



News from West London Alliance – ISSUE 02/ 2011

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West London Transport Efficiencies Programme

The first savings from this programme are planned for this financial year, as a result of the five participating West London Boroughs implementing plans to share transport routes.

Routes in scope for sharing are those typically used for taking children and young people with special needs to school outside of the WL Boroughs. These routes tend to be the more expensive, so there are more savings to be achieved. A route planning conference is taking place on the 10th and 11th August 2011, to finalise arrangements for transport routes to be used from the start of the new academic year.

The boroughs will also develop a WLA framework contract for private hire transport by April 2012, which should offer all participating WL Boroughs better value for money for contracted transport. Potential providers are being invited to hear of the plan and provide their feedback at a meeting on the 4th August 2011. For full details of the event 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.

West London Adult Social Care Programme

Two consultation events were held on 27th July 2011 which gave around 110 residential home care providers the opportunity to find out about:

- The West London Accredited Purchasing Contract Management (APC) Scheme; and the
- 'West London CarePlace' management information system.

Providers will be invited to apply for the APC scheme during September and October 2011, with the scheme going live in November 2011.

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

West London Children's Services Programme

The West London Children's Services Efficiencies Programme, launched in Spring 2011, will tackle spend for special educational needs, residential care and independent foster placements.

Two category managers have been in post since July 2011, to deliver the Programme's objectives and lead on strategic projects and negotiations: Craig Brewin, WLA SEN Category Manager; and Richard Woodward, WLA LAC Category Manager. They will coordinate borough activity to obtain the best prices and services from the market.

A robust data analysis exercise by the WL Boroughs was completed in June 2011 and informed a business plan, approved by the Programme Board in July 2011. The category managers are now working closely with a WL SEN officer group and a WL LAC/IFA commissioning officer group to analyse the data and prepare a series of Project Initiation Documents for the Programme Board of Children's Services Directors in September 2011. For further information, contact: Matt Jones, WL Social Care Efficiencies Unit – matthew.jones@lbhf.gov.uk.



Outer London Commission to Meet in West London

The Outer London Commission (OLC) is to hold a meeting in public in West London on the 1st November 2011. The Mayor established the Outer London Commission (OLC) to advise how Outer London can play its full part in the city's economic success. The membership of the OLC has changed recently and Cllr Ray Puddifoot, Leader of Hillingdon Council, is now a member.

The West London Partnership made a submission to the OLC in 2009 and was successful in seeing many of its key issues incorporated into the Commission's final report, which in turn shaped relevant policies in the London Plan (July 2011) – click [here](#) to view the Partnership's submission. The OLC is now focussing on the development of Supplementary Planning Guidance related to Outer London for the new London Plan.

More information about the OLC can be found here <http://www.london.gov.uk/olc/meetings/> and a background paper on the issues being dealt with by the Commission can be downloaded by following this [link](#). The meeting will be held in the Queens Hall, Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, Ealing W5 2BY. For further information about the meeting, contact Shahnaz Abbasi - shahnaz.abbasi@lbhf.gov.uk.

West London Programme for 2012

With just one year to go to the London 2012 Games, activity across West London to support the Games and to secure benefits for West London as a result of the Games continues. One of the key aims of the WLP for 2012 was attracting international teams to train in West London in the run up to the Games.

Usain Bolt and other members of the Jamaican athletics team have been using Brunel University's athletics facilities to train since 2010 and South Korea confirmed their intention to use Brunel University as their pre-Games training camp earlier this year. It has recently been announced, that the Canadian Paralympic Athletics team will also use the university as their pre-Games training camp. In October 2011, Canada Athletics coaches will facilitate a coaches' seminar, providing an insight into elite coaching for community coaches across West London.

To find out more about the WLP for 2012, contact: Helen Fisher, WL 2012 Officer – Helen.fisher@brunel.ac.uk.

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