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Commissioning & Procurement

Sarah Ireland has been an incredible officer over many years in the Council, rising to her current role of Director of Commissioning and Procurement. She has now been successful in obtaining a more senior role at the Royal Borough of Kingston-Upon-Thames. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and her role in helping this administration deliver many of its ambitions, including the 'Make or Buy' approach, new contract management regime, insourcing of services and the London Living Wage.

Sarah Warman, who previously reported to Sarah, has been appointed to be her interim replacement for six months. She has done sterling work including being the initial programme manager for the Children's Improvement work. This is another example of our looking at our own resources to fill vacancies.

Fair Funding

This administration is continuing its fight for fair funding. Whilst we have seen some successes, like limited additional money for being a Universal Credit pilot, this in no way compensates us.

It is clear that local authorities across the country are feeling the pressure and central government needs to recognise this in the next spending review.

It is disappointing that our representations on the core funding and on matters such as Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Children and costs of dealing with cladding are being met with a deaf ear.

This administration will continue to press hard on core funding, as well as specific areas and needs.

Children's Improvement Finance Group

This group, chaired by myself and with Cllr Flemming and senior officers as members, continues to meet twice a month, to ensure that the relevant resources are made available to support the improvement programme and to ensure that we have a sustainable model going forward.

We have approved over £4million of requests to enable us to support the improvement journey.



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New Addington

This administration has always been ambitious for New Addington. I would highlight the following:

- £30 million community and leisure centre, where construction is progressing well
- £10 million new healthy living centre in partnership with the NHS being planned, with capital allocated by both the Council and NHS England
- £4 million new community facility for Fieldway, ensuring that the area has the facilities it deserves after the excellent but time-expired Timebridge Centre is pulled down to make way for a 2 to 19 SEN School.

I would also like to pay tribute to Rachel Flowers, our Director of Public Health, for her work on getting funding from the Mayor of London/ Transport For London for services which will help the whole community of New Addington recover from the long term effect on the community of the November 2016 tram tragedy. The £750,000 secured will make a huge difference.

Preparation for the Local Elections

A huge amount of work has been done to prepare for the local elections in Electoral Services.

With polling station locations now finalised, letters have gone to every property to inform residents of their new ward and polling station and also to ensure that residents check the accuracy of the register. This will really help ensure that all eligible residents get a chance to have their say at May's election