

STRATEGY AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Strategy and External Relations on:-

WEDNESDAY, 27TH OCTOBER, 2010

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

Councillor Morris	Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations
Councillor J. Walsh	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hayes	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr. S. Harriss	Chief Executive
Mr. K. Davies	Director of Development and Regeneration
Ms. S. Johnson	Deputy Director of Corporate Resources
Mr. P. Brown	Head of Estates and Asset Management
Mrs. M. Stoney	Assistant Director Legal Services
Mr. A. Jennings	Democratic Services Manager

32. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Director of the Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which monitored the progress of decisions within the portfolio of the Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations.

The Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations NOTED the progress of the decisions taken.

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.

33. BOLTON INTERCHANGE UPDATE – DEVELOPMENT AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT AND REFERRAL TO SECRETARY OF STATE

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that provided an update on the progress of the Development and Indemnity Agreements with GMPTE with respect to the Bolton Interchange and sought authority for an approach to the Secretary of State for consent to the disposal of the Council's land to GMPTE at an undervalue pursuant to The Local Government Act 1972.

The Council and GMPTE had been negotiating the terms of the Agreement which would govern the relationship between the parties and the acquisition of the land required for the interchange.

It had been established that the transfer of the Council's land holdings to GMPTE fell within the terms of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 and, given the values involved, approval to the disposal of land at an under value required the consent of the Secretary of State.

The Executive Member NOTED – (i) the progress made in negotiating the Development and Indemnity Agreements with GMPTE to govern the acquisition of the land required for the development and to commence negotiations; and

(ii) the requirement to refer the disposal of Council owned land at an under value to the Secretary of State and that the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to seek the

necessary authority from the Secretary of State to dispose of the land to GMPTE in accordance with the terms previously reported.

34. CAPITAL RECEIPTS PROGRAMME 2010/11

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that detailed the latest position regarding the capital receipts programme.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

35. TONGE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that detailed a number of options and terms and conditions for use of part of the Tonge Children's Centre by the United Reform Church.

The Church had been in occupation since June 2006 and discussions had been undertaken seeking changes to the original draft agreement.

The Executive Member AGREED Option 3 the grant of a licence to the Church with a nil licence fee and at a discounted contribution on the basis that the grant of the licence is at an undervalue that is likely to contribute to the promotion or improvement of social wellbeing of the area as set out in the General Disposal Consent (England) 2003.