

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER – LEADER’S PORTFOLIO

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

MONDAY 15th AUGUST, 2016

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

Councillor Morris	Executive Cabinet Member – Leader’s Portfolio
Councillor Greenhalgh	Major Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Ms. M. Asquith	Chief Executive
Mr. P. Green	Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration
Ms. S. Johnson	Borough Treasurer
Mrs. H. Gorman	Borough Solicitor
Mr. D. Mee	Estates and Property Manager
Ms. M. Harris	Principal Lawyer
Mrs. V. Ridge	Democratic Services Manager

11. 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.

12. COUNCIL CHAMBER AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT – USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS PROCEDURE

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which advised that she had used the emergency powers procedure, in consultation with the Executive Cabinet Member, to approve the procurement of the audio visual equipment for the Council Chamber.

It was stated that, whilst the Albert Halls refurbishment was taking place, it seemed appropriate to install new equipment in the Council Chamber to facilitate filming of meetings which could be lived streamed over the internet. As a result three quotations had been obtained and following an evaluation process it was recommended that Public-I be the approved host.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the use of the emergency powers procedure as detailed in the report.

13. TRANSFER OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE LAND AT BOWLANDS HEY, OFF THE FAIRWAYS, WESTHOUGHTON

The Director of Place submitted a report which advised the Executive Cabinet Member of a request from the developer Bellway Homes Limited to transfer to the Council, Public Open Space (POS) lands on their development at Bowlands Hey, off The Fairways, Westhoughton, as previously agreed under the Section 106 Planning Agreement.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED –

- (i) The ‘Progress to Transfer of the Public Open Space land at Bowlands Hey, off The Fairways, Westhoughton;**
- (ii) That the Borough Solicitor be asked to carry out all necessary legal formalities to Transfer the Public Open Space land and complete the Deed of Grant with Bellway Homes Limited;**
- (iii) The expenditure of the commuted sum identified as allocated within the S106 Agreement for Public Open Space landscape maintenance (over a 10-year period) on Bowlands Hey; and NOTED -**

- (iv) The Capital monies previously allocated to improvements of play provision in the Westhoughton South Ward.**

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports 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.

14. PARK ROAD, LITTLE LEVER – DISPOSAL OF OPEN SPACE

The Director of Place submitted a report which advised the Executive Cabinet Member of the position following the potential loss of open space at Park Road, Little Lever being advertised.

The report stated that the site was currently an area of open space and the proposed disposal of the site was advertised, in accordance with Section 123 (2A) of the Local Government Act 1972, in the Bolton News for two consecutive weeks. As a result twenty one objections had been received and copies of these were attached to the report.

The Executive Cabinet Member, following consideration of the objections received, AGREED that the disposal of the open space at Park Road, Little Lever be progressed.

15. LAND AT ALBERT ROAD, FARNWORTH

The Director of Place submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval for the disposal of a property (the former Farnworth and District Outreach Centre) at Albert Road, Farnworth.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the sale of the property (the former Farnworth and District Outreach

Centre), Albert Road, Farnworth subject to the inclusion of the twelve month limit to develop and AUTHORISED the Director of Place to conclude negotiations and the Borough Solicitor to complete the necessary legal documentation.

16. PSP BOLTON – LAND AT MANCHESTER ROAD

The Director of Place submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval for the disposal of land at Manchester Road being progressed by PSP Bolton LLP.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report and AUTHORISED the Director of Place to progress the disposal of the land at Manchester Road as part of the Surplus Property Project.

17. WESTHOUGHTON MARKET – USE OF THE EMERGENCY POWERS PROCEDURE

The Director of Place submitted a report which advised that he had used the emergency powers procedure, in consultation with the Executive Cabinet Member, to approve the provisionally agreed terms for the sale of Westhoughton Market.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the use of the emergency powers procedure as detailed in the report.

18. CAPITAL RECEIPTS PROGRAMME 2016/2017

The Director of Place submitted a report which advised the Executive Cabinet Member of the current situation regarding the Capital Receipts Programme for 2016/2017.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.