

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environment Services, Highways, Transport and Community Services and Neighbourhood Services Police and Community Safety :-

MONDAY, 13th JUNE, 2016

Following consideration of the matters detailed below in the presence of:-

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Watters	Cabinet Member for Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector and Community Services
Councillor D Burrows	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services Police and Community Safety
Councillor Sherrington	Cabinet Member for Housing, Procurement and Highways
Councillor Mrs Fairclough	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Haslam	Major Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. S. Young	Director of Place
Mr. J. Kelly	Assistant Director Highways and Engineering
Mr. P. Green	Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration

Mr. A. Bolan	Environmental Education and Enforcement Manager
Mrs. E. Pritchard	Principal Licensing Officer
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

1. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which set out details of the decisions made at previous meetings and the progress on each to date.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

2. HULTON PETITION RELATING TO ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN AND AROUND NEWBROOK ROAD

The Director of Place submitted report which set out details of a petition which had been received which related to anti-social behaviour in and around Newbrook Road, Bolton.

By way of background information the report explained that the petition from local residents in Hulton Ward specifically related to the shops on Newbrook Road and the children's play area on Umberton Road.

The petition asked that the council look at what opportunities there were to work with partners to address those issues.

The report went onto set out the various actions that had been undertaken following receipt of the petition.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services, Police and Community Safety the Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the response and actions carried out and AGREED that no further specific action is required.

3. CROMPTON WARD AREA (VARIOUS STREETS) – PROPOSED WAITING / LOADING RESTRICTIONS – OBJECTIONS

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out details of objections which had been received to the proposed introduction of waiting / loading restrictions on various streets within the Crompton Ward Area in order to help alleviate traffic management issues.

The proposal was advertised in December / January, 2015/16 and ten representations had been received along with a number of objections that were received during a drop-in session which was organised by ward councillors.

The report went onto set out the reasons for the representations and sets out a response.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that included in the consultations were discussions with ward members.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Housing, Procurement and Highways the Executive Cabinet Member having considered the objections and views of ward members AGREED to the introduction of the proposed restrictions with the amendments as indicated in the report.

4. COMPULSORY DOG MICRO- CHIPPING

The Director of Place submitted a report which advised members of new legislation regarding the Compulsory Micro-Chipping of all dogs in England and Wales.

The report advised that on the 6th February 2013, HM Government announced a package of measures to tackle irresponsible dog ownership and improve dog welfare. As part of the measures HM Government confirmed it was introducing

compulsory microchipping for all dogs in England from Wednesday 6th April, 2016.

The foundation behind those measures was to help reunite owners with lost or stolen pets, relieve the burden on local authorities/charities and protect the welfare of dogs by promoting responsible dog ownership.

Currently, microchipping was only required for:-

- Proscribed types of dogs (i.e. those to which Section 1 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 applied) as part of the exemption process (e.g.) American Pit-bull Terrier/ Japanese Tosa/ Dogo Argentino/ Fila Brasileiro;
- Lawfully docked dogs;
- Racing greyhounds; and
- The pet travel scheme .

However, many dog owners in Bolton had already taken up the opportunity to have their dogs micro-chipped before it became a legal requirement.

If a dog was away from its home without someone in charge of it, then it would be regarded as a stray dog. On a national basis, it was estimated lost and stray dogs cost the tax payer £33 million per year.

The report went on to provide details in respect of the law on stray dogs, the work of the Dog Control Section, the Micro-Chipping of Dogs Regulations and who could implant, enforcement of the regulations and the law on collar and tag.

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services NOTED the report and AGREED that the enforcement powers, as indicated, be added to the Council's Scheme of Delegation.

5. REVIEW OF BOLTON COUNCIL'S CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out details of the draft Contaminated Land Strategy for Bolton which had been amended following feedback from public consultation.

By way of background information the report explained that the contaminated land regime was set out in part 2A of the Environmental Protection Act, 1990 and gave specific legal powers and duties to local authorities. It was a statutory requirement of the legislation that every local authority adopted a contaminated land strategy.

Bolton Council adopted its first Contaminated land Strategy in 2001.

The report explained that based on further regulations and statutory guidance documents that had been published by HM Government and further supporting contaminant thresholds since the production of the initial strategy this revised draft strategy had been produced.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to recommend that full Council adopts the draft Contaminated Land Strategy as detailed in the report.

6. FRAMEWORK CONTRACT FOR TAXI TESTING RETENDER, 2017/18 AND 2019/20

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out details of the Framework for Taxi Testing retender 2017/18 with an option to extend for a further two years.

By way of background information the report explained that the Executive Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Skills approved the procurement of a Framework Contract for Taxi Testing for 2013/14 with an option to extend for a further two years.

Six garages were subsequently approved by the Council to carry out the tests. In 2014 the contracts were extended for a further two years to 2016.

The current framework ended in January, 2017 and therefore the Council was now obliged to commence a formal retender procurement process.

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The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the procurement of a Framework Contract for Taxi Testing 2017/18 with an option to extend for a further two years in 2019/20, as set out in the report.