

THE CABINET

MEETING, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2017

Councillor Morris	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member

Cabinet Members

Councillor A. Ibrahim	Adult Safeguarding and Adult Social Care
Councillor Zaman	Development and Regeneration and Human Resources
Councillor Chadwick	Highways and Transport
Councillor Cunliffe	Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked After Children
Councillor J. Byrne	Culture, Youth and Sport
Councillor Watters	Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector and Community Services and Skills

Other Members in Attendance

Councillor Donaghy
Councillor Murray
Councillor Kellett
Councillor Greenhalgh
Councillor Mrs. Fairclough
Councillor Haslam
Councillor Cox
Councillor Hornby
Councillor Martin

Officers

Ms. M. Asquith	Chief Executive
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Mr. S. Young	Director of Place
Mr. D. Herne	Director of Public Health
Ms. H. Gorman	Borough Solicitor
Mr. P. Green	Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy
Mrs. V. Ridge	Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Morris in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Adia, Burrows and Sherrington.

22. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 11th September, 2017 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

23. TOWN CENTRE STRATEGY

Councillor Haslam declared an interest in the undermentioned item as he had a business in the Town Centre.

The Director of Place submitted a report which set out proposals for the implementation of a refreshed Town Centre Strategy and sought approval to a series of interventions and key actions including a framework designed to support the town centre's economy.

Members were advised that town centres continued to face challenges and uncertainty in modern society, including customer trends. Against that context, over the last decade Bolton had evidenced just how important the Council's role in facilitating regeneration with both policy and direct intervention and the success this could bring even during periods of economic downturn.

The report advised that following a competitive tender, the Council appointed BDP, together with commercial property specialist BE Group to refresh the masterplan framework. In consultation with key stakeholders, work on a refreshed Town Centre Strategy had now concluded and the Council had created a £100 million fund to support its delivery with the aim of leveraging further funding and investment to regenerate Bolton town centre and sustain its immediate future to the benefit of the wider Borough and its residents.

The refreshed strategy for Bolton town centre was outlined within the report including target interventions, masterplan framework and economic benefits set out within the proposed 'Bolton Town Centre Framework' which was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

In terms of the £100 million fund, it was proposed that this be targeted in key intervention areas within the town centre which would have the greatest impact, together with cross-cutting interventions such as infrastructure investment that would benefit the town centre as a whole.

Members were also advised that interventions would include strategic site assembly; getting sites 'development ready'; and the delivery of some key developments; public realm and infrastructure. It was also proposed that external advisors and services would be procured, as required, to support delivery of the Town Centre Strategy and secure the necessary private sector investment. Furthermore, a range of potential development delivery options would be utilised.

Section 2 of the report set out the challenges, trends and key aims; Section 3 described the policy context; Section 4 set out the market drivers and analysis; Sections 5 and 6 described the target interventions; Section 7 covered the legal and financial implications including allocation of resources and investment priorities and procurement; and Section 8 described the next steps.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was included at Appendix 2 to the report and summarised at Section 9.

Resolved – (i) That the Town Centre Strategy as outlined in the report be approved.

(ii) That the Director of Place be granted delegated authority to update the Town Centre Strategy to reflect changes required as a result of matters such as planning consents, procurement exercises and construction timetables.

(iii) That the use of resources and funding, as detailed in the Town Centre Strategy, be approved.

(iv) That the Director of Place be granted delegated authority, in consultation with the Cabinet or relevant Executive Cabinet Member and the Borough Solicitor and the Borough Treasurer (as appropriate) to:

- 1. Identify the most appropriate delivery model in respect of the interventions and actions detailed in the Town Centre Strategy, to negotiate the terms of any arrangements, to enter into contractual arrangements (where appropriate) and to carry out all practical formalities in accordance with the Constitution; and**
- 2. Procure all such external resources required to deliver the Town Centre Strategy in accordance with the Council's Constitution, to negotiate the terms and conditions of any contracts and to enter into contractual arrangements.**

(v) That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to carry out all necessary legal formalities.

24. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the

meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; 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.

25. CORPORATE PROPERTY SERVICES REVIEW

Resolved – That this item be deferred to a future meeting.