

REGENERATION, HOUSING AND SKILLS

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Regeneration, Housing and Skills on:-

TUESDAY 27TH MARCH, 2012

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

Councillor Ibrahim	Executive Member for Regeneration, Housing and Skills
Councillor D. Wilkinson	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr. K. Davies	Director of Development and Regeneration
Mr. T. Hill	Chief Planning and Housing Officer
Mr. S. Godley	Development Manager (Planning Strategy)
Mrs. M. Horrocks	Housing Strategy Manager (Strategy and Performance)
Mr. P. Philbin	Bolton Community Homes Partnership and Development Officer
Ms. J. Pollard	Policy Accountant
Mrs. V. Ridge	Deputy Democratic Services Manager

57. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Director of Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which contained monitoring information related to decisions taken at the Executive Member's previous meetings.

The Executive Member NOTED the progress on decisions previously taken, as detailed in the Appendix to these minutes.

58. HORWICH LOCO WORKS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which sought the Executive Member's approval for the adoption of the Horwich Loco Works Supplementary Planning Document (SDP).

The Executive Member was advised that the SDP provided policies and guidance to enable the sustainable development of Horwich Loco Works and consultation on the draft SDP took place in 2011.

The report summarised the results of the consultation, resultant changes to the SDP and recommended adoption of the final version.

In terms of the consultation, the Executive Member was advised that the Council received a total of 44 separate written responses and in light of these it had been decided not to pursue the option of cancelling the Horwich Loco Works conservation area. The most significant responses to the draft SDP were detailed in the report and related to the following areas, viz:-

- Heritage;
- Traffic and accessibility;
- Urban design;
- Wildlife;
- Environmental sustainability;
- Local facilities, community provision and green space;
and
- Other issues.

The Executive Member APPROVED the Horwich Loco Works Supplementary Planning Document for adoption subject to there being reference in the document that there is potential secondary access to Crown Lane, as shown on Plan 04', and that the document be taken into account in development management decisions.

59. FEES AND CHARGES 2012/2013

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which set out the proposed increase in fees and charges for the financial year 2012/2013 in respect of the following:-

- Caravan site rents;
- Refugee project;
- Furnished tenancy scheme;
- Leasehold management;
- Benjamin Court;
- Housing and public health; and
- Network property service charge.

It was proposed that the fees and charges be increased by 4% and this rate was reflected in the report unless noted otherwise.

The Executive Member AGREED the increases in fees and charges to take effect from 2nd April, 2012, apart from the daily rents at Benjamin Court and dispersed homeless accommodation at which daily rents will be increased from 1st April, 2012.

60. REVISED PLANNING CONTROL POLICY NOTE 3 – HOUSE EXTENSIONS

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which put forward a revised Planning Control Policy Note 3 in relation to house extensions.

The Executive Member was advised that the revised note in relation to domestic extensions took account of:

- The revised approach and limits in the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (England) Order 2008; and
- Member's views, as expressed through Planning Committee decisions, on matters including rear extensions to terraced houses, front extensions and bin storage.

The report outlined in detail the proposals contained within the revised note which was aimed at homeowners, applicants and

their agents, neighbours and other members of the public.

The Executive Member APPROVED the revised Planning Control Policy Note 3 (PCPN3) on House Extensions for the purposes of public consultation and to use as an interim planning control guidance, superseding the current 2005 version of PCPN3.

61. SIX MONTHLY MONITORING REPORT: DELIVERY OF THE COUNCIL'S OFFER TO TENANTS 2011-2012

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which informed the Executive Member of the progress being made by Bolton at Home on the delivery of the Offer Document promises made by the Council.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

62. HCA FUNDING AGREEMENT FOR UNION ROAD – EMERGENCY ACTION

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which advised of the action taken by the Executive Member under the emergency powers procedure to allow the Council to enter into a legally binding funding agreement with the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) to enable acquisition of the remaining properties on Union Road prior to the end of the financial year.

The Executive Member NOTED the emergency action taken as detailed in the report.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and report in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 1 and 4 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.

63. PROPOSED REALLOCATION OF FUNCTIONS AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE WITHIN THE DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION DEPARTMENT

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which sought the Executive Member's approval to proposals for the reallocation of functions together with changes to the senior management structure within the Development and Regeneration Department.

It was explained that the proposals were designed to take into account the loss of a number of Chief Officer and senior management posts as part of the Council's budget reduction programme, more recent departures of Heads of Service and the ongoing budget savings requirements of the Council.

Consultation on the proposals had been undertaken with the relevant stakeholders and a copy of the response from Unison was circulated in advance of the meeting. In addition, the Director had circulated an addendum to the report which responded to points made by Unison and proposed amendments to the ringfencing proposals contained in the report.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Members for Strategy and External Relations and Human Resources, Organisational Development and Diversity at their meetings on 28th March, 2012.

The Executive Member, subject to the approval of the Executive Member for Human Resources, Organisational Development and Diversity, APPROVED the proposals as detailed in the report and the amendments proposed by the Director in the addendum.