



News from West London Alliance – ISSUE 10/2011

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West London Procurement Hub and Board

The formation of a West London Procurement Board and Hub was agreed by WLA Leaders and Chief Executives on 17th November 2011. The West London Procurement Board and Hub aims to secure substantial benefits, savings and efficiencies from collaborative procurement by the West London boroughs.

It was agreed at the meeting that Cllr Jagdish Sharma (Leader of Hounslow Council) and Cllr Daniel Thomas (Deputy Leader of Barnet Council) will be members of the Board and that Mary Harpley, Chief Executive of the London Borough of Hounslow will be the Sponsor Chief Executive. Other Board membership will comprise Executive Directors/Directors from the West London boroughs with Kate Graefe, Head of Strategic Procurement at Ealing Council the representative linking the boroughs' Heads of Procurement to the Board. The Board will be supported by a Hub comprising three expert staff to be hosted with the WLA. The Hub will provide boroughs with dedicated procurement resources with specialise commercial skills to support the delivery of the collaborative projects.

The Board will have oversight of all collaborative procurement. The main projects and activities for the Hub during the first three years to 2015 will be focused on working with the boroughs on joint commissioning and tendering of services such as leisure, waste and grounds maintenance and negotiations with major suppliers who currently provide services to multiple West London boroughs.

The participating boroughs are the London Boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Barnet. The Tri-boroughs will have full opportunity to participate in the projects and will be represented on the Board. Work is now underway to establish the Board and implement the Hub in order to provide boroughs with the means to deliver collaborative procurement. More information will be issued on the board's activities and membership in future issues of this newsletter.

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Update on the West London Property and Asset Programme

A business plan is being developed, with the support of GVA Grimley, to make the case for further investment in the West London Property and Asset Management Programme. This is to enable the Programme to continue its work in 2012-13 and 2013-14.

In April 2011, the London Boroughs of Ealing, Brent, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow and Hounslow set up a West London Property Board to drive their collaborative property and asset management initiative. The creation of the West London Property Board is to enable West London boroughs to realise benefits from a co-ordinated approach to managing property and built assets. The aim of the West London Property and Asset Management Programme is to deliver tangible financial savings for members at a significantly higher level than can be achieved by the individual authorities working in isolation and to be able to expand this to include more public bodies from both within and outside West London.

The Capital Ambition Board agreed in February this year to fund the Programme for year one and indicated that it would consider funding a further two years subject to the achievement of programme milestones. The business case will build on the substantial work already undertaken over the last year by the West London Property Board. Submission of the business case will be made to the Capital Ambition Board in January 2012 to enable a decision on the commitment of further Capital Ambition funds.

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Public Health Design Group

WLA Chief Executives have set up a Public Health Design Group to assist in shaping the future of public health in West London boroughs and across West London. The first meeting took place on the 23rd November and a second meeting will be held later in December with a first report to WLA Chief Executives in January 2012.

The Public Health White Paper 2010 gave new duties and responsibilities to Local Government for Public Health. This Group will support borough decision making on the public health transition arrangements and will explore options for future delivery to ensure that boroughs retain full sovereignty over the decisions made to improve local population health whilst ensuring efficient and effective delivery of health promoting services across West London by identifying opportunities for sharing and collaboration.

Membership of the Group is drawn from each of the West London boroughs and includes Directors covering the broad range of functions that contribute to public health including housing, adults' and children's social care, policy and strategy, and leisure and culture and will engage the wider health community, including borough Directors of Public Health. This work is being supported by Dr Andrew Howe, Director of Public Health at Harrow who is also the Lead Director of Public Health for the North West London Cluster. Further information on the progress of the Group will be reported in future issues of the newsletter.

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Bi- and Tri-Borough Appointments

Further appointments have been announced as part of the new corporate structure to reflect Bi- and Tri-borough working between the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster City Council. .

Two Tri-borough Adult Social Care Directors have been appointed and will take up post on the 1st April 2012 (subject to confirmation processes within Hammersmith & Fulham). Rachel Wigley has been appointed as Tri-borough Director of Finance for Adult Social Care. Martin Waddington has been named as Tri-borough Director of Contracts, Business Intelligence and Workforce for Adult Social Care. Both appointees will report directly to the new Tri-borough Executive Director of Adult Social Care, Andrew Webster.

A new Tri-borough Children's Director of Finance has been appointed. Dave McNamara will take up his new role on January 3rd 2012.

Finally, Dave Page has been appointed as the new Bi-borough Director for Safer Neighbourhoods and Sue Harris will become the new Bi-borough Director for Cleaner, Greener and Cultural Services. Both new Directors will join Lyn Carpenter in Environment, Leisure and Residents' Services on January 3rd 2012.

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