



News from West London Alliance – ISSUE 13/2012

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.

New WLA Job Opportunities - Head of Collaborative Procurement and Two Senior Category Managers

The WLA is currently seeking a Head of Collaborative Procurement to lead the new West London Procurement Hub and two Senior Category Managers to join the Hub's team of procurement specialists. All three posts will be located with the WLA team in Ealing.

The Procurement Hub is being set up to support the West London Procurement Board which has been established to provide strategic oversight of all major purchasing, the progress of collaborative procurements and relationships with major common suppliers across West London.

Nine west London councils provide services to over 2.2m residents and spend around £2.2 billion a year on goods and services from external suppliers. To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of their procurement the WLA is seeking a Head of Collaborative Procurement to develop and deliver joint procurement and supplier relationship management. This post is to be supported by two Senior Category Managers, to develop and deliver joint procurement and supplier relationship management.

For information and to download the application details for the Head of Collaborative Procurement role, you can visit the West London Alliance web site www.westlondonalliance.org - click [here](#).

To view further information and to download the application information for the Senior Category Managers, please click [here](#).

The closing date for all three posts is 10th February 2012. For an informal conversation about the posts please contact: Mark Davies, WLA Interim Head of Collaborative Procurement – Telephone: 07702 954389 Email: Mark Davies at daviesmar@ealing.gov.uk

New date for the first West London Procurement Board Meeting -29th February 2012

The WLA reported in the last edition of this newsletter that the first meeting of the West London Procurement Board would take place on 26th January. This first meeting will now take place on 29th February. Contact: Ian Nichol, WLA Director – ian.Nichol@lbhf.gov.uk

West London Efficiencies and Improvement Network Event on 7th February

The WLA will be arranging the next West London Efficiencies and Improvement Network event on Tuesday 7th February, 10:00-12:30 to be held in the Princes Hall, Town Hall, Ealing. Registration will start from 9:30 and refreshments will be available.

The event to be launched by Gareth Daniel, Chief Executive Brent Council and Chair of the West London Efficiencies and Improvement Network will focus on boroughs' good practice examples of collaborative projects. Colleagues from the London Borough of Barnet will present on their transformation programme 'One Barnet' and Harrow and Ealing colleagues will be sharing information on two successful projects. In addition, there will be the opportunities for attendees to share learning and explore good practice. To view the programme for the event please click [here](#).

Places are limited to 10 people per borough. To register your place, please email Shahnaz Abbasi - shahnaz.abbasi@lbhf.gov.uk by Tuesday 31st January.



West London to Benefit from over £18 million Mayoral Regeneration Funding

West London boroughs are set to benefit from the latest round of two regeneration funds from the Mayor with over £18m awarded to the London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Harrow and Hounslow collectively.

The Mayor is channelling £70 million from his Regeneration Fund and £50 million from his Outer London Fund towards regenerating London, with the aim of boosting local high streets, delivering grown and new jobs and improving lives. Additional match funding of £57million from other private and public sector partners raises the total to £177m.

Barnet, Brent (partner with Barnet for Cricklewood project), Harrow and Hounslow are all beneficiaries from the second round of funding for the Outer London Fund. Harrow Metropolitan Town Centre will receive almost £3m funding to provide a new town park with a permanent multi-performance space, improvements to town centre access and business support measures including an empty shops initiative and the creation of a Business Improvement District. Hounslow is to get £4.8m for further improvements to two town centres, Hounslow and Brentford.

Ealing will receive £6.85m from the Mayor's £70 million Regeneration Fund, set up to help repair the damage caused to high streets and town centres during last summer's riots. This funding will regenerate Southall High Street including public spaces, shop fronts and the longer-term future development of the Crossrail Station creating 40 new businesses and 200 new jobs.

For further information on the Mayor's announcements, please click [here](#).

Olympic Briefing

The West London Partnership for the 2012 Games was established in 2005 and consists of a group of key organisations, including the West London Alliance boroughs, which are working together to secure as many benefits as possible for West London from the staging of the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

The reason for this approach was the belief that the Games will provide once in a lifetime opportunity to invigorate strategic and policy objectives for West London and that dynamism in the build up to the games should be captured through the development of a coherent partnership strategy which would complement and develop the economic, cultural and community objectives of West London. The Partnership produce a monthly West London 2012 Games Newsletter which provides information on activities and projects in West London, to view a copy of the January update click [here](#).

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Passenger Transport Bureau to start in February

The Programme Board for the West London Passenger Transport Programme have decided to proceed with the setting up of a Passenger Transport Bureau in order to facilitate and co-ordinate regional transport services for children and adults who require it. The aim is to provide the basis for improving services and to also help deliver savings in the areas of contracted transport, resource sharing, fleet, agency staffing and ad hoc taxi spend. The plan is to establish Bureau from February with Hounslow as host for a service for Hounslow and Ealing with Brent and Barnet joining as soon as they can. More information on the progress of the programme can be found in a recent briefing which can be viewed [here](#).

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