



## News from West London Alliance – ISSUE 01/2011

### Introduction

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. It is intended for those working in boroughs and in partner organisations and others who are interested in local government collaborative working in West London. This newsletter is the first in a series to be issued on a regular basis. Detailed information and background about WLA programmes and the latest news can be found on the West London Alliance web site [www.westlondonalliance.org](http://www.westlondonalliance.org).

### West London Property and Asset Programme

The Programme Manager for the West London Property and Asset Management programme, Gemma Poxon, started work this July. The aim of the Programme is to enable the West London boroughs and other public sector property owners to realise the benefits of a co-ordinated approach to using and managing property and built assets. The programme was approved by the WLA Leaders and Chief Executives in March 2011 and has been awarded an initial one year of funding by Capital Ambition.

The aim of the Programme is to significantly improve the utilisation and reduce the costs of the public sector estate in West London. The West London Property and Asset Management Board, comprising borough and other public sector property leads and chaired by Gareth Daniel, Chief Executive LB Brent, will provide the leadership and develop the means of delivering the programmes objectives. West London will be applying to take part in the Local Government Group/CLG sponsored Capital and Assets Pathfinder Wave 2 Programme.

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### West London Adult Social Care (ASC) Programme

The WL ASC Programme is entering its second year with a business plan for reducing costs by £10m in 2011/12. Some immediate outcomes of the business plan this summer will be:

- The launch of a West London ASC management information system called CarePlace, that will make commissioning and management of the supply of care services more efficient and effective across the sub-region. Managers within the Boroughs, service providers and service users will all benefit from using the CarePlace system which is due to go live in the next few weeks.
- The launch of an Accreditation, Purchasing and Contract Management Scheme (APC) with events for residential care home providers scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011.
- Development of a detailed future care needs analysis and plan for West London; with a first Directors workshop being held on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

The Audit Commission in its June 2011 report 'Improving Value for Money in Adult Social Care' cites the WLA Home Care Framework contract as a case study of good procurement practice.

Other work this summer has involved borough and WLA staff developing collaborative contingency planning arrangements to deal with potential issues arising from the financial difficulties being experienced by home care provider Southern Cross. The company is a significant provider of residential care services to the West London Boroughs.

To find out more about the WL ASC Efficiencies Programme, contact Esther Thomas, Programme and Communications Manager, [ThomasEs@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:ThomasEs@ealing.gov.uk) or click [here](#).



### **West London Procurement Board**

A West London Procurement Board, chaired by Mary Harpley, Chief Executive of LB Hounslow, and currently comprising the strategic heads of procurement for the West London boroughs and Paul Whaymand, Deputy Director of Finance, LB Hillingdon, has met twice so far this summer to steer the development of a detailed business proposition for the formation a permanent Procurement Board and Hub. This would aim to promote and steer collaborative procurement and supplier management for the business services; buildings, construction and facilities management; and, environmental and highways services categories of expenditure by the eight boroughs. The aim is to consult on and complete the development of a detailed business proposition in September 2011. The development of the business proposition is being supported by an interim Procurement Manager, Mark Davis, who recently facilitated a daylong workshop for the West London Heads of Procurement to identify opportunities for collaborative procurement and supplier management and to produce a forward plan to underpin the business proposition.

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### **West London Transport Efficiencies Programme**

The boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Ealing and Hounslow, have recently confirmed their participation in the programme to set up a West London Bureau for Passenger transport services. LB Harrow will also participate as an associate member. Judith Pettersen, Director of Children's Services, LB Hounslow, has recently been confirmed as the new Chair for the Programme.

The scope of the Bureau, to be hosted by the London Borough of Hounslow, covers passenger transport for vulnerable adults and children with special needs and also the provision of concessionary travel and taxi cards. The Bureau will start operation this autumn.

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### **West London report on development sites and employment and training**

The West London Alliance in partnership with West London Working have recently published a report on the use of S106 agreements to fund employment and training projects for local residents and the likely impact of the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). The report outlines concerns that it is unclear whether after the introduction of CIL it will be possible to secure the current level of investment in skill, training and employment projects for local residents. To read more and download the report, click [here](#).

### **Tender opportunity – Single Homeless Approved Provider List**

The West London Housing Partnership (WLHP) are developing an Approved Provider List, to incentivise increasing access to the Private Rented Sector for Non-Priority Single Homeless People with Low Support Needs. To find out more, contact: Rachel Ormerod, Head of WLHP, [Rachel.Ormerod@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:Rachel.Ormerod@lbhf.gov.uk).

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