



## News from West London Alliance – ISSUE 04/ 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 West London Alliance web site: [www.westlondonalliance.org](http://www.westlondonalliance.org).

### West London Transport Efficiencies Programme

The WLA met on 4<sup>th</sup> August with potential providers for a new Private Hire Framework contract being developed as part of the WL Transport Efficiencies Programme. The event, launched by Martin Smith, Chief Executive of London Borough of Ealing and sponsor for the transport programme, was attended by over 50 providers. Many useful questions were asked and it was clear the market are positive about the potential opportunities provided by a regional contract for contracted transport for vulnerable Adults and Children. It was in the main, an opportunity for the market to gain information on this initiative at an early pre-tender stage. Useful points were made which may influence the shape of the work including the structure and length of the contract. The WLA are taking into account all the feedback received to develop the work. The potential volume of business involved here is £46m over 4 years with significant savings expected by all participating boroughs. An advert is due out for expressions of interest on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The new Framework will be managed through a new WLA Regional Transport Bureau to be established later this year hosted by the London Borough of Hounslow. A new Bureau Manager is currently being recruited with a closing date of 18<sup>th</sup> September. For further details, [click here](#).

For more news about this programme and to download the WLA Transport Efficiencies Programme Briefing No. 5 [click here](#). Contact: Lance Douglas, WLA Assistant Director – [lance.douglas@brent.gov.uk](mailto:lance.douglas@brent.gov.uk).

### West London Adult Social Care Programme – APC Open Surgeries

Open surgeries on the Accredited Purchasing and Contract Management scheme (APC) were held in four West London Boroughs (Brent, Ealing, Harrow and Hillingdon) during August and were attended by over 26 residential care home providers showing keen interest in applying to join the APC.

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

### West London Housing Partnership - Housing Applications service goes on-line

Six West London Boroughs (Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Hammersmith and Fulham) are working together to deliver a new streamlined, on-line housing applications service. Currently, people applying for social housing have to complete long paper forms and wait up to six weeks to receive details of their priority band for housing. With the new system, people with no priority for housing will be notified immediately, and those with some priority for housing will be told via email, text or post over much shorter timescales.

In addition to the new on-line applications service, the Boroughs will be introducing new on-line targeted Housing Options service: this service delivers personalised housing options advice to people on the housing register when they login, and allows the Boroughs to target tailored information campaigns at particular household types (for example under-occupiers, people seeking a mutual exchange and people seeking employment).

Both systems are being rolled out across West London during September and October.

For further information on the West London Housing Partnership, [click here](#).

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### **West London Property and Asset Programme**

The second meeting of West London energy officers working on the Energy Efficiency workstream took place on 31<sup>st</sup> August. The group were asked to consider a range of collaborative energy efficient projects and report back to the West London Property Board in mid-September.

The London Procurement Strategy Board has agreed for the WLA Programme Manager to provide category leadership for the Property and Assets related procurement across London.

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### **Brent secures £500,000 from Mayor's Outer London Fund**

The London Borough of Brent has received £500,000 from the first funding round of the Mayor's Outer London Fund. This is in addition to the funding secured by four other West London Boroughs (Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow) as reported in issue 3 of the WLA newsletter. Brent is set to transform Willesden Green High Road by April 2012 with this cash injection of money.

A second round of funding – open until midday 14<sup>th</sup> October – will see the allocation of a further £40m of funding to support more substantial physical projects to regenerate and strengthen growth in areas. To read more, [click here](#).

### **WLA Policy and Project Officer**

Kate Stevenson started work as the WLA Policy and Project Officer at the beginning of September and will be covering the post while Emma Strong is on maternity leave. Kate joins the WLA from the London Borough of Hounslow where she previously worked within the Community Services Department.

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