

EXTRACT

DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Health and Wellbeing, Adult Social Care, Adult Safeguarding, Public Health and Children's Services including Looked After Children and Schools and Early Years:-

MONDAY, 6TH JULY, 2015

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

Councillor Mrs Thomas	-	Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leader
Councillor McKeon	-	Executive Member (Education and Schools)
Councillor Cunliffe	-	Executive Member (Public Health and Safeguarding Children)
Councillor A. Ibrahim	-	Executive Member (Adult Safeguarding and Adults Social Care)
Councillor Greenhalgh	-	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Mrs Fairclough	-	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Martin	-	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr J. Livesey	-	Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services
Ms W. Meredith	-	Director of Public Health
Ms R. Tanner	-	Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services

Mr T. Birch	- Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Mr D. Smith	Acting Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Ms J. Edwards	- Schools Finance Manager
Mrs S. Bailey	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

8. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

10. DIRECT PAYMENT SUPPORT AND BROKERAGE SERVICES QUOTATION

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which outlined the results of a recent tender exercise in relation to an interim contract for Direct Payment and Support Services.

Following assessment of the tenders received in terms of quality and price, the report recommended the award of the contract to Salvere Social Enterprises as the successful organisation from 7th July, 2015.

It was noted that the interim quotation process had been undertaken to ensure that the resource was available to meet requirements during 2015/16. A more detailed tender process would be undertaken to put the relevant services in place on a longer term basis from April, 2016.

Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Adult Safeguarding and Adult Social Care, the Executive Member APPROVED –

The entering into a contract for the provision of Direct Payment and Support Services with Salvare Social Enterprise CIC as the selected provider from 6th July, 2015 to 31st March, 2016 on the basis detailed in the report now submitted and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to carry out all necessary legal formalities.

11. CHILDREN'S, ADULTS AND PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER FOUR 2014/15

A joint report of the Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services, the Director of Public Health and the Borough Treasurer was submitted which updated the Executive Cabinet Member on the latest performance information in relation to the Children's, Adults and Public Health Department, as at Quarter Four 2014/15.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

12. CLOSURE OF INDEPENDENT LIVING FUND

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which outlined the implications of the closure of the Independent Living Fund (ILF) and the subsequent transfer of ILF users and funding to the Council by the end of June, 2015. The report reminded the Executive Cabinet Member that the ILF delivered financial support to disabled people so they could choose to live in their communities rather than in residential care and was available to customers between the ages of 18 and 65.

The report went on to outline the various policy decisions and changes that would be required by the Council in relation to the administration of the funds from July, 2015 and how individuals needs would be met going forward.

The report put forward a number of recommendations for how the funds should be managed locally and sought approval to proceed on this basis.

Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Adult Safeguarding and Adults Social Care, the Executive Member APPROVED –

- (i) The Section 31 grant transfer from the ILF Fund to the Local Authority being passported to the Adult Services Budget in order to continue to meet the eligible needs of disabled people;**
- (ii) That a 12 month transition period be put in place to align the amount that customers are paying their personal assistants and agency rates to those currently paid for mainstream commissioned services;**
- (iii) The carrying out of an early review to look at whether the funding is meeting eligible needs and to consider if their care needs can be met in a more cost effective way and allow a 6 month transition period for ineligible needs to be met differently; and**
- (iv) Financial assessments to be completed into fairer charging contributions from customers to assess the impact of net and gross differences and risks to the Adult Social Care Budget.**

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

13. COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS – PREVENTATIVE CARERS GRANTS PROCESS REVIEW

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which outlined the progress to date in reviewing and amending the Preventative and Carers Grants process in line with the Care Act and local priorities.

The report went on to outline the suggested changes to the grant process which had been proposed by a Grant Review Group and involved refreshing the current documentation and funded services and the development of a new framework, a copy of which was provided at Appendix 1 to the report.

Full details of how the new grants system would be administered were provided in the report together with the implications.

The Executive Cabinet Member was asked to consider the options for the way forward.

Following a recommendation by the Executive Member for Adult Safeguarding and Adults Social Care, the Executive Member APPROVED –

The amendments to the Preventative and Carers Grants Process on the basis detailed in the report now submitted in order to meet current and future priorities and areas of demand across preventative services and carers support.

14. PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS – SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE TENDER

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval for Public Health's commissioning intentions to collaboratively tender for a re-designed Sexual Health Service with a defined number of partner Greater Manchester Councils.

The report advised that all GM Sexual Health providers were working to a service specification that was substantially the same across all GM Local Authority areas. However, there was a need to further improve efficiency and standardisation of service provision.

In this regard, the report outlined proposals for Bolton to collaboratively tender sexual health services with Salford and Wigan Councils in order to realise savings and share commissioning capacity.

Full details of the proposed tender process and its administration were provided in the report.

Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Public Health and Safeguarding, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The proposal to collaboratively tender sexual health services for Bolton residents with Salford and Wigan, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

15. NOVATION OF CONTRACT – BHA LIMITED TO HEALTHWATCH BOLTON

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval for the Novation of the BHA Limited Contract to Healthwatch Bolton until 31st March, 2016.

Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Public Health and Safeguarding Children, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The Novation of the BHA Limited contract to Healthwatch Bolton Charitable Organisation on 13th July, 2015 with the contract end being 31st March, 2016 and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to carry on the necessary legal formalities.