

DELEGATED POWERS REPORT NO.

832

SUBJECT:

Control sheet

All of the following actions MUST be completed at each stage of the process and the signed and dated report MUST be passed to Democratic Service for publishing

All reports		
1. Democratic Services receive draft report	Name of DSO Date	Nick Musgrove 9/6/09
2. Democratic Services cleared draft report as being constitutionally appropriate	Name of DSO Date	Nick Musgrove 9/6/09
3. Finance clearance obtained (<i>report author to complete</i>)	Name of Fin. officer Date	Clive Medlam 9/6/09
4. Staff and other resources issues clearance obtained (<i>report author to complete</i>)	Name of Res. officer Date	N/A
5. Trade Union response received (Staffing issues only)	Name of TU rep. Date	N/A
6. Legal clearance obtained from (<i>report author to complete</i>)	Name of Legal officer Date	Philomena Jemide 10/6/09
7. Policy & Partnerships clearance obtained (<i>report author to complete</i>)	Name of P&P officer Date	Andrew Nathan 9/6/09
8. Equalities & Diversity clearance obtained (<i>report author to complete</i>)	Name of officer Date	Andrew Nathan 9/6/09
9. The above process has been checked and verified by Director, Head of Service or Deputy (<i>report author to complete</i>)	Name Date	Robert McCulloch-Graham 10/6/09
10. Signed & dated report, <u>scanned or hard copy</u> received by Democratic Services for publishing	Name of DSO Date	Nick Musgrove 10/6/09
11. Report published by Dem Services to website	Name of DSO Date	Nick Musgrove 10/6/09
Officer reports:		
12. Head of Service informed report is published and can be implemented.	Name of DSO Date	
Cabinet Member reports:		
13. Expiry of call-in period	Date	Exempt from call-in
14. Report circulated for call-in purposes to Business Management OSSC Members & copied to Cabinet & Head of Service	Name of DSO Date	Nick Musgrove 11/6/09

ACTION TAKEN BY CABINET MEMBER(S) UNDER DELEGATED POWERS (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION)

Subject Brunswick Park Community Hub – Co-location Fund grant acceptance

Cabinet Member(s) Leader of the Council

Date of decision 10 June 2009

Date decision comes into effect 10 June 2009

Summary The council has been awarded £6.512m to create a new 'community hub' in Brunswick Park, in partnership with the PCT. This report asks for authority to accept the grant and to contribute £1m capital funding to the project.

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Craig Cooper, Major Projects Director

Status (public or exempt) Public

Wards affected Brunswick Park

Enclosures Terms and conditions of Grant – Co-location Fund

Reason for exemption from call-in (if appropriate) Call-in would be prejudicial to achieving the deadline of 10 June for acceptance of the grant

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1. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 1.1 None

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 The Brunswick Park Community Hub will contribute to a number of corporate priorities and bring numerous benefits to one of the more deprived areas in Barnet. In particular, the re-provision of the children's centre and the library will help to achieve 'A bright future for children and young people' and the new primary care centre will help residents to be 'strong and healthy'. Investing in public services in one of the more deprived areas of the borough will help Barnet to be a 'successful city suburb'.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 3.1 There is a risk that the capital receipt from the sale of land at Hampden Way Children's Centre is less than the anticipated £1m. In this case the council would need to identify additional funding from another source, e.g. s106 or other funding streams. However, this may curtail capital plans in other service areas. There is also a risk that the capital receipt may not be received in time for the project and that the council may need to borrow to bridge the short term funding gap.
- 3.2 There is a risk that the project is not delivered by September 2011, the deadline specified by the DCSF; this may result in some or all of the grant funding being lost if the project is not completed on time.
- 3.3 Working in partnership creates additional risks and dependencies as the council will not retain direct control of all aspects of the programme. However, the co-location fund is specifically intended to pilot partnership working arrangements for the co-location of services, in order to learn lessons for future programmes. LBB will be the accountable body for the funding; formal legal agreements for financial contributions to be received from other partners, and for their cooperation in respect to our requirements for any accounting and audit arrangements will need to be in place before any expenditure is committed to.
- 3.4 There is a risk that project expenditure estimates are inaccurate; to mitigate this risk a detailed feasibility study was carried out looking at all elements of the proposed development. Appropriate arrangements will be put in place for cost sharing with partners if the project budget overspends, how any underspend will be shared if savings are made, or if there are variations to the scheme detail in due course.

4. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

- 4.1 The new community hub will improve local service provision to all residents of Brunswick Park and neighbouring areas. In particular children and young people and vulnerable families will benefit from the multi-agency services provided through the children's centre, library and health centre. Vulnerable

residents will benefit by not having to travel across Barnet in order to access a range of primary care services.

5. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for Money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.1 Finance and procurement

5.1.1 Barnet Council will maintain accountability for the co-location project and any grant paid by the Secretary of State for delivery of the project.

5.1.2 The anticipated project funding envelope is £15.0m, with funding attributed to the following sources: Barnet Council £1.0m (land disposal Hampden Way), Primary Care Trust (PCT) £7.5m and Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) Co-Location Fund £6.5m. The DCSF funding is capped at the level outlined and any additional project costs arising will need to be met by the local authority and its partners

5.1.3 The Council has supported the preferred procurement and/or delivery mechanism of a LIFT Co in its submission as a matter of principle and to allow the Council to participate in the specified capital project in conjunction with the Primary Care Trust (PCT). Delivery options outlined below are being explored with the PCT and the option delivering greatest value for money will be recommended:

Option 1 – Develop an agreement which permits Barnet Council to work with Barnet PCT and their LIFT partner, which will allow for a one-off capital payment and permit Barnet Council to retain ownership of its assets

If this is not possible;

Option 2 – Deliver the proposal with our Strategic Partners utilising Barnet PCT lift partner in part agreement with Kier London

The final arrangement will aim to meet the objectives of the funding and not create any substantial obligation or risk for the authority for the future.

5.1.4 The full financial impact of this project is still work in progress, however it is anticipated that expenditure will be contained within the funding envelope, appropriate level of contingency applied and no long term or significant financial commitment will be made on the principles of co-location, prior to a full report to Cabinet Resources Committee.

5.1.5 We anticipate our ongoing revenue costs to be met from pooling of existing service maintenance budgets from the respective service areas.

5.1.6 **Staffing Implications** - There are no staffing implications arising from this report.

5.2 Property

The project will include the rebuilding of the library on Osidge Lane, and the rebuilding and re-location of the Nursery and Children's Centre at Hampden Way. This programme will include disposal of the land currently occupied by Hampden Way Children's Centre as an integral element of the funding envelope. The land is in the council's ownership and there are currently no restrictions on the title.

6. LEGAL ISSUES

6.1 None

7. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

7.1 Constitution, Part 3 – Responsibility for Functions – section 3 – responsibilities of the Executive

7.2 Overview and Scrutiny Rules – section 16 (m), set out the provisions for exempting Cabinet Member reports from call-in on the grounds of urgency.

8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

8.1 The government's co-location fund, administered by the Department for Children, Schools and Families, was launched in the Children's Plan with the aim of enabling greater co-location of services for children and young people. A total of £200m was available to projects across England, which would provide co-located facilities aimed at children and young people and would be deliverable by September 2011.

8.2 Barnet council submitted a bid in conjunction with Barnet Primary Care Trust for funding for the 'Brunswick Park Community Hub' project. Initial plans had already been developed for the scheme and funding was requested to enable Phase 1 to proceed. Phase 1 involves the re-building of Osidge Library, the re-building of Brunswick Park health centre as a larger Primary Care Centre, the re-location of Hampden Way Children's Centre onto the Brunswick Park site and the creation of a new public open space. Phase 2 of the scheme will involve the re-building of Brunswick Park primary school but is not covered by this grant.

8.2 Barnet bid for £6.512m of the £15m project, with the remaining funds being contributed by the PCT and the sale of land from Hampden Way Children's Centre. Bids totalling over £650m were received for the £200m fund and Barnet was recently informed that the Brunswick Park bid has been chosen to go forward by the DCSF.

8.3 The DCSF now require the terms and condition of the grant to be accepted by 10th June in order for the funding to be received.

8.4 The proposal approved in this report would normally be liable to call-in to the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee under the overview and scrutiny rules in the Council's Constitution. Section 16 (m) of these rules allows decisions to be exempted from call-in where the resulting delay

would prejudice the Council's or the public's interests. These urgency provisions are being applied in this case because the grant must be accepted by 10 June and the next meeting of the Sub-Committee is not until 18 June.

- 8.5 As required by the urgency provisions, the Chairman of the Business Management Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee has been consulted and agreed that the action proposed is urgent and should be exempted from call-in.
- 8.6 The overview and scrutiny rules provide that decisions exempted from call-in must be reported for information to the next Council meeting, and the Democratic Services Manager will arrange for this to be done.

9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

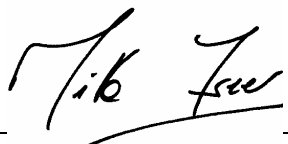
- 9.1 Co-location Fund bid submission.
- 9.2 Brunswick Park Community Hub feasibility study.
- 9.3 Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should telephone Alice Bolton on 020 8359 3057.

10. DECISION OF THE CABINET MEMBER(S)

I/We authorise the following action

- 10.1 The council's acceptance of the terms and conditions of the co-location fund grant for the Brunswick Park Community Hub project.**
- 10.2 The contribution of £1m capital funding to the project, anticipated to be received from the sale of land at Hampden Way Children's Centre, subject to a full report to Cabinet Resources Committee prior to entering any contractual agreement.**
- 10.3 That the above decision be exempted from call-in on the grounds of urgency, for the reasons given above – the requisite consent of the Chairman of the Business Management OSSC having been obtained.**

Signed



Leader of the Council

Date

10/06/09
