

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environment Services, Highways, Transport and Community Services and Neighbourhood Services Police and Community Safety :-

MONDAY, 13th JULY, 2015

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

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Chadwick	Highways, Transport and Community Services
Councillor Allen	Major Opposition Spokesperson Environmental Services
Councillor Hayes	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr J. Kelly	Head of Service Highways and Engineering
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy
Ms. J. Hall	Principal Environmental Health Officer
Mr. R. Martinez	Community Safety Manager

Mr. I. D. Mulholland

Principal Democratic Services
Officer

6. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which set out details of the decisions made at previous meetings and the progress on each to date.

Further to the item entitled, Petition Requesting Additional Signage and Waiting Restrictions around Moss Bank Park, Smithills, a discussion took place regarding the issue of parking and the Community Empowerment Fund.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

7. GREAT BANK ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER, OBJECTIONS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which detailed an objection which had been received to the Traffic Regulation Order on Great Bank Road, Westhoughton.

The report set out details of the objection which had been received and the officers response to this. Furthermore, it was explained that ward members had been consulted on the proposals and no objections had been registered.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Community Services the Executive Member APPROVED that the waiting restrictions proposals be confirmed as advertised and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the order.

8. PETITION FROM RESIDENTS OF MANCROFT AVENUE REGARDING DECOMMISSIONING OF BOLTON AT HOME CCTV

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the receipt of a petition from the residents of Mancroft Avenue urging the Council to find

alternative ways of funding the recently decommissioned CCTV scheme for Mancroft Avenue and other areas in Great Lever.

By way of background information, the report explained that estate surveillance cameras were installed in 2001/2 in the Hall-I'th-Wood and Great Lever areas including Mancroft Avenue in response to severe crime and anti-social behaviour Problems and indeed served the areas well in reducing the incidents of those problems.

From April, 2015 service charges were no longer met from housing benefit and efforts to identify alternative revenue streams were not successful.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that a consultation process was undertaken and residents expressed a clear preference for removal over paying the additional charges for the services.

Bolton at Home estimated that 103 of the 140 houses at Mancroft Avenue which were covered, at least to some extent, by the CCTV were in private ownership.

The report went onto refer to matters around the current crime rates in the areas and the neighbourhood Policing Team do did not regard the area as a hot spot or a particular problem for crime and anti-social behaviour.

The report also referred to the fact that the fixed CCTV had become outdated and was costly to maintain.

In conclusion, the report mentioned that the Bolton Community Safety Partnership had adopted a cost effective flexible approach which achieved an equivalent or better level of security for residents involving the deployment of overt CCTV resources. The report set out how these resources were utilised in the Borough to target high areas of crime or anti-social behaviour in a responsive way.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Police and Community Safety the

Executive Cabinet Member CONFIRMED the approach taken by the Council to continue to improve the safety of residents using portable CCTV equipment and that Bolton at Home be recommended to help establish an active neighbourhood Watch in this area.

**9. HOME OFFICE POLICE INNOVATION FUND :
DOMESTIC ABUSE EARLY HELP PROJECT**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought approval to commission an Early Help offer based on the successful Greater Manchester bid to the Home Office innovation Fund.

By way of background information the report explained that Greater Manchester had made a successful application to the Home Office Innovation Fund for the piloting of a domestic abuse early help offer. In most areas funding for domestic abuse and violence services was targeted at the high end of risk. Local areas identified that there was a gap in service provision at an early level and felt if inward investment could be attracted through this fund a new model could be tested, which would begin to reduce demand on high cost crisis interventions.

The funding application was based on an evidence base following trials that Greater Manchester Police had been conducting in three divisions. Although each division ran the trial in a slightly different way they all achieved strong demand reduction results.

The report explained that the project put forward to the Home Office Innovation Fund would target standard risk victims and perpetrators of domestic abuse, through an Early Help Offer, encompassing families and children. It would aim to address the gap in service provision within Greater Manchester around early intervention with domestic abuse victims and perpetrators to prevent escalation of incidents to crisis point and reduce preventable demand for public services.

