing into Kenwood Drive and a further crossing is considered to be inappropriate.

Report ES11037 was considered by the Environment PDS Committee on 5th April 2011.

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## STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Colin Smith, has made the following executive decision:

### **PUBLIC TOILET PROVISION**

#### **Reference Report:**

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8e Public Toilet Provision*

#### **Decision:**

- (1) The continued phased closure of public toilets and introduction of new cleaning arrangements in others, to achieve the £223k of savings required, as set out in paragraph 3.7 of report ES11013, be agreed; and
- (2) Funding and further expansion of the Community Toilet Scheme across the borough be continued.

#### **Reasons:**

It is proposed that 13 on street and 2 park public toilets be closed with an additional 8 park toilets transferred to business/community management or operated with reduced opening times.

Savings would be made through reduced cleansing and maintenance costs with the outstanding budget being used to clean and maintain toilets remaining open. A proportion would also be used to operate and develop the Community Toilet Scheme and support new management arrangements in parks.

The programme of closures and changes to management arrangements will begin from June 2011 following a further analysis of the feasibility of introducing the Community Toilet Scheme in all locations and consultation with local businesses and ward Councillors.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Environment PDS Committee on 5th April 2011 and the Committee supported the proposals. Following the Committee's scrutiny, consideration will also be given to (i) offering retailers who so wanted an opportunity of being part of the Community Toilet Scheme without being paid by the Council and (ii) keeping the extra budget provision of £20k for community toilets under review; further proposals could be brought forward to increasing this financial support, if appropriate, to deliver additional facilities.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Environment PDS Committee on 5th April 2011 and the Committee supported the proposals.

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### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Councillor Colin Smith, has made the following executive decision:

#### WASTE SERVICE DEVELOPMENTS

##### Reference Report:

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8f Waste Service Developments*

##### Decision:

- (1) With effect from October 2011, the CFA service be expanded to include all properties in flats serviced by bulk containers for refuse and recyclables, with no changes to the existing frequency of refuse collections and utilising funding provided by the London Waste & Recycling Board;
- (2) A charge of £2 per roll of 50 cornstarch liners be implemented with immediate effect with sales points available at libraries and other council offices;
- (3) Negotiations be commenced with the Waste Management contractor and other potential contractors to explore options for the Council obtaining an income from the operation of the textile recycling service in the borough.

##### Reasons:

Food Waste Liners - the provision of free liners via local libraries has proved so popular that it is no longer financially sustainable.

The costs of supplying free liners from 2012/13 onwards has been removed as part of the Council budget savings and the final delivery of free liners to residents will be in April when each household will be provided with two rolls or 100 liners.

To ensure residents are able to obtain liners without an unsustainable budget pressure on the Council, it is proposed to sell liners via libraries and Council offices at an initial price of £2.00 per roll of 50 covering not only the actual cost but additional administration costs. For the future, consideration can also be given to ordering and paying for the liners via the website for a charge to cover the extra costs incurred such as delivery postage.

Food waste collection from flats - this is not currently covered where bulk communal containers are provided for refuse and dry recyclables. However, funding from the London Waste & Recycling Board (LW&RB) can be used to expand the Composting for All (CFA) service to all such flats. The cost of delivering communications to affected residents and the cost of delivering the containers will be funded from existing Waste budgets; the additional collection costs will be balanced by savings achieved in diverting the food waste away from landfill.

Textile collections - Officers have been contacted by several locally-based textile companies suggesting options to improve and expand the current service mainly provided by charity groups. Options include a revision of current arrangements, tendering the revised service options (to include local SMEs, voluntary organisations

and charities) or re-focussing service provision with service providers working as a sub-contractor to Veolia. The Decision at (3) above provides authority to develop such contacts with a view to providing a further report on options for revising the current service level; a potential income of some £180k could be available per annum.

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Environment PDS Committee on 5th April 2011 and the Committee supported the proposals.

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### STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

The Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Councillor Colin Smith, has made the following executive decision:

#### **IMPACT OF WINTER DAMAGE ON THE PLANNED HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2011/12**

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

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8g Impact of Winter damage on the Planned Highway Maintenance Programme 2011-12*

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8g Impact of Winter Damage on the Planned Highway Maintenance Programme Appendix 1a*

##### **Decision:**

- (1) The amended initial tranche of the 2011/12 planned highway maintenance programme at Appendix 2 of Report 11033 be agreed;
- (2) A report be presented in the autumn detailing the remainder of the 2011/12 maintenance programme and the provisional programme for 2012/13;
- (3) Delegated authority be retained by the Director of Environmental Services, in consultation with the Environment Portfolio Holder, for amending the approved programme where necessary.

##### **Reasons:**

Severe winter conditions have led to accelerated deterioration of some sections of the Network. In certain circumstances required patch repairs for pot holes have been particularly extensive and better value for money can be achieved by developing resurfacing schemes. The roads in most need of planned maintenance have therefore changed.

The prioritisation process in recent years has relied on data from detailed annual condition surveys on a third of the borough each summer supplemented with other information. However in view of the severe winters it is proposed to undertake an additional condition survey of every road in the borough during the spring, the results of which will form the basis of the 2012/13 works programme. Remaining schemes from the approved 2011/12 programme will be completed along with a number of additional schemes - a revised 2011/12 programme is appended to report ES11033.

The condition survey will also allow additional schemes to be identified for inclusion in the 2011/12 programme and these will be included in the annual highways report for the autumn. In the meantime the Director will retain delegated authority, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to include additional schemes in the programme where roads have deteriorated and will otherwise require substantial expenditure on reactive maintenance.

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**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

The Portfolio Holder for Environment, Councillor Colin Smith, has made the following executive decision:

**DRAFT ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO PLAN 2011/14**

**Reference Report:**

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8h Draft Environment Portfolio Plan 2011-14*

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8h Draft Environment Portfolio Plan 2011-14 Appendix 1*

*ENV PDS 050411 item 8h Draft Environment Portfolio Plan 2011-14 Appendix 2*

**Decision:**

- (1) The scope and content of the draft Portfolio Plan be agreed to facilitate accountability for measuring progress and value for money;
- (2) A further report be provided recommending a final draft of the Portfolio Plan, including 2010/11 performance data, and setting out an appropriate level of specific milestones and local performance expectations for the period 2011/14.

**Reasons:**

It is intended that the final draft of the Environment Portfolio Plan 2011/14 will be presented in June 2011 to facilitate:

- accountability for the achievement of 2010/11 targets;
- understanding of the Portfolio's objectives for the coming year; and
- the setting of milestones and local performance expectations for 2011/14

The proposed decision was scrutinised by the Environment PDS Committee on 5th April 2011 and the Committee supported the proposal.

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