



## **News from West London Alliance – ISSUE 11/2011**

This newsletter is produced by the West London Alliance (WLA) to provide information about collaborative initiatives and programmes between West London boroughs and with other organisations in West London. More detailed information about WLA programmes and the latest news can be found on the WLA web site: [www.westlondonalliance.org](http://www.westlondonalliance.org).

This is the last edition of the WLA newsletter for 2011. The next edition of this newsletter (issue 12) will be published on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

### **West London CarePlace – Potential for Wider Use**

A demonstration of the WLA's West London CarePlace web portal was given to Capital Ambition at their Board meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011.

West London CarePlace is a management information system designed to enable West London boroughs to work collaboratively on the West London Adult Social Care (ASC) Efficiency Programme. It sets out to provide a complete database of care home and home care providers with full details of ownership, services, contacts and the ability to record information on performance. West London CarePlace is currently being used to manage the recently launched accreditation process for care home providers with the whole being conducted online. In addition, some boroughs will be using West London CarePlace to provide information to their residents on care services for adults provide by the borough, private providers and the third sector. Residents will be able to search for services near them which could meet their care needs.

The design and construction costs of West London CarePlace were supported by a capital grant from Capital Ambition and following the presentation the WLA has been asked to work with Capital Ambition officers to explore rolling out the system to other London Boroughs.

West London CarePlace which went 'live' in July 2011 is a web based application, or portal, accessible by colleagues within the West London boroughs from their desktop PC via any web browser. Service providers can also access the information about their service in order to update their data. You can view the public part of the web portal at <http://www.westlondoncareplace.org.uk/> or by clicking [here](#).

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### **Review of WLA Governance and Evaluation of the WLA**

The WLA is to undertake a review of its the governance and management and in parallel is to carry out a complete evaluation of the WLA and other West London programmes.

The West London boroughs have been working together since 2006 to develop collaborative and shared solutions to service improvements and efficiencies and address social and economic issues in West London. Recently the scale and scope of WLA activities has increased significantly. In the light of this the WLA Chief Executives agreed at their last meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> December to commission a review which will consider the current position of the WLA, taking account of the growing level of activities, and address issues such as roles, decision making and management processes, accountabilities and liabilities. The WLA core boroughs internal governance arrangements in relation to the WLA activities will also be considered in this piece of work.

In parallel with the work to examine the governance arrangements, the WLA Chief Executives also agreed that the WLA secretariat carry out a systematic evaluation of the programmes in West



London. This will review the strategic objectives of the West London programmes and assess the achievements of the programmes (and projects/workstreams within) and WLA activities as a whole to demonstrate performance, achievements and impacts of the programmes being delivered. As well as reflecting on the extent to which project outputs and outcomes have been realised to date, the evaluation will also look forward to consider the implications for future collaborative work. The intention is that the evaluation will be a 'self-evaluation' which will be peer reviewed. The evaluation is expected to complete in the early summer 2012.

More information on these the governance report and WLA evaluation will be issued in future editions of this newsletter.

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### **WestTrans Travel Plans Annual Report 2010/11**

WestTrans has published their latest Annual Report (2010/11) highlighting the range of projects delivered and achievements over the last twelve months.

The WestTrans Partnership is formed of the West London Boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow. Through collaborative working across West London, WestTrans overall objectives are to promote improvement in transport conditions for those living and working in the sub-region and deliver sustainable transport schemes and initiatives addressing the key issues of congestion, public transport provision and convenient orbital movement. Led by Ealing Council, and joined by the Park Royal Partnership, WestTrans works with Transport for London to identify, develop and implement transport projects to the benefit of West London.

To download the Annual Report please click [here](#).

For further information on WestTrans please click [here](#).

### **Recent Bi-Borough Appointment**

A member panel comprising of councillors from both the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea (RBKC) and the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham have appointed Nick Austin as the new Bi-borough Director for Environmental Health.

In his new role to commence from January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012, Nick will be responsible for all current public protection and safety functions, other than support services, as well as environmental health, trading standards and licensing in RBKC. Paul Morse, who currently manages environmental health and trading standards at RBKC, will be taking up a new role in RBKC.

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