

EXTRACT

THE EXECUTIVE

A meeting of The Executive was held on:-

MEETING, 16TH APRIL, 2007

when the following people were present:-

Councillor Morris	Leader of the Council – Corporate Strategy and Finance
Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Children's Services
Councillor Adia	Development
Councillor J. Byrne	Environmental Services
Councillor Clare	Adult Social Care and Health
Councillor Ibrahim	Culture and Community Safety
Councillor Kay	Schools
Councillor Sherrington	Recycling and Waste Management
Councillor White	Human Resources and Diversity
Councillor Zaman	Regeneration

Non-Voting Members

Councillor Peel
 Councillor A.N. Spencer
 Councillor Rushton
 Councillor Critchley
 Councillor Mrs Fairclough
 Councillor Mrs. Ronson
 Councillor Hayes
 Councillor Cox

Officers

Mr. S. Arnfield	Director of Corporate Resources
Mr. A. Eastwood	Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Mr. K. Davies	Director of Development and Regeneration
Mr. P. Crosbie	Assistant Director Environmental Services
Ms. S. Crossley	Assistant Director Adult Services
Mr. S. Garland	Head of Museums and Archives
Ms. C. James	Head of Strategic Projects
Mr. J. Farr	Principal Policy and Improvement Officer
Mr. A. Jennings	Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Morris in the Chair

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Morgan and David Wilkinson.

65. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Executive held on 5th March, 2007 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

67. BOLTON TOWN CENTRE SWIMMING FACILITY

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report that advised the Executive on progress made in relation to providing a new swimming pool and leisure facility in the town centre .

The Executive had considered a report in December, 2006 which identified a range of sites that a new swimming pool could be located at and had requested officers to explore the future provision of a 25m swimming pool and associated fitness suite on either Chorley Street car park or land within the

University of Bolton's Deane Campus.

Further work in conjunction with Serco and the University had indicated that the most desirable location for a new facility was on the University Campus and an architect had been commissioned to develop a number of options as follows;

	Option 1:	a 25m, six lane leisure pool, hydrotherapy pool; a 120 station fitness suite; and, 560m ² sports laboratory;
	Option 2:	a 25m, six lane sports pool (to Amateur Swimming Association standard) with spectator viewing gallery; hydrotherapy pool, 120 station fitness suite; and, 560m ² sports laboratory; and
	Option 3:	a 25m, eight lane sports pool (to Amateur Swimming Association standard) with spectator viewing gallery, hydrotherapy pool; a 120 station fitness suite; hydrotherapy pool; and, 610m ² sports laboratory .

The report detailed the anticipated costs which reminded members that the Council's current capital programme included £6.5m as the Council's contribution to the cost of the facility and was based on option 2 without any contribution from the University . Land owned by the University could be provided at no additional cost to the Council as part of the University's contribution to the scheme .

The full capital and revenue consequences were still the subject of ongoing discussion with the University and were dependant upon the facilities the University required and would be refined as part of the next stage .

The report then outlined the next stage in the process which included the following;

- (a) Business Plan

The first stage was for the main partners to agree the project objectives and to each commit to the preparation of a Business Plan. Outline proposals would then be developed including a design brief setting out facilities to be included, location, orientation, parking facilities and building design.

(b) Inception and Feasibility

The completion of the Business Plan would be followed by the preparation of a detailed cost report which would include identification of capital and revenue funding streams and the formal commitment of monies/land to the project by the project partners.

(c) Scheme Design

The commitment of the partners to the project and the specific identification of funds would allow the design of the project to be finalised. Once this had been completed the project would be the subject of a planning application.

Once planning consent had been received a tendering process would be undertaken to identify a suitable contractor. The construction period would be 14 to 18 months and it was anticipated that the scheme would be completed at the end of 2009 .

Resolved - That The Executive formally endorses the development of a new Bolton town centre swimming pool and leisure facility on the University's Deane Campus and that officers be authorised to progress the project with the University of Bolton, Bolton Community Leisure Trust and Serco, including the preparation of a detailed Business Plan as now detailed.

72. BOLTON TOWN CENTRE SKATE PARK

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report that advised the Executive on progress made in relation to providing a town centre skatepark facility.

A preferred site had now been identified to the east of Dawes Street, shown in the Appendix to the report, which was owned by the Council and was presently used as a car park.

The preferred site was within the boundary of the Cultural Quarter/Innovation Zone and, as the site was presently used as a car park, there would be a loss of income if it was used as a skatepark which was currently estimated at £55,000 per year, although there could be displacement onto other Council car parks offsetting some of the loss. Savings could also accrue in management and operating costs and these would be monitored during 2007/8. There would also be an annual maintenance cost and, as there was no provision in the Revenue budget for these costs, account would need to be made in the 2008/9 Budget.

Members were reminded that £75,000 had been made available from Corporate Resources for 2007-08 to facilitate the scheme and the Director had worked in close contact with a specialist skatepark equipment supplier which would require an exemption from standing orders relating to contracts to proceed with the scheme .

Consultation had been undertaken with proposed users and initial outputs from the consultation were being used to guide the design of the proposed scheme and the children and youths involved would be closely embedded in the process to ensure that the resultant facility met their requirements.

It was hoped that the facility could be in place for the summer of 2007 and the Director explained that officers were still examining the possibility of a facility at Queens Park adjacent to the Bolton Lads and Girls Club which would be a longer term project with possible sponsorship.

Resolved – (i) That the preferred location for the town centre Skatepark , as shown in the appendix to the report,

be approved and that the Director of Development and Regeneration be authorised to seek the necessary planning permission for the proposal; commence negotiations with APCOA for changes to the car parking management agreement; and to make arrangements for the revocation of the extant Traffic Regulation Order that allows car parking on the site.

(ii) That the appointment of a specialist contractor to undertake the scheme, as now detailed, be approved and that standing orders relating to contracts be excepted in the matter.

(iii) That the scheme be subject to continued consultation with the intended end users of the scheme as to the suitability of the site and the emerging scheme designs