

## **EXTRACT**

### **DEPUTY LEADER**

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Health and Wellbeing, Adult Social Care, Adult Safeguarding, Public Health and Children's Services including Looked After Children and Schools and Early Years:-

**MONDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2017**

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

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| Councillor Mrs. Thomas    | - Executive Member – Deputy Leaders Portfolio   |
| Councillor Cunliffe       | - Executive Cabinet Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked After Children |
| Councillor A. Ibrahim     | - Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Safeguarding and Adult Social Care                   |
| Councillor Greenhalgh     | - Major Opposition Spokesperson   |
| Councillor Mrs Fairclough | - Major Opposition Spokesperson   |

#### **Officers**

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| Mr. J. Daly    | - Director of People                  |
| Mr D. Herne    | - Director of Public Health           |
| Mr A. Crook    | - Assistant Director                  |
| Ms S. Gatenby  | - Assistant Director                  |
| Ms L. Butcher  | - Head of Finance                     |
| Ms B. O'Connor | - Commissioning Manger, Public Health |

Mrs S. Bailey - Principal Democratic Services Officer

## **75. 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 Member NOTED the report.**

## **76. EARLY YEARS FUNDING 2017-18**

The Director of People and the Borough Treasurer submitted a joint report which set out the financial position in respect of the Early Years Funding within the Dedicated Schools Grant for 2017/18 and sought approval for its allocation.

The report advised that the Department for Education had reviewed how fee childcare and early education for three and four year olds was funded and outlined the changes which included:

- how the funding was distributed from Central Government to local authorities;
- funding being held centrally for early years;
- the local arrangements to distribute funding to providers; and
- making sure that children with special educational needs or disabilities attracted the extra funding they needed.

The report also outlined the arrangements for the allocation of grant for two year old funding.

The report went on to outline how these changes had affected the allocation for Bolton and outlined the consultation process that had been undertaken with the Schools Forum and with early year's providers on proposals to allocate the available funding.

In this regard, the report put forward recommendations on the rate for the three and four year old funding formula and the rate for the 2 year old funding.

The report also advised that illustrative examples of the impact of changes in Early Years funding on individual providers were provided in a separate report (minute 81 refers).

**Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked after Children, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

- (i) The rate for the three and four year old funding formula, on the basis outlined in the report now submitted; and**
- (ii) The rate for the two year old funding, on the basis outlined in the report now submitted.**

#### **77. PROPOSED INCREASE IN PUPIL PLACES AT BLACKROD COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Further to Minute 54 of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet Member held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2017, the Director of Place submitted a