

THE CABINET

MEETING, 11TH MAY 2015

Councillor Morris	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member

Cabinet Members

Councillor D. Burrows	Police and Community Safety
Councillor Cunliffe	Public Health
Councillor Chadwick	Highways and Transport
Councillor McKeon	Education and Schools
Councillor J. Byrne	Culture and Youth
Councillor Zaman	Development and Regeneration

Other Members in Attendance

Councillor Greenhalgh
Councillor Mrs. Fairclough
Councillor Cox
Councillor Allen
Councillor Hayes
Councillor Parkinson

Officers

Ms. M. Asquith	Acting Chief Executive
Mr. K. Davies	Director of Development and Regeneration
Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mrs. H. Gorman	Borough Solicitor
Ms L. Ridsdale	Assistant Director
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy
Mrs. V. Ridge	Deputy Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Morris in the Chair.

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Adia, Bashir-Ismael and Murray.

44. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 (financial and business affairs and proposed consultation re labour relations matters) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; 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.

**45. UPDATE ON BOLTON/WIGAN PARTNERSHIP
DEVELOPMENT WORK**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which provided an update on the Bolton/Wigan partnership development work in advance of the presentation of the detailed business case in July, 2015; clarified which services were in and out of scope and proposed an interim governance

and advisory arrangement to assist with the development of the detailed business case.

The Bolton and Wigan joint working strategy proposed a three phase model structured around a collaborative agreement between the Councils with a single joint management team. The Joint Working strategy would seek to incrementally secure efficiencies, align services and develop operational consistency over a two year period. On successful completion of each phase there would be an assessment of the level of benefits accrued for each Council, the potential level of benefits during the next phase and an opportunity to secure the foundation of joint working with a renewed commitment to the strategy.

The integration of Bolton and Wigan's Environment Directorates was envisaged to deliver a £2m saving per Council by 2016/17.

It was explained that it would take around 18 months to complete a full review for each service listed in the report, redesign the individual services and implement all the new operating arrangements. However, it was intended that high level proposals would be included in the detailed business case that would be presented, together with a timetable for the individual service reviews.

The detailed business case would also contain a proposal for the future governance arrangements. However, in the interim it was recommended that shadow governance and advisory arrangements be established which would assist in the development of the detailed business case.

It was therefore proposed that two members from each council would sit on the interim shadow board which would operate on an advisory capacity for the preparation of the detailed business case. Decision making would continue in accordance with existing arrangements with policy development through the Environmental Services PDG and scrutiny through the Environmental Services Scrutiny Committee.

Resolved – That the Cabinet approves the list of services that are in and out of scope; the establishment of an interim shadow management board made up of members and senior officers of both councils to oversee the development of the detailed business case and authorises the Director of Environmental Services, in consultation with the Executive Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, to take the necessary actions to develop the detailed business case.