

CULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Culture and Community Services on:-

MONDAY, 11TH DECEMBER, 2006

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

Councillor Ibrahim	Executive Member for Culture and Community Services
Councillor Clare	Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Shaw (as deputy for Councillor Greenhalgh)	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hamilton	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr. J. Rutherford	Director of Adult Services
Mr. A. Scott	Policy Accountant
Mrs. K. Warriner	Principal Policy Officer
Mr. S. Garland	Head of Museums
Mrs. C. Street	Office Manager
Mrs. S. Bailey	Principal Democratic Services Officer

37. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which monitored the progress of decisions within the portfolio of the Executive Member for Culture and Community Services.

The Executive Member NOTED the progress of the decisions taken at the previous Executive Member meetings.

38. REVENUE FUNDED ORGANISATIONS – MONITORING

The Chief Executive submitted a report which updated the Executive Member on the progress of those voluntary sector organisations which were funded through a Service Level Agreement with the Council.

The report advised that under the terms of the service level agreements, grants were paid to nine voluntary sector organisations quarterly in four equal amounts. All revenue funded organisations were required to comply with monitoring arrangements, as detailed in each service level agreement. The monitoring arrangements for the service level agreements consisted of:-

- submission of quarterly, annual and audited accounts;
- submission of annual monitoring report in November each year; and
- annual monitoring visit with Elected Members.

The report provided a summary of the monitoring information provided by each of the following nine organisations:-

- 1) Bolton District Council for Voluntary Service;
- 2) Bolton Community Transport and Furniture Services;
- 3) Bolton Racial Equality Council;
- 4) Bolton and District Citizens Advice Bureau;
- 5) Bolton Victim Support and Witness Service;
- 6) Bolton Shopmobility;
- 7) Octagon Theatre;

- 8) Relate – Greater Manchester North; and
- 9) Bolton Unemployed Workers' Advice Centre.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

39. BOLTON COLLECTIONS FOR THE FUTURE – PROGRESS REPORT

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which informed the Executive Member of the progress made with the project to review Bolton's Museum and Archives.

The Executive Member was reminded that during 2004, a Culture Scrutiny Panel had considered and reported on the management of Bolton's Collections with recommendations for a way forward. As a result, the Bolton Collections for the Future Project had been initiated.

In this regard, the report went on to identify the key achievements to date:-

- a temporary store had been secured for all art collections and transfer was under way;
- a draft Research Policy had been developed and would be completed in January, 2007;
- a decision had been made to rent and adapt premises for collections due to tight time constraints;
- a partnership with the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry had been developed;
- an improved store for key elements of the art collection had been created in Le Mans Crescent;
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a process for review of collections had been developed and would be implemented in December, 2006;

- a first tranche of collections and items for potential dispersal or disposal had been drawn up;
- a specification for the new store had been completed and a number of potential sites visited; and
- a Capital Programme Bid had been put forward to fund the fitting out of the new store and the move of collections.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

40. 2006/2007 PERFORMANCE BUDGETS AND EFFICIENCIES – QUARTER 2 MONITORING REPORT

The Director of Adult Services submitted a report which outlined the current position of the Adult Services Department 2006/2007 Budget and also of performance against service indicators for the second quarter ending 30th September, 2006.

The 2006/2007 Adult Services Revenue Budget was £72.877m with the current forecast, based on the financial position as at end of October, 2006, was that the budget would overspend by £3.3m, although this was partly due to an overspend on support and premises costs relating to Children's Social Care which, when passed on to Children, would reduce the figure relating to Adults to approximately £2.7m.

With regard to the 2006/2007 Adult Services Capital Programme, the report reminded the Executive Member that the original figure was £1.815m (£911k for Adult Social Care and £904k for Culture Community Services). However, the actual available allocations for 2006/07 had increased due to the carry forward of unused spend from 2005/2006 and the securing of other capital funding. The Adult Services

Programme now amounted to £3.908m (£2.099m for Adult Social Care and £1.809m for Culture and Community Services).

Actual spend incurred against the Capital Programme in the first six months of 2006/2007 was low at £196,000. However, this was traditionally low in the early part of the financial year due to the lead in time required to order and start capital works. Expenditure was expected to increase during the remainder of the Year although there was projected to be an underspend of £940k at the year-end.

The report went on to highlight the various cost pressures against the Revenue Budget and identified those indicators at risk of a deterioration in performance, which included:-

- direct payments;
- demand-led growth items;
- premises; and
- Culture and Community Services overspend.

In offsetting the above projected overspends, the Department continued to receive Supporting People income over and above that built into the budget. For 2006/2007, this was expected to be approximately £1.3m.

The report also referred to the £2.1m savings identified as part of the 2006/2007 Resource Allocation process, £600,000 of which were currently at risk of not being achieved. This also affected the Adult Services Gershon efficiency target which was £1.6m, of which £1.3m were cashable.

The report also identified measures to address the projected overspend.

In terms of service performance, the report identified those indicators which were at risk of deterioration in performance.

These were being closely monitored and measures put in place to improve performance.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.