

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, 18th AUGUST, 2014

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

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

Officers

Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. S. Young	Assistant Director Highways and Business Development
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy
Mr. J. Kelly	Head of Service, Highways and Engineering

Ms. L. Swann	Assistant Head of Waste and Fleet Strategy
Ms. J. Lindley	Unit Manager, Strategic Development
Mr. P. Tomkies	Principal Officer Trading Standards and Licensing
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Principal Democratic Services Officer

15. 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.

16. BIRTENSHAW CRESCENT AND BROMLEY CROSS ROAD, BROMLEY CROSS, BOLTON – EXPERIMENTAL WAITING RESTRICTIONS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of expressions of support and objections which had been received to the introduction of experimental waiting restrictions on various streets in the Bromley Cross area of Bolton.

By way of background information the report explained that an experimental order was approved under the Scheme of Delegation by the Director of Environmental Services, advertised and subsequently implemented in October, 2013. Following the receipt of some expressions of support and objection a further consultation was undertaken in April, 2014.

The report also explained that the ward councillors were in support of the experimental order being made permanent.

In conclusion the report indicated that there were no further costs from the original experimental waiting restrictions as the

lines had already been placed. The estimated cost remains at £6,850 including staff costs and legal fees and this would be funded from the Bromley Cross Area Forum.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member the experimental waiting restrictions be confirmed as outlined and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the experimental order permanent.

17. THREADFOLD WAY, COTTONFIELDS, SCHOLARS RISE, SCHOOL STREET, EAGLEY – EXPERIMENTAL WAITING RESTRICTIONS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of expressions of support and objections which had been received to the introduction of experimental waiting restrictions on Threadfold Way, Cottonfields, Scholars Rise, School Street, Eagley, Bolton.

By way of background information the report explained that an experimental order was approved under the Scheme of Delegation by the Director of Environmental Services, advertised and subsequently implemented in October, 2013. Following the receipt of some expressions of support and objection a further consultation was undertaken in April, 2014.

The report also explained that the ward councillors were in support of the experimental order being made permanent.

The estimated cost of promoting the Traffic Regulation Order is £6,850 which included promotion, consultation and works costs. This would be funded from the Bromley Cross Area Forum.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member the experimental waiting restrictions be confirmed as outlined and that the Borough Solicitor be authorised to make the experimental order permanent.

18. FUEL CARD CONTRACT

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which proposed a fuel card contract with Allstar for the next three years with the option to extend for one year.

By way of background information the report explained that on 22 August, 2013 the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) fuel card framework expired. Bolton Council was therefore out of contract for the purchasing of fuel and was currently purchasing through an extension to the previous agreement with Allstar Fuel Cards.

A new CCS framework contract came into effect on 13 May, 2014 and ran until 13 May, 2018, any agreements under this contract would expire two years after the end date (13 May 2020).

Following the CCS evaluation process for the direct award, using the CCS desktop assessment criteria, Allstar had been chosen as the preferred fuel card supplier.

The report went onto explain that the new framework allowed the option to purchase the fuel in a different way to the current arrangement. This meant paying diesel prices at the commercial rate rather than at forecourt prices. This would deliver an annual saving of approximately £6,000 on a total spend of £1.194m (2013/2014).

Allstar were chosen as they met all of the criteria for card management and network coverage and, based on information from the CCS framework evaluation pack, the cost of fuel purchases by Bolton Council in the new way would be approximately £900 cheaper per annum than the next best provider.

In conclusion it was explained that the Corporate Procurement team was recommending awarding a contract for three years with an option to extend for one year.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the purchase of fuel from Allstar, through the CCS framework for the next 3 years, with the option to extend for 1 year.

19. DRAFT CHARITY COLLECTIONS POLICY

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the draft charity collections policy.

By way of background information the report explained that the aims of the Licensing Authority in respect of the licensing of charitable collections was to –

- safeguard the interests of both public donors and beneficiaries;
- facilitate well organised collections by bona fide and charitable institutions and to ensure that good standards were met; and
- prevent unlicensed collections from taking place.

The report went onto explain that in order to achieve its aims in respect of the licensing of charitable collections, the Licensing Authority had identified the major issues and sought to tackle them through this Policy.

It was explained that the new Policy was divided into three main sections, house to house collections, street collections and a voluntary agreement with fundraisers. The report went on to provide specific details in terms of these areas.

The report went onto explain about the consultation exercise that had been undertake and that the majority of the responses received were supportive.

The Executive Cabinet Member was further informed of proposals to enter into a voluntary agreement with fundraisers who operated in the Town Centre, facilitated by the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association. The purpose and spirit of this voluntary Site Management Agreement was to facilitate responsible face to face fundraising in Bolton Town Centre and provide a balance between the duty of charities and not for-

profit organisations to fundraise and the rights of the public to go about their business without the impression of undue inconvenience.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the Charity Collections Policy for implementation and the agreement with the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association.

20. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FINANCE REPORT 2014/15, QUARTER ONE

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of the financial quarter one position for the Environmental Services portfolio for the 2014/15 financial year.

In terms of revenue expenditure it was explained that there was projected to be an underspend against the budget by £108,000 after planned reserve movements. The main variances were in the Albert Halls, School Meals, Trade Waste and Markets.

Capital expenditure for the quarter was £0.573m against a programme of £27.042m.

The Department had a projected general reserve of £281,366 at the end of the year.

The Executive Cabinet Member was further advised that budgeted efficiency savings for the department were £3,385,000. All planned efficiencies had been achieved.

In conclusion, it was indicated that specific areas of financial risk identified for the year related to loss of income due to the economic downturn and energy prices for street lighting.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the quarter one financial position.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved - That, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraphs 3 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.

21. DEVELOPMENT OF VEHICLE WASH BAY FACILITIES

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought approval to exempt Standing Orders in order to negotiate the works package for the new vehicle wash facility at Wellington Depot.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Community Services the Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to –

- (i) Authorise the Director of Environmental Services to negotiate the works package for the new vehicle wash facility at Wellington Depot with FDI / WNV Ltd;**
- (ii) Delegate authority to the Director of Environmental Services to contract with FDI / WNV Ltd following successful negotiations and audit; and**
- (iii) Delegate authority to the Director of Environmental Services to tender if negotiations with FDI / WNV Ltd are unsuccessful.**

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**22. OUTCOMES OF TENDERS FOR THE SUPPLY OF
FRESH AND FROZEN MEAT, MEATPRODUCTS AND
POULTRY**

This item was withdrawn.