



INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION-MAKING

RECORD OF DECISION

PART A

| <b>DETAILS OF REPORT</b><br><i>(Officers to complete this section prior to issuing to cabinet member)</i> |  |
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| Title of report   | Working Neighbourhoods Fund (WNF) - Rationale and Methodology for Achieving Required In-Year Savings (2010-2011) from the Employment & Enterprise Allocation   |
| Decision-maker  | Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Corporate Strategy   |
| Earliest date when decision can be taken  | 10 August 2010   |
| Key decision – Yes/No?  | Yes  |
| Date published on forward plan  | For which a general exception notice was issued  |
| Date sent to cabinet member   | 2 August 2010  |
| Recommendation  | <p>That the Cabinet Member for Regeneration &amp; Corporate Strategy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approves the proposed £632,000 Working Neighbourhoods Fund in-year (2010/11) savings required from the employment and enterprise allocation, as set out in paragraphs 3-5, for the reasons explained below.</li> <li>2. Agrees to officers entering into negotiation with the relevant contract providers, as set out in Sections 9 and 10 and Appendix B</li> </ol> |

| <b>ORIGINATING AUTHOR'S DETAILS</b><br><i>(Officers to complete this section prior to issuing to cabinet member)</i> |   |
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## PART B

(Cabinet Member to complete this section)

### DECISION(S)

1. That the proposed £632,000 Working Neighbourhoods Fund in-year (2010/11) savings required from the employment and enterprise allocation for the reasons set out in paragraphs 3-5 of the report be achieved by way of the following decisions:
  - 1.1 That the following contracts (detailed in appendix 1 of the closed report) be terminated with effect from 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010:
    - Preparing for the workplace (Blackfriars Settlement)
    - Creative Development (Robust Training & Ruskin Hire)
    - Aylesbury Learning Centre (Elephant Jobs)
    - School gate to salaries (Women Like Us)
    - Pathways Employability Project (Organisation of Blind African Caribbeans)
    - Moving On (Dhamalie Community Services)
  - 1.2 That the unsigned contract for Getting Southwark Working (Princes Trust) be not completed.
  - 1.3 That the budget originally identified for Southwark Enterprise Forum and Southwark Youth Enterprise Programme (Black Business Initiative) be reduced by 50%.
2. That in response to the representations received, both written and at the formal representations hearing held on 12 August 2010:
  - 2.1 The specific additional cost (£2K) requested by Blackfriars Settlement to enable them to complete their quarter 1 & 2 delivery be included in the final payment.
  - 2.2 It be noted that the Aylesbury Learning Centre (ALC) provides a valuable local resource for organisations delivering employment and training, and it be agreed that the council identify alternative funding to cover the rent for 2010-11 so that ALC can have time to develop alternative funding models to cover its accommodation costs.
  - 2.3 Women Like Us and Organisation for Blind African Caribbeans (OBAC) be prioritised for output related pilot funding via the LDA Employability project. Dhamalie to be considered as a second priority.
  - 2.4 It be noted that the disputes relating to the three contracts (Black Business Initiative and Princes Trust) identified as being unsigned, and therefore not concluded, are being followed up through the appropriate council resolution process.
  - 2.5 It be noted that the impact upon Black Business Initiative and the community they serve is significant and officers be instructed to review any further proposals from this organisation and work with them to seek to continue services to the BME enterprise community in quarters 3 & 4.

## REASONS FOR DECISION

To comply with the government requirement to make in-year savings from the Council's WNF allocation whilst seeking where possible to mitigate the impact upon service delivery, performance, individual organisations and communities affected.

## ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

## REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

Personal representations were made by the following organisations:

- Women Like Us
- Blackfriars Settlement
- Community Action Southwark Council
- Organisation of Blind Afro Caribbeans (OBAC)
- Aylesbury Learning Centre (Elephant Jobs)
- Princes Trust
- Black Business Initiative

Written representations were received from the following organisations:

- Women Like Us
- Blackfriars Settlement
- Princes Trust
- Black Business Initiative
- Robust & Ruskin
- Aylesbury Learning Centre (Elephant Jobs)
- OBAC
- Dhamalie
- Aylesbury Access Centre
- Walworth Garden Farm
- Community Action Southwark
- Business Extra

## ADDITIONAL ADVICE RECEIVED

Further advice received from officers on the level of commitment to the unsigned contracts.

## ANY INTERESTS DECLARED

*(Note: If the decision-maker has a prejudicial interest in the matter the report must be referred to the full cabinet for decision).*

*Please refer to the definitions of personal and prejudicial interests in the members code of conduct. If members are still unsure as to whether an interest is personal or prejudicial they should contact Legal Services for advice.*

None

## DECLARATION

~~I approve/reject the recommendations set out in the report.\*~~


*or*

~~I approved an alternative course of action set out in Part B.\*~~

*or*

~~I have referred this matter to the Full Cabinet for decision.\*~~

(\* - Please delete as appropriate)

Signed.....  ..... Dated..... 18 August 2010 .....

Cabinet Member

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### Seeking advice

You should seek advice from the relevant officer on a number of occasions:

- (a) If you wish to consider alternative options
- (b) If you are considering rejecting the proposals

Otherwise it is at your discretion when you should seek further advice and you should do so when you consider it appropriate.