

EXTRACT

DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Health and Wellbeing, Adult Social Care, Adult Safeguarding, Public Health and Children's Services including Looked After Children and Schools and Early Years:-

MONDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY, 2016

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

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| Councillor Mrs. Thomas | - | Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leaders Portfolio |
| Councillor Cunliffe | - | Cabinet Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked After Children |
| Councillor Mrs Fairclough | - | Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Martin | - | Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Officers

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| Mr. J. Daly | - | Acting Director of People |
| Mr. T. Birch | - | Assistant Director Education and Learning |
| Mr. D. Smith | - | Head of Finance |
| Mr. D. Herne | - | Director of Public Health |
| Mr. K. Stevens | - | Public Health Consultant |
| Mr. I. D. Mulholland | - | Principal Democratic Services Officer |

68. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

69. STRATEGIC BUDGET REPORT – CHILDREN’S SERVICES – 2016/2017

A joint report of the Director of Children’s, Adult and Public Health Services and the Borough Treasurer was submitted which outlined the Children’s Services 2016-2017 Strategic Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

In terms of the revenue budget, the local authority funded revenue budget for Children’s Services amounted to £54.681m subject to budget reductions during 2016-2017. In addition, the element of the budget to be funded by the Dedicated Schools Grant, Pupil Premium and Sixth Form funding amounted to £221.55m, therefore, the total proposed budget for Children’s Services for 2016-2017 amounted to £276.231m.

The budget allocated to schools amounted to £156.7m, with £90.6m being allocated to Primary Schools and £66.1m allocated to Secondary Schools.

In terms of the capital programme this totalled £12,424,373 for the 2016-2017 financial year and the details were provided in Appendix D to the report.

Appendix A to the report provided a subjective analysis of the department’s expenditure and Appendix B outlined a detailed variance analysis of changes between the original budget for 2015-2016 and the proposed budget for 2016-2017. Furthermore, Appendix C identified the budget reductions for 2016-2017.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED –

- (i) The Local Authority block revenue budget of £54.681m subject to amendment during 2016-2017 to reflect the budget reductions identified at Council**
- (ii) The Capital Programme for 2016-2017 totalling £12,424,373**

72. CHILDREN'S SERVICES VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH SECTOR REVIEW 2015/2017: POST CONSULTATION REPORT

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which set out the results of the consultation process following the review of the Voluntary and Community Grants (Children and Young People).

The Executive Cabinet Member was reminded approval had been given for 60 days consultation on the proposals to review the current grant funding arrangements and to make savings from the Children's Services Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector budget.

The budget savings proposals attempted to mitigate as far as possible the impact on front line provision, as well as protecting specific services for vulnerable children and young people. The savings equalled £245,000 including in year savings of £25,000 and would be taken from 1st April, 2016. A programme of funding allocation rounds had been developed and would be subject to various timescales as detailed in the report, however, it was expected that the full savings target would not be realised until 31st March, 2017.

The report outlined in detail the feedback received from the consultation process and a copy of this, together with, the responses was detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.

In terms of the final proposals these were summarised as follows, viz:-

- There would be a prioritisation of funding to organisations who supported children and young people who had been identified as being the most in need;
- The contribution of £15,000 to Derian House would be protected;
- There were no proposals at this stage to reduce the Early years (0-5) budget;
- New grant applications would be based on revised specifications and a clear understanding of the expected outcomes;
- Previous grant contracts which totalled £25,000 ended during 2015 and this would be used as a contribution towards the savings target from 1st April, 2016; and
- The extension of the timeline for the grant application process by three months which would mean some of the existing contracts would be extended and details of this were provided in the report.

In conclusion, it was stated that all of the funding arrangements and grants to voluntary sector organisations made through Children's Services ended on 31st March, 2016. The Council had initially given no commitment to any organisation that funding would continue beyond April, 2016, although, extensions would be provided as outlined in Table 2 in the report.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

(i) The final post consultation proposals for the Children's Services, Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector review as detailed in the report; and AGREED

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- (ii) To delegate implementation of the proposals to the Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services; and**
- (iii) To extend the contracts to 30th June, 2016 and September, 2016 as detailed in Table 2 of the report.**

**73. CHILDREN'S AND ADULT SERVICES AND PUBLIC HEALTH – FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT
QUARTER THREE 2015-2016**

A joint report of the Director of Children, Adult and Public Health Services and the Borough Treasurer was submitted which provided information relating to the financial position for the Children's and Adult Services and Public Health portfolio for the 2015-2016 financial year, as at Quarter Three.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised that the revenue outturn position for the Local Authority block was expected to be less than the available budget by £734,000 and revenue expenditure for the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) was projected to be £1,056,440 greater than the grant available. Public Health expenditure was expected to be £20.3m at 31st March, 2016 which was in accordance with the grant expected to be received.

With regard to capital expenditure, the original capital programme approved at Council in February, 2015 totalled £12.3m. This had now decreased to £12.1m which was a reduction from £12.9m at Quarter 2 due to slippage and scheme reprogramming. Expenditure at Quarter 3 was £5.819m.

In terms of balances, these including schools were expected to be £45.7m as at 31st March, 2016. This was a reduction of £5.4m due to use of school balances, funding of the current years capital programme and some offset by the estimated revenue position.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

**74. CHILDREN'S, ADULT AND PUBLIC HEALTH
SERVICES PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT
QUARTER THREE 2015-2016**

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which provided the Executive Cabinet Member with an update on the latest available 2015/2016 performance

information for the Children's, Adult and Public Health Department.

The report outlined the Department's performance against the priorities of Bolton's Community Strategy and the Public Health Outcomes Framework; set out the main strategic priorities facing the Council in the areas of Children's, Adult Services and Public Health; and provided information on the day to day operational effectiveness of the Department. Overall, the Department's performance against its priorities was good.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 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.

75. TUPE: TRANSFER FROM COLLEGE TO 11-19 SERVICE

The Acting Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which proposed to transfer the work of one employee from Bolton College to the Council in accordance with TUPE legislation.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Resources at his meeting on 22nd February, 2016.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED that negotiations be entered into with Bolton College for the TUPE of one member of staff as detailed in the report.