

HOUSING, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGULATION

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Regeneration on:-

TUESDAY 29TH MARCH, 2011

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

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| Councillor Peel | Executive Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Regulation |
| Councillor Woodward | Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor D. Wilkinson | Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Mr. K. Davies | Director of Development and Regeneration |
| Mr. J. Smethurst | Chief Housing Officer |
| Mr. E. Mellor | Financial Services Manager |
| Ms. J. Pollard | Policy Accountant |
| Mr. A. Heathcote | Private Sector Renewal Manager |
| Mr. A. Fazal | Asylum Seekers Team Manager |
| Mrs. V. Ridge | Principal Democratic Services Officer |

55. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Executive Member NOTED the progress on decisions previously taken, as detailed in the Appendix to these minutes.

56. PRIVATE SECTOR CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2011/2012

The Executive Member APPROVED the Private Sector Capital Programme for 2011/2012 as detailed in the report.

57. WRITE OFF OF FORMER TENANTS ARREARS BAD DEBTS

The Executive Member NOTED the write off of £331,889.36 which represented 667 cases under £5,000 and APPROVED the writing off of £18,597.61 which represented 2 cases over £5,000.

58. GATEWAY PROTECTION PROGRAMME

The Executive Member APPROVED the continuation of Bolton Council as joint lead Local Authority and enter into a tendering process for the Gateway Protection Programme and that the Chief Officer be given delegated authority to sign the Grant Agreement with UKBA, on behalf of Bolton Council, should the bid be successful.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and reports in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 1 and 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.

59. INNOVATION ZONE, BOLTON – DEVELOPMENT SITES: COMMISSION STREET ESTATE PHASE TWO

The Executive Member AUTHORISED –

- (i) The Director of Development and Regeneration to carry out all works including the award of contracts for demolition, road closures and other works necessary in order to assemble Phase 2 during the coming financial year and prepare the site for disposal as market conditions allow;
- (ii) The Director of Development and Regeneration to approve the terms of Bolton at Home or its successor body for managing the remaining

properties on the Commission Street Estate, including removing void properties from the debit roll;

(iii) Bolton at Home or its successor body to relocate all the tenants of Phase 2 to alternative property, make the appropriate compensation payments and manage the voids appropriately as demolition commences;

(iv) Bolton at Home or its successor body to make the appropriate compensation payments to any tenants outside the Phase 2 area who are willing to move during the next twelve months as resources permit; and INSTRUCTED –

(v) The Director of Corporate Resources to prioritise the acquisition of nine private properties in Phase 2 by negotiation at market value with home loss payments including the ability to waive repayment of discounts, where appropriate, as an aid to negotiation and to acquire other private properties as opportunity arises within the rest of the estate subject to annual resources; and APPROVED –

(vi) The waiver of repayment of discount to aid the negotiation; and AUTHORISED –

(vii) Negotiations with any interested party to bring forward development proposals for further consideration by the Council.

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