

## **SUMMARY OF URGENT DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER REPORTED TO CABINET FOR INFORMATION**

The following reports were considered in accordance with paragraph 1.21 of the Leader's Portfolio.

### **ITEM**

#### **1. PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL POLICE OFFICERS FROM THE METROPOLITAN POLICE AUTHORITY FOR ENHANCED TOWN CENTRE POLICING**

The report seeks approval to enter into a legal agreement with the Metropolitan Police Authority for three years from 1st April 2011 to purchase additional 38 police officers at a total cost of £1,313,000 per year.

#### **Reasons for Urgency:**

The current contract with the MPS expired on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011. Agreement has been reached with the MPA on the number of eligible officers for the 'matched funding offer'. This agreement was reached on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2011. A Leader's Urgent Decision is required to enable the policing arrangements to continue in the new model outlined below.

#### **Decision taken by the Leader on: 23 June 2011**

#### **Recommendations:**

**That approval is given to enter into a legal agreement with the Metropolitan Police Authority for three years from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to purchase an additional 38 police officers at a total cost of £1,313,000 per year as set out in paragraph 4.3 of the report.**

**Wards: All**

#### **2. PROVISION OF FIRE RISK ASSESSMENTS IN COMMUNAL AREAS OF HOUSING PROPERTIES**

Proposal to extend the previous arrangements for the provision of Fire Risk Assessments for Communal Areas to housing properties for the period 31 March 2011 to 30 June 2011 and to award a new contract under an a Buying Solutions Framework for the provision of Fire Risk Assessments for Communal Areas to housing properties from 1 July 2011 to 31 August 2013.

#### **Reasons for Urgency:**

The ongoing programme of Fire Risk Assessments is an essential part of Landlord's duties under the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005. Failure to maintain the programme would leave the Council exposed to threat of prosecution.

## **Decision taken by the Leader on: 23 June 2011**

### **Recommendations:**

- 1. To give retrospective approval for the extension of the previous arrangements with Cyril Sweett for the provision of Fire Risk Assessments for Communal Areas to housing properties for the period from 31 March 2011 to 30 June 2011 at a total cost of £144,400; and**
- 2. To approve the award of a contract to Cyril Sweett under a Buying Solutions Framework for Technical Assurance Services for the provision of Fire Risk Assessments for Communal Areas to housing properties at a total cost of £528,091. The programme of works to be carried out by Cyril Sweett under the proposed contract will commence on 1 July 2011 and be completed by 31 August 2013.**

**Wards: All**

- 3. GRANT OF LEASE TO THE WEST LONDON FREE SCHOOL ACADEMY FOR TEMPORARY USE OF THE CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL SITE, CAMBRIDGE GROVE W6**

This report sets out recommendations for the use in the immediate future of the Cambridge School site (the “premises”) that will shortly be vacated by Cambridge Special School that is relocating to the Bryony Centre.

The principal recommendation is to grant a short-term lease of the premises to West London Free School Academy Trust (WLFS) as an interim venue for a free school pending completion of WLFS's purchase from the Council of Palingswick House and its refurbishment as its preferred free school location.

The Council welcomes the opportunity to host the WLFS in the borough as part of its “Schools of Choice” strategy that includes an aim to increase the level of the borough’s resident pupil population attending borough schools.

The lease will enable WLFS to open in September 2011, providing early extra choice and opportunities at a secondary level for parents and children within the borough.

A separate exempt report provides information on the lease terms.

### **Reasons for Urgency:**

West London Free School require urgent completion of a lease (for temporary use of the Cambridge School Site) in order to complete procurement of works for the school’s redecoration and minor works plus school equipment, including furniture, and for appointing staff and enrolling pupils in order to meet its target school commencement date of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

Delayed council authority for grant of the lease would preclude WLFS from completing timely procurement and meeting its target school commencement date of 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

**Decision taken by the Leader on: 23 June 2011**

**Recommendations:**

- 1. That approval is given to grant a short-term lease to West London Free School for temporary use of the Cambridge School site, Cambridge Grove W6 for a Free School on lease terms as set out in Appendix 1 on the exempt part of the report.**
- 2. That authority be delegated to the Cabinet Member for Children Services in consultation with the Director for Children Services, AD Legal and Democratic Services and AD Building and Property Management to settle all other terms which they consider appropriate.**

**Wards: All**