

EXTRACT

THE EXECUTIVE

A meeting of The Executive was held on:-

MEETING, 16TH APRIL, 2007

when the following people were present:-

Councillor Morris	Leader of the Council – Corporate Strategy and Finance
Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Children's Services
Councillor Adia	Development
Councillor J. Byrne	Environmental Services
Councillor Clare	Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Ibrahim	Culture and Community Safety
Councillor Kay	Schools
Councillor Sherrington	Recycling and Waste Management
Councillor White	Human Resources and Diversity
Councillor Zaman	Regeneration

Non-Voting Members

Councillor Peel
 Councillor A.N. Spencer
 Councillor Rushton
 Councillor Critchley
 Councillor Mrs Fairclough
 Councillor Mrs. Ronson
 Councillor Hayes
 Councillor Cox

Officers

Mr. S. Arnfield	Director of Corporate Resources
Mr. A. Eastwood	Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Mr. K. Davies	Director of Development and Regeneration
Mr. P. Crosbie	Assistant Director Environmental Services
Ms. S. Crossley	Assistant Director Adult Services
Mr. S. Garland	Head of Museums and Archives
Ms. C. James	Head of Strategic Projects
Mr. J. Farr	Principal Policy and Improvement Officer
Mr. A. Jennings	Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Morris in the Chair

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Morgan and David Wilkinson.

65. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Executive held on 5th March, 2007 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

66. THE CHANGE PROGRAMME – REVIEW AND PRIORITIES

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report which updated the Executive on progress on the Council's change programme and outlined the priorities for 2007/08.

Following a programme review in January, 2007 the Executive Management Team had commenced the integration of all aspects of the change programme planning and governance within the agreed Corporate Business Planning Process, to reflect the shift in the programme's lifecycle from development

to delivery.

The report explained the achievements to date and highlighted that coordinating activity from a range of different services around common themes had reduced duplication of time and resource and increased the scale of potential benefits .

The main outcomes delivered by the programme included the following;

- Great Lever neighbourhood management;
- Beacon status (anti social behaviour);
- Bolton at Home great estates project;
- Strategic investment – Handleman;
- Vulnerable persons transport;
- Bolton innovation zone;
- Online schools admissions system;
- Web one stop shop;
- Police presence in the one stop shop; and
- High street library .

The report detailed additional projects that had delivered key achievements as a result of the change programme .

The report explained that under each of the four themes of the change programme there were a number of projects and action initiatives to deliver which were planned for the next 12 months (which may be added to during the year), each of which would be monitored by the appropriate Service Improvement Action Plan.

Resolved – That the progress made in the implementation of the Change Programme be noted and that the programme of projects across the Council to deliver the major service transformations to be achieved via the change programme be endorsed .

68. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

The Chief Executive submitted a report that updated the Executive on developments around Bolton's Sustainable Community Strategy and highlighted the next steps in its adoption.

Members were reminded that a refresh of the Community Strategy, Clear Vision, Bright Future, 2003-2012 had been undertaken with the aim of providing a final version to be endorsed by the Vision Steering Group at its meeting on the 24th April 2007.

The refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy would set the 10 year framework for the Borough, under which short and medium term strategies (e.g. the Local Area Agreement, the Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy and individual agency plans) would be developed and implemented to support its goals .

A key feature of the refresh had been the agreement by the Vision Steering Group to focus on six key aims for the future, viz;

- Strong and Confident Bolton;
- Safe Bolton;
- Achieving Bolton;
- Prosperous Bolton;
- Cleaner, Greener Bolton; and
- Healthy Bolton

Under each aim would be the major outcomes to be achieved by 2017 as well as critical measures of success .

Resolved – (i) That the developments in the refresh of the Sustainable Community Strategy outlined in the report be noted.

(ii) That the key aims for the Sustainable Community Strategy as outlined in the report be agreed.

(iii) That following consideration of the draft Sustainable Community Strategy at the Vision Steering Group meeting on the 24th April 2007, the Strategy be submitted to the Council's meeting on 25th April, 2007 for approval.

69. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report which sought the Executive's approval to the revised Procurement Strategy and in particular (a) section II which outlined the performance targets which would aim to achieve cashable savings of £0.5m per annum; (b) section III which proposed a 3 year programme of value for money service reviews; and (c) section VI which proposed that an Executive Member would have overall responsibility for Procurement.

The report explained that the purpose of the Strategy was to:

- provide a framework for the promotion of best practice procurement in supporting the Council to deliver its corporate priorities;
- communicate to all stakeholders, operational managers, Directors, procurement specialists, suppliers in the private and voluntary sectors, the Council's vision for the way forward in its procurement of services, supplies and works so that they may play a meaningful role in the implementation of that vision; and
- describe via the procurement strategy implementation plan the key actions the Council intended to take to drive best practice procurement forward.

Resolved – That the Procurement Strategy, as now submitted, be approved .