

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environmental Services, Highways and Transport, Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector and Community Services and Skills and Neighbourhood Services, Police and Community Safety :-

MONDAY , 16th OCTOBER, 2017

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

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Chadwick	Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways
Councillor Sherrington	Cabinet Member for Anti-Poverty and Housing
Councillor Critchley	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Haslam	Major Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. S. Young	Director of Place
Mr. J. Kelly	Assistant Director Highways and Engineering
Ms. M. Horrocks	Growth and Regeneration Manager
Mrs. S. Bailey	Principal Democratic Services Officer

25. 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.

26. SPEED WARNING SIGNS

The Director of Place submitted a report which sought approval to invite tenders for the provision of vehicular activated speed warning signs.

The report explained that in February, 2016 the Cabinet approved funding of £1 million to repair / provide additional flashing road speed warnings.

By way of background information the report also set out information regarding the current use of speed signs in the Borough.

The report went on to indicate that it was intended to remove all existing electronic warning signs, to allocate and award up to two speed warning signs to address local issues with sites to be agreed with ward members, implement 21 speed warning signs to be erected on the strategic highway network (as set out in the appendix to the report) and advances in technology would enable officers to interrogate traffic data remotely.

The implementation of the poles and power supply could be undertaken using existing procurement frameworks at an estimated cost of £80,000. Furthermore, it was proposed to procure approximately 60 signs, including installation and data recovery at an estimated cost of £300,000.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways the Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to -

- (i) Delegate authority to the Director of Place to undertake procurement of Speed Warning Signs in order to replace the existing signs.**
- (ii) Delegate authority to the Director of Place to award the contract following the procurement process.**

- (iii) Delegate authority to the Borough Solicitor to carry out all the necessary legal formalities.**

27. HORWICH NORTH AREA, BOLTON 20MPH SPEED LIMIT – OBJECTIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

The Director of Place submitted a report which outlined an objection and representations which had been received regarding the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on residential roads in the Horwich North area of Bolton.

The report explained that the Director of Place had approved the promotion of a 20mph Speed Limit on residential roads in the Horwich North area under the Scheme of Delegation in May, 2017.

The proposal was advertised in August 2017 and one objection (to certain elements of the order) and forty six representations from members of the public and two from Ward Councillors were received. This report detailed and commented upon the objection and representations.

The Executive Cabinet Member was notified that the estimated cost for the advertised legal traffic order and associated signage was £28,000.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

Having considered the objection, the representations, the views of Ward Members and the police, the introduction of the 20mph speed limit traffic regulation order as originally advertised.

**28. BROMLEY CROSS / EAGLEY / CHAPELTOWN ROAD
AREA, BOLTON, 20MPH SPEED LIMIT –
OBJECTIONS**

The Director of Place submitted a report which outlined an objection which had been received regarding the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on residential roads in the Bromley Cross, Eagley and Chapeltown Road area of Bolton.

By way of background information the report explained that the Director of Place had approved the promotion of a 20mph Speed Limit on residential roads in the Bromley Cross, Eagley and Chapeltown Road area under the Scheme of Delegation in June 2017.

The proposal was advertised in August, 2017 and one objection was received. This report detailed and commented upon the objection.

The cost for the legal traffic order and associated signage was £28,000.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

Having considered the objection and the views of Ward Members, the introduction of the 20mph speed limit traffic regulation order as originally advertised.

**29. EGERTON AREA, BOLTON, 20MPH SPEED LIMIT –
OBJECTIONS**

The Director of Place submitted a report which outlined an objection which had been received regarding the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit on residential roads in the Egerton area of Bolton.

By way of background information the report explained that the Director of Place had approved the promotion of a 20mph Speed Limit on residential roads in the Egerton area under the Scheme of Delegation in June, 2017.

The proposal was advertised in August, 2017 and one objection was received. The report detailed and commented upon the objection.

The cost for the legal traffic order and associated signage was £10,600.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

Having considered the objection and the views of Ward Members the introduction of the 20mph speed limit traffic regulation order as originally advertised.

30. AMENDMENTS TO THE PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING POLICY

The Director of Place submitted a report which provided an overview of the amendments to the private Sector Housing Assistance Policy to enable flexibilities in how Disabled Facilities Grant funding was spent.

Bolton's Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy was made under item 3 of the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002 Statutory Instrument No. 1860 (RRO). It has previously been reviewed and updated in 2005, 2009 and 2013. The RRO enabled changes to private sector housing spend to be introduced in line with the requirements of each Local Authority and provided flexibility for local decisions on how investment in the private housing sector was spent.

The policy set out the range of financial assistance that The Council would make available, together with the eligibility criteria and conditions that would be applied to each form of

assistance. It also made policy amendments to other statutory powers, in particular the provision of Disabled Facilities Grants (DFG) under the Housing Grants Construction and Regeneration Act 1996 (as amended). The policy was flexible dependent on the financial assistance available and if further amendments to the policy could be accommodated.

The report went on to advise that HM Government had made a commitment to increasing the DFG budget in recognition of the preventative role the provision of DFG's could have in supporting health and social care integration and keeping people out of hospital.

The policy amendments took account of the greatly increased national DFG budget and subsequent increase in Bolton. The additional funding available in Bolton was an opportunity to be innovative, test out new approaches and apply the principles of DFG to other living environments, whilst continuing the successful delivery of the core adaptations service.

The report went onto set out details of the main changes.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Housing and Anti-Poverty the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the updated Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy, including the main changes, as set out in the report.

31. DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE, QUARTER ONE, 2017/18

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out details of the Departmental quarter one position, 2017/18 for the Place Department. Additionally it incorporated Housing Services as part of the portfolio and the internal departmental position.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; 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.

32. DEPOT PURCHASE MACHINE

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out details of proposals to purchase a new depot vehicle which would carry out a number of tasks.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to-

- (i) delegate authority to the Assistant Director of Highways and Engineering to purchase a new depot machine via the YPO Contract “Plant Machinery, Site Equipment and Plant and Tools – 651” by way of further competition to procure the vehicle; and**
- (ii) delegate authority to the Borough Solicitor to carry out all necessary legal formalities.**