

# Cabinet

21 MARCH 2011

## SUMMARY OF OPEN DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE LEADER AND CABINET MEMBERS REPORTED TO CABINET FOR INFORMATION

### CABINET MEMBER

#### **CABINET MEMBER FOR RESIDENTS SERVICES**

*Councillor Greg Smith*

#### **16.1 RESTRUCTURE OF HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM ARCHIVES AND LOCAL HISTORY SERVICE**

This report sets out options for reducing the cost of the Archives and Local History Service in order to achieve efficiency savings from 2011/12 whilst maintaining the Archive collection and research service.

#### **Decision taken by Cabinet Member on : 23 February 2011**

- 1. Implement Option C and the associated action plan as set out in the attached conservation management report, from 1 April 2011.**
- 2. Temporarily close the reading room and suspend the associated search service from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 in order to provide sufficient time for the current archivist staff to implement the proposed restructure.**
- 3. Introduce a system of fees and charges and post on the Council's Publication Scheme as per the summary contained in Appendix B in the report.**
- 4. Pursue alternative forms of service provision in partnership with other borough archives, amenity bodies and local community organisations.**

**Wards: All**

#### **CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING**

*Councillor Lucy Ivimy*

#### **16.2 APPLYING THE NEW SUBSIDY CAPS FOR PRIVATE SECTOR LEASING RENTS**

This report seeks the approval to apply the new housing benefit subsidy caps for temporary accommodation to 10 Private Sector Leasing units managed by the council, which have been affected by further subsidy changes lately introduced by Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

Applying the new subsidy caps means amending the rent charging

policy for temporary accommodation in order to:

- reduce the rent liabilities of 10 homeless households to bring their rents in line with applicable housing benefit subsidy;
- ensure that the same households are not disadvantaged by the new subsidy regime and that their rents are on par with other households living in similar forms of temporary accommodation.

**Decision made by Cabinet Member on: 21 February 2011**

1. That approval is given to reduce the rents of 10 temporary accommodation units affected by the new DWP housing benefit subsidy scheme at a total aggregate cost of £17,240.08 for 2010/11 as set out in paragraph 6 and Appendix 1 of the report.
2. That authority be delegated to the Head of Accommodation Services, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Housing, to implement the new housing benefit subsidy caps in relation to rent charges for newly acquired temporary accommodation units during the 2010/11 financial year.

**Wards: All**

**CABINET MEMBER  
FOR RESIDENTS  
SERVICES**

*Councillor Greg  
Smith*

**16.3 CONTRACTS FOR THE COLLECTION AND  
TRANSPORTATION OF BODIES ON BEHALF OF THE  
WEST LONDON CORONER**

This report seeks Cabinet Member approval for the award of three contracts for the collection and transportation of bodies on behalf of HM Coroner for West London.

**Decision made by Cabinet Member on: 21 February 2011**

**That approval is given to the award of three contracts for the collection and transportation of bodies on behalf of HM Coroner for West London at a total cost of £99,200 (£24,800 per annum for four years) to the six Boroughs comprising the West London Coroner District. The cost to LB H&F is circa. £13,000 over the four year period. The recommended contractors are listed in Para. 5.18 of the report.**

**Wards: All**

**CABINET MEMBER  
FOR CHILDREN'S  
SERVICES**

*Councillor Helen  
Binmore*

**16.4 EXTENSION OF SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR  
PARENT PARTNERSHIP SERVICE (STATUTORY SERVICE  
TO SUPPORT PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL  
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS)**

Parent Partnership is a statutory service for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs (SEN), Approval is therefore sought to extend the existing arrangement with Intuition PPMS until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

**Decision made by the Cabinet Member on: 21 February 2011**

- 1. That the Cabinet Member for Children's Services approves an extension of the existing service agreement for Parent Partnership Service to Intuition PPMS for one year to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011, at a reduced cost of £33,500.**
- 2. That the Council's Contracts Standing Orders be waived in accordance with section 1 (the executive summary) of this report.**

**Wards: All**

**CABINET MEMBER  
FOR CHILDREN'S  
SERVICES**

*Councillor Helen  
Binmore*

**16.5 SCHOOL GATE EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT INITIATIVE**

This report seeks the approval to award grant funding for the School Gate Employment Support initiative.

The School Gate Employment Support (SGES) initiative allocation was agreed by the Area Based Grant (ABG) Board on 9 February 2010.

**Decision made by Cabinet Members on: 21 February 2011**

**That approval is given to regularise appointment of Tendis Ltd for the period of nine months commencing on 1 July 2010 at a total cost of £45,000.00.**

**Wards: Wormholt and White City**

**CABINET MEMBER  
FOR CHILDREN'S  
SERVICES**

*Councillor Helen  
Binmore*

**16.6 APPOINTMENT OF LEA GOVERNORS- VARIOUS**

This report records the Cabinet Member's decision to appoint LEA Governors, which falls within the scope of her executive portfolio.

**Decision made by Cabinet Member on: 3 February 2011**

1. To appoint Mr Will Taylor-Jackson to the Governing Body of Langford Primary School for a period of four years to 2 February 2015.
2. To appoint Mr Naresh Sethi to the Governing Body of Vanessa Nursery School for a period of four years to 2 February 2015.
3. To appoint Ms Susie Ruston to the Governing Body of Sullivan Primary School for a period of four years to 2 February 2015.

**Wards: Sands End; Askew**

**DEPUTY LEADER  
(+ ENVIRONMENT  
AND ASSET  
MANAGEMENT)**

*Councillor Nicholas  
Botterill*

**16.7 RAVENSCOURT PARK NEIGHBOURHOOD SCHEME**

This report details proposed improvements within the Ravenscourt Park within the 2010/11 neighbourhood programme.

For a number of years residents in Ravenscourt Park area have raised various concerns regarding speeding, safety and rat-running. A range of road safety improvements are proposed to address these concerns. Streetscape improvements are also proposed to declutter the area, improving disabled access and provision of new parking spaces. Following consultation with residents, several of the proposals have been withdrawn and only those which have residents' clear support are being progressed.

Funding has been provided by Transport for London specifically for this project and proposals has been designed to maximise value for money and reduce the future costs of maintenance and repairs for the Council.

Cabinet approved expenditure on this scheme within the 2010/11 programme/budget on 26 April 2010. A further report will be presented to a future ECM on proposed safety improvements in the area of Glenthorne Road and Studland Street which are planned for 2011/12.

**Decision taken by Cabinet Member on: 25 January 2011**

**That approval be given to officers to implement the proposals detailed in Section 4 of this report at a total cost of £146,000 as set out in paragraphs 7.1 - 7.3 of the report.**

**Ward: Ravenscourt Park**

**CABINET MEMBER  
FOR CHILDREN'S  
SERVICES**

*Councillor Helen  
Binmore*

**16.8 EXTENSION TO CHILDREN'S CENTRES SERVICE LEVEL  
AGREEMENTS**

This report seeks the approval to award grant funding for the extension of current children's centres service level agreements for April 2011

The children's centres revenue funding was agreed at Cabinet for Phase 2 children's centres in February 2007 and Phase 3 children's centres in July 2008.

**Decision made by Cabinet Member on: 23 February 2011**

**That approval is given to award grant funding for an extension of 1 month commencing on 1 April 2011 to Urban Partnership Group, Old Oak Housing Association, Shepherds Bush Families Project and the Pre-school Learning Alliance at a total cost of £79,667.00 to continue to operate children's centres provision.**

**Wards: Old Oak and College Park, Shepherds Bush Green, Addison, Town, Palace Riverside, Fulham Broadway**