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WELFARE REFORM

A consultation programme has now commenced in the borough and will last for 12 weeks.

Further information is available within the Leaders Report.

Further work has also commenced concerning the Welfare Cap and under occupation of Registered Social Landlord properties. Our initial approach is to try to identify those affected and agree the data sharing of information. Once this is established it should enable us to provide more help and support for those affected. We are also working on the Social Fund.

NEW WEBSITE

Phase one of the project to replace and improve the Council's web infrastructure is due for completion with the launch of a new web site in early September. The procurement of a strategic design and development partner for Phase two is underway for appointment by the end of 2012. This should enhance functionalities and enable more transactions over the web.

TRANSFORMATION

Work is underway scoping the potential 2012/15 transformation programme which includes: continuing the 2012/13 Downsizing Programme, implementing the Business Change programme to improve processes and deliver efficiencies, developing options for the 2013/15 Budget Strategies and assessing the likely impact of the national governments reform programmes.

Dedicated support from the transformation team is helping to deliver cross-cutting changes to service areas and remodel systems within the Council to deliver savings by the end of the MTFs period. This should enable recommendations on future service options to be taken to the Budget Finance Council to be held in December.