Last year Greater Manchester Police (GMP) recorded 66,174

domestic abuse incidents; 74% of which were classed as standard risk, the lowest risk classification used by the Force. The repeat vulnerability victimisation rate for these incidents was between 68-82% across Greater Manchester.

The report went on to set out additional details of the project overview, the funding and key deliverables and the procurement and tendering arrangements.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Police and Community Safety the Executive Cabinet Member AUTHORISED the Director of Environmental Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, to commission an early help domestic abuse offer (as described in paragraphs 2.7 – 2.10 of the report) and that the Borough Solicitor be asked to carry out all necessary legal formalities.

10. BOLTON FOOD SERVICE PLAN, 2015/16

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the Food Service Plan for 2015/16.

By way of background information, the report advised that the Council had a vital role in ensuring standards of food safety within the Borough were maintained. Officers in the Food Team provided the link between HM Government policy, the food industry and the people of Bolton in providing a safe wholesome food supply.

The report explained that since January, 2011 the Council had operated the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme and published the food hygiene ratings for food businesses in the Borough.

The report went on to set out further details of the various works undertaken in the last year and to outline the programmed inspection plan for 2015/16.

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services –

- (i) ENDORSED the Service's food safety delivery programme and that the Council be recommended to approve the Food Service Plan as part of the policy framework.**
- (ii) AGREED that matters around the possible compulsory display of food hygiene certificates be explored further via the LGA.**
- (iii) AGREED that matters around the possible charging for the Food Premises Inspection Service be explored via the LGA.**

11. HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR 2015/16 AND YEAR END OUTTURN ON THE 2014/15 PROGRAMME

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Cabinet Member of the outturn of the 2014/2015 Highways and Engineering Capital Programme. The report also sets out adjustments to the approved capital programmes from the period 2015/2016.

By way of background information the report explained that a report was previously presented to the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services on 14th July 2014, detailing the adjustments to the 2014/15 Highways Capital programme. This report sets out progress and outturn of the 2014/15 programme and highlights adjustments to the approved programmes for 2015/16.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the outturn on the 2014/15 Capital Programme APPROVED the adjustments to the Highways Capital Programme from the period 2015/16.

12. STRATEGIC BUDGET REPORT

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought approval for the revenue budget for 2015/16 for Environmental Services.

By way of background information the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the report represented the final stage of the Corporate Business Planning Process for 2015/16 and outlined the revenue budget for the Environmental Services Department.

In addition, the report included the capital programme bid for the period 2015/16.

The report went onto explain that Bolton Council was facing a very challenging financial period. On the 10th November 2014, the Council's Cabinet approved the start of consultation on a programme of savings covering the years 2015/16 and 2016/17. The Council subsequently approved savings options in February 2015, following the December 2014 Local Government settlement, in order to meet an increased savings target of £43.4m for the 2013/15 period.

The proposed revenue budget for Environmental Services Department, after the implementation of strategic redirection options, amounted to £26,874,000.

Table One in the report provided an objective analysis of the budget, with the information analysed by Standard Spending Accounts, Trading Accounts and unapportionable overheads.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

(i) The proposed revenue budget of £28.655m prior to the adoption of strategic options.

(ii) The savings and efficiency options outlined in Appendix C to this report. The options were made up of two elements:

- **Corporate Savings and Efficiency options (£1.7m)**
- **Demand Led (£0.081m) shown in Appendix A**

(iii) The Strategic Budget after strategic options will amount to £26.874m.

(iv) The capital programme of £32.007m.

**13. DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE,
QUARTER 4, 2014/15**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which provided the Executive Cabinet Member with an update on the quarter 4 performance of 2014/15 for the Environmental Services Department.

The report summarised delivery against both qualitative and quantitative indicators, recognising the balance between hard and soft outputs taking into account the current financial pressures facing the organisation.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the quarter 4 performance report.