

REGENERATION

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Regeneration Portfolio:-

MONDAY 13TH MARCH, 2023

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

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| Councillor Warren | - Executive Cabinet Member
Regeneration Portfolio |
| Councillor Donaghy | - Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Hayes | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Sanders | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Grant | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Heslop | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Officers

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| Mr. P. Whittingham | - Assistant Director Development
and Regeneration |
| Mr. A. Williamson | Assistant Director
Transformation and Corporate
Property |
| Mr. J. Cooper | - Head of Asset management |
| Mr. P. Mulroney | - Client Services Manager |
| Ms. J. Pollard | - Head of Finance |
| Mrs. N. Raby | - Senior Lawyer |
| Mr. I. D. Mulholland | - Deputy Democratic Services
Manager |

19. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET 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.

20. DIRECTORATE OF PLACE BUDGET REPORT 2023/24

The Director of Place submitted a report which outlined the portfolio revenue budgets and capital programme within the Directorate of Place for 2023/24.

By way of background information, the report explained that in the recent budget consultation report, 12th December 2022, budget reductions of £4.263m had been allocated to Directorates. This equated to £676,000 for the Directorate of Place.

The final budget report was recommended by Cabinet on 6th February, 2023 for presentation to Council at its meeting of 15th February, 2023.

The report set out the initial plans, expected report dates, cashflow for each option and the approach to managing the associated work programme. The 2023/24 programme would be managed following the same processes and principals as previous savings processes.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to -

- (i) Note the proposed revenue budget of £29,864,000 prior to the adoption of savings options .**
- (ii) Note the savings options outlined in Appendix B to this report, totaling £676,000. Following this, the Strategic Budget will amount to £29,188,000.**
- (iii) Approve the savings options, which are included within this report, which are relevant to this portfolio.**
- (iv) Approve increases in fees and charges made by the Directorate as outlined in this report, which are relevant to this portfolio.**
- (v) Note the capital programme of £52,237,000.**

21. DISTRICT CENTRES FUNDING UPDATE

The Director of Place submitted a report which updated the Executive Cabinet Member on the delivery of priority key

development proposals (KDP) in the District Centres and also in terms of the current budgetary position. The report also sought approval for an additional allocation of funding to deliver priority projects as detailed in the report.

The report highlighted that there was insufficient funding remaining from the original £16M allocation to complete the works identified within the report.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to-

- (i) Authorise the additional allocation from the District Centres Fund as detailed in the report.**
- (ii) Delegate authority of the District Centres Fund as detailed in the report to be given to the Director of Place to make minor changes in consultation with the portfolio holder**
- (iii) Authorise the Borough Treasurer to complete the necessary financial formalities.**
- (iv) Authorise the Borough Treasurer to complete the necessary legal formalities.**

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and report in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 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.

22. LAND OFF OAKENBOTTOM ROAD, BRIGHTMET

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report which sought approval for the grant of a 10 year lease to Easy Lawn Turf Supplies Limited for land and premises off Oakenbottom Road, Brightmet Bolton. This site was used for a former waste transfer station and was now vacant. In addition, the lease would bring the vacant site back into a commercial use and create new local employment opportunities.

The report set out details of the proposed lease agreement.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to –

- (i) Approve the Heads of Terms provisionally agreed for the grant of a lease that are attached to the report.**
- (ii) Delegate authority to the Director of Corporate Resources to complete negotiations in consultation with the Borough Solicitor and to complete all financial arrangements and legal formalities and any necessary documentation relating to the Heads of Terms.**
- (iii) Delegate authority to the Borough Solicitor to complete all the required legal formalities.**

23. LEASE RENEWAL OF UNIT 5A VICTORIA PLAZA

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report which sought approval for the renewal of the lease for Unit 5A Victoria Plaza.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to –

- (i) Delegate authority to the Director of Corporate Resources for the granting of the lease renewal to Sport Direct, including the conclusion of all legal matters.**
- (ii) Write off the outstanding debt.**
- (iii) Authorise the Borough Solicitor to complete any legal formalities.**