## **DEPUTY LEADER**

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Deputy Leader's Portfolio:-

## MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER, 2019

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

Councillor Cox	-	Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leader's Portfolio
Councillor Silvester	-	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Wilkinson	-	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hornby	-	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Sanders	-	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Wright	-	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
<u>Officers</u>		

Mr. G. Brough	-	Director of Place
Mr. J. Hundal	-	Interim Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration
Ms. H. Gorman	-	Borough Solicitor
Ms. J. Duxbury	-	Estates and Property Development Manager (Town Centres)
Ms. J. Pollard	-	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy

Democratic Services Manager

Mrs. V. Ridge

## 18. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO HORWICH TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION STEERING GROUP

The Director of Place submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to the allocation of £100,000 to Horwich Town Centre Regeneration Steering Group from the sale of land at Singleton Avenue, Horwich.

The report stated that invariably housing developments caused concerns against communities on matters such as traffic, environment and loss of public amenities and this was evidenced in the recent proposal to dispose of the land at Singleton Avenue, Horwich. Following advertisement of the proposal many representations were made based on loss of green/recreational space, over development of Horwich for housing, traffic, environmental concerns and detrimental impact on health and wellbeing.

In view of the above and in recognition of the representations made in respect of the disposal of land at Singleton Avenue, it was proposed to allocate a sum of £100,000 to alleviate some of the concerns expressed by local people. This measure would offer some mitigation and benefits to local communities from the sale. It was intended that the sum would be available to the Horwich Town Centre Regeneration Steering Group as part of the masterplan for the area.

With regard to the financial implications, it was explained that the allocation of £100,000, as proposed, would reduce the net capital receipt due to be received from the sale of Singleton Avenue, Horwich. Therefore, to meet the budgetary targets, an equivalent sum would need to be recouped from further asset sales or, alternatively, capital expenditure would need to be reduced by an equivalent amount.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the allocation of £100,000 from the sale proceeds from Singleton Avenue, Horwich to Horwich Town Centre Regeneration Steering Group.

In accordance with Article 5 of the Council's Constitution this decision was called in by Councillor Wilkinson for consideration by the Place Scrutiny Committee.