

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

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

MONDAY, 23rd MARCH, 2015

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

Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Chadwick	Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
Councillor D. Burrows	Cabinet Member for Police and Community Services
Councillor Bashir-Ismail	Cabinet Member for Community Services
Councillor Greenhalgh	Major Opposition Spokesperson, Environmental Services
Councillor Allen	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hayes	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. S. Young	Assistant Director Development and Regeneration Services
Ms. E. Long	Head of Services to Schools

Ms. L. Swann	Assistant Head of Waste and Fleet Strategy
Mr. J. Fox	Principal Engineer (Network, Planning and Safety)
Mr. M. Fairhurst	Senior Engineering Manager(Highways Design and Construction)
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

54. 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.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

51. LYDBROOK CLOSE, COLEFORD GROVE, GAS STREET, BOLTON – PROPOSED TRAFFIC ORDERS, OBJECTIONS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of objections which had been received to the proposed introduction of waiting restrictions on Lydbrook Close, Coleford Grove and Gas Street, Bolton.

The report explained that the objections had all been submitted on the grounds that the proposals would remove on street parking in the vicinity of the MhIST charity shop.

The report also advised that ward members had been consulted.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member,

deferred a decision on the matter pending clarification on the scheme details and funding issues.

52. PETITION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL SIGNAGE AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS AROUND MOSS BANK PARK, SMITHILLS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which detailed the receipt of a petition from the residents in the Moss Bank Park area of Smithills. The petition requested that the Council install additional overflow car park signage, waiting restrictions and an informal residents parking only scheme.

The report went onto explain the specific details of the petition and the response to this.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

- (i) The introduction of waiting restrictions in the area is supported in principle subject to funding being made available;**
- (ii) The installation of improved signage to the overflow car park is supported in principle subject to funding being made available;**
- (iii) The introduction of a, Residents only Parking, on an informal basis is not supported; and**
- (iv) That the Director of Environmental Services be asked to look into the general parking arrangements at Moss Bank Park.**

53. PLODDER LANE / GLYNNE STREET (BRADFORD ROAD – ALBERT ROAD) TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SCHEME – RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which detailed the outcome of a consultation into a proposed traffic management scheme for Plodder Lane / Glynne Street (Bradford Road – Albert Road)

The report explained that as a result of the number of accidents along Plodder Lane, between Bradford Road and Albert Road, a proposal for traffic management measures was drawn up. Local residents and business people were consulted in December 2014/January 2015 and from the responses received there was a majority in favour of traffic management measures but not as per the proposals.

Objectors had made specific comments that were addressed in this report.

In conclusion the report set out the financial implication of the proposals.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member , having considered the comments, APPROVED the implementation of a revised scheme as shown on Drawing No. 934089/01- (RevA).

54. PETITION RELATING TO POTENTIAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS FOR KERSHAW AVENUE AND DEARDEN STREET, LITTLE LEVER

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which detailed a petition which had been received setting out residents concerns about the traffic management scheme for Kershaw Avenue and Dearden Street in Little Lever.

The scheme involved the introduction/alteration of one-way systems of traffic flow on roads at that location.

This report set out the details of the petition and the officer response.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member NOTED –

- (i) The receipt of the petition relating to scheme proposals at this location; and
- (ii) The current funding limitations relating to the implementation of any proposed works.

55. OUTCOMES OF TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF FRESH AND FROZEN HALAL MEAT, MEAT PRODUCTS AND POULTRY

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which advised the Executive Cabinet Member of the outcome of the recent tender process for the supply of fresh and frozen halal meat, meat products and poultry.

The report explained that fresh and frozen Halal meat was purchased for the School Meals Service, Civic Catering and Community Meals through JW Young, following a framework tender exercise in 2011.

This framework expired on 31st March 2015.

The desire of the community to have Halal meat for meal provision to be certified by the HMC (Halal Monitoring Committee) had resulted in there being a very limited market for the availability of this commodity. At last tender round only two companies expressed interest in the contract.

Further exploration of the market by officers had concluded that in the intervening years since the contract was let, there had been no expansion of the provision.

Framework contracts were available by ESPO, and within this framework there was only one company that satisfied the requisite criteria from a listing of nine companies.

A site visit was initiated to ensure that the company complied with all relevant Food Safety legislation, overall suitability for the diverse range of services assessed to ensure compliance with the needs of Halal meal provision and willingness to develop provision to enhance the service delivery of Bolton Council.

The decision has been made to award the contract for Halal meat to J.W Young (Butchers) Ltd .

In conclusion, the report referred to matters around the contract start and end dates and its value.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Community Services the Executive Cabinet Member AGREED, based on the ability to provide a sustained service as from the previous contract experience and the specific needs of HMC Halal provision, to award the contract to J. W. Young (Butchers) Ltd, as set out in the report.

56. FITTING UNITED UTILITIES AUTOMATED METER READERS TO WASTE COLLECTION VEHICLES

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought approval to allow United Utilities to install Telematic Meter Readers into a number of the Council's Waste and Recycling collection vehicles.

The report explained that United Utilities had developed a water meter reading solution that operated by attaching a Data Collector to all council waste and recycling vehicles. Readings were collected on a weekly/fortnightly basis and this was proving extremely useful in understanding water consumption, identifying customer issues such as a leak on their property and ultimately aiding water efficiency for customers with a water meter.

The report went on to explain that an initial pilot of the Data Collector took place in Warrington two years ago and over 90% of water meter reads in Warrington were now being collected through this solution. United Utilities were now working with a number of other local councils to expand on the success of the pilot.

In Greater Manchester the Data Collectors had been fitted to the Waste and Recycling vehicles within Oldham, Tameside, Salford, Stockport and Bury. Rochdale Council was also discussing this with United Utilities and both Manchester and Trafford Councils had provisionally agreed, however, their

service was out to tender at the present moment and therefore they could not progress this until summer 2015.

In addition the units had been fitted to the vehicles at Blackpool, Cheshire West & Chester and Cheshire East. Discussions were underway with all of the Councils in Lancashire, Merseyside and Cumbria and the idea was being positively received.

The Executive Cabinet Member was informed that Bolton Council vehicles had been assessed and between 40 and 44 were likely to be suitable to have the Data Collector fitted to them.

The units would be installed at a time to suit the council with no service disruption.

The units were hard wired into the vehicles electrics and power up and down with the vehicle ignition.

Furthermore, United Utilities would pay Bolton Council £150 for every vehicle that had the technology installed. With 40 to 44 vehicles put forward for the installation this would result in an income of between £6000 and £6600 per year.

To protect all parties a legal agreement will be put in place if this scheme is given the go ahead.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the recommendation to allow United Utilities to install Telematic Meter Readers into a number of the Council's Waste and Recycling collection vehicles as set out in the report.

57. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – FEES AND CHARGES REPORT, 2015/16

The Director of Environmental Services and the Borough Treasurer submitted a joint report which sought approval of an increase in fees and charges above or below the 2% inflationary target in respect of some of the services provided by the Environmental Services Department.

The report explained that as part of the corporate financial

guidance, there was an assumption that all external fees and charges were increased by 2%. Due to cash handling purposes, the exact inflationary increase might be up slightly more. However, there were a number of charges where no increase or a percentage increase above the guidance figure of 2% was proposed.

The report went on to set out the specific details relating to the various services.

In conclusion, it was proposed that increases in fees and charges relating to the services highlighted within this report should differ from 2% guidance included within the budget.

**The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –
(i) proposals for increases to fees and charges ; and
(ii) proposals to report separately on other specific
changes are noted.**

**58. DEPARTMENTAL PERFORMANCE UPDATE –
QUARTER THREE, 2014/15**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which apprised the Executive Cabinet Member of the quarter three performance information for the Department, 2014/15.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the performance report.