

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services, Looked after Children, Safeguarding for Children and Young People, Schools and Early Years:-

MONDAY, 7th OCTOBER, 2019

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

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| Councillor C. Wild | - Executive Cabinet Member – Children |
| Councillor Cunliffe | - Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor McGeown | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Wright | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Officers

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| Mr P. Rankin | - Assistant Director - Performance, Planning and Resources |
| Mr N. Halton | - Principal Group Accountant |
| Ms S. Hymes | - Senior Lawyer |
| Mrs S. Bailey | - Principal Democratic Services Officer |

20. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET 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.

21. OUTDOOR EDUCATION ASSETS

The Director of People submitted a report which sought approval to dispose of a number of non-fixed outdoor education assets that were surplus to requirements.

The report proposed that the surplus to requirements non-fixed assets listed in the report be transferred to voluntary and community groups at nil cost to support their continued community use.

A suggested process for the fair, transparent and fit for purpose process for disposal of the assets had been discussed with the Council for Voluntary Service in Bolton and was put forward for consideration and approval.

The Executive Cabinet Member AUTHORISED:

- (i) The Director of People to dispose of the non-fixed assets listed in the report now submitted, to voluntary and community groups on the basis now detailed; and**
- (ii) The Borough Solicitor to carry out all necessary legal formalities in this regard.**

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and reports in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 1 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.

22. BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT REVIEW FOR THE FINANCE, INCOME AND ASSESSMENT TEAM AND FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION TEAM

The Director of People submitted a report which outlined proposals to restructure the work of the Finance Income and Assessment Team and the Financial Administration Team.

The report advised that a recent review of both teams, including their responsibilities and processes, had highlighted the need to restructure and realign their tasks in order to better service the needs of the Council, clients and providers alike and be fit for the future.

The proposed restructure would enable each Team to focus on their respective areas of income generation and payments processing which in turn would bring efficiencies in existing processes and additional benefits.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

The report, for consultation purposes, with trades unions and staff.

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