

EXTRACT

THE EXECUTIVE

MEETING, 26TH NOVEMBER, 2007

Councillor Morris	Leader of the Council – Corporate Strategy and Finance
Councillor Adia	Development
Councillor J Byrne	Young People and Sport
Councillor Peel	Environmental Services
Councillor Kay	Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Ibrahim	Culture and Community Safety
Councillor Sherrington	Cleaner, Greener, Safer
Councillor Zaman	Regeneration
Councillor White	Human Resources ,Performance and Diversity

Non-Voting Members

Councillor A. N. Spencer
 Councillor J. Walsh
 Councillor Morgan (as deputy for Councillor Allen)
 Councillor Mrs D. Brierley
 Councillor A. Wilkinson
 Councillor Shaw
 Councillor Hayes
 Councillor D. Wilkinson
 Councillor Mrs Rothwell

Officers

Mr. S. Harriss	Chief Executive
Mr. S. Arnfield	Director of Corporate Resources
Mr. A. Eastwood	Page 1 of 5

	Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Ms. M. Asquith	Director of Children's Services
Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. K. Davies	Director of Development and Regeneration
Mr. P. Molyneux	Assistant Director – Highways and Engineering
Mr. J. Smethurst	Chief Housing and Regeneration Officer
Mr. I. Taylor	Head of Parking Services
Mr. A. Jennings	Democratic Services Manager

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Mrs Thomas ,Allen and Bashir- Ismail.

Councillor Morris in the Chair

32. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Executive held on 29th October, 2007 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

33. CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted the 2007 Capital Investment Strategy which would be submitted to the Council on 12th December, 2007 for approval.

The document provided a framework for the allocation of resources through the Council's Corporate Business Planning process and met the Government's requirements to have a relevant Capital Strategy document.

The Strategy reflected the work the Council was doing with its partners through the Local Strategic Partnership to develop a common 'Vision' for the Borough. The Strategy also incorporated the Council's wider strategic aims, which have been subject to a major consultation exercise and were contained in the Council's Corporate (Bolton) Plan.

In response to members questions the Chief Executive explained that the criteria for NRF was due to change and that the Council's position for accessing this fund would become clearer when the Council received its

settlement in December ,2007 and that discussions had been undertaken regarding Bolton's position via SIGOMA ,Ministers and the local Members of Parliament. However, it was considered that the Council would have access to the new Working Neighbourhoods Fund ,the successor to NRF ,which would be announced around the time of the settlement.

Resolved – That the Capital Investment Strategy be approved for submission to the Council on 12th December, 2007.

34. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD 2 2007/08

The Chief Executive submitted the second corporate performance dashboard which provided the Executive with an overview of the Council's performance in the second quarter of 2007/08.

The report was made up of various datasets collated between 1st July, 2007 and 30th September ,2007 including:

- An overview of performance against the suite of Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPIs) as at the end of the second quarter;
- Latest data on sickness absence across the organisation;
- A summary of progress in delivering tasks within Service Improvement Action Plans – a key part of the business planning process ;
- An update of progress in delivering targets contained in the Bolton Plan 2007-10;
- Analysis of second quarter outturns for PAF indicators for both Children's and Adults' Social Care;
- The Council's second quarter performance in meeting its customer care standards;
- An overview of progress in delivering the Local Area Agreement (LAA) targets;
- Revenue and Capital spend and projections, as at the end of the second quarter; and
- Corporate Risk Management update.

It was reported that the performance framework would change in the future as follows;

(a) Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) would replace Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) in 2009. This new framework would focus more on local outcomes and their delivery through stronger partnership working;

(b) From April 2008, all measures previously reported to central government such as Best Value Performance Indicators (BVPI's) and Performance Assessment Framework (PAF) Indicators would be abolished. Instead, an estimated 1200 indicators for assessing performance would be reduced to a single National Indicator Set (NIS) of 198 measures. This represented a shift in focus from detailed analysis of service performance to an emphasis on the delivery of outcomes with partners.

(c) In each area, targets against the new set of national indicators would be negotiated through refreshed Local Area Agreements (LAAs). Each agreement would include up to 35 targets from the NIS, complemented by a basket of statutory targets on educational attainment and early years.

It was reported that good progress was being made with the delivery of the Council's outcomes and priorities as follows:

- 75% of targets contained within the Bolton Plan 2007-10 were on track. Only 7% were classed as off track (these indicators related to the healthy and strong and confident outcomes);
- Three-quarters of quarterly-reported LAA targets were on target and progress was excellent across all priorities. A number of indicators relating to the prosperous outcomes were off target ;
- The delivery of tasks within SIAPs was strong across all outcomes; and
- Actions to deliver improvements in areas of weakness were in place and on track.

Furthermore ,analysis showed that in terms of organisational effectiveness sound progress was being made as follows:

- Over two-thirds (69%) of quarterly-reported BVPIs were on target. This fell slightly to 64% for priority BVPIs;
- 65% of quarterly-reported BVPIs had improved compared to the same period last year. This figure rose to 79% for priority BVPIs;
- Performance against social care PAF indicators remained strong;
- Sickness absence was down, continuing the trend from 2006-07 and improving slightly on Q1 performance;

- More complaints (85%) were being responded to within the customer care standard; and
- Revenue expenditure was on track and Capital projections were within existing resources.

Actions to deliver improvements in areas of weakness were in place and further details were explained in the Appendix to the report.

Resolved - That the improvement actions proposed be endorsed and that Executive Members work with Directors to drive them as part of their performance work and that future updates on service performance and progress in delivering improvement actions as part of a third quarter dashboard be reported in March, 2008.