

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

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

### **ITEM**

#### **19.1 POSSIBLE CHANGES TO TAXICARD SCHEME: PUBLIC CONSULTATION NEEDED**

Taxicard is a pan-London transport scheme for disabled residents, jointly funded by London Boroughs and Transport for London and co-ordinated by London Councils. Due to a projected pan-London overspend for the scheme, London Councils have recommended changes to the Taxicard scheme. The Taxicard projected overspend for LBHF this financial year could be up to £90K, with further overspend in following years, unless remedial actions are put in place. To reduce this overspend LBHF have the option to implement changes to the scheme proposed by London Councils. This report seeks a Leader's urgent decision (due to the financial risk) on the consultation with relevant borough residents with regard to proposed changes as well as a change to the eligibility criteria of the scheme.

#### **Reason for urgency:**

This report is being put forward for a Leader's Urgent Decision due to the immediate financial risk for the remainder of this financial year (which could be up to £90K) and for following financial years (which could be up to £250K) if no action is taken. Given that the financial risk will increase over time, LBHF officers, if this report is agreed by the Leader, need to consult the public about proposed changes to the scheme as soon as possible. The lead times for the scheduled Cabinet process would take too long for officers to effect the public consultation whilst also protecting finances and ensuring the continued access to the scheme by roughly 2000 vulnerable residents.

#### **Decision taken by the Leader on 22 December 2010:**

**That authority be delegated to the Director of Children's Services, in conjunction with the Cabinet Members for Children's Services and for Community Care:**

- 1) To approve officers' public consultation plan which will consult on both the possible changes to the scheme and possible changes to the eligibility criteria of the scheme, which will aim to protect vulnerable residents, ensure activity stays within budget for 2011/12 and subsequent years and reduce financial pressure for 2010/11.**
- 2) To require officers to report back in early 2011 (post consultation) with recommendations for action to:**
  - a) reduce financial risk in 2010/11 and 2011/12; and**
  - b) to improve priority access to the scheme.**

**Wards: All**

## **19.2 WESTFIELD ADDITIONAL POLICING**

This paper outlines the intention of the Council to request one additional Police Sergeant and eight additional Police Constables from the Metropolitan Police Authority (the "Met") on behalf of Westfield London.

### **Reasons for Urgency:**

The request requires an urgent decision in order for the additional police officers to in place for the proposed start date of 4 January 2011.

### **Decision taken by the Leader on 31 December 2010:**

- 1. That a varied legal agreement be entered into with the Metropolitan Police Service and with Westfield London**
- 2. That all costs will be fully recharged to Westfield London to cover both the estimated £799,000 direct police commissioning costs and the Council's suggested £80,000 administration fee over the two year agreement period.**
- 3. That any additional detailed negotiations concerning this decision will be concluded by the Director under delegated authority.**

**Ward: Shepherds Bush Green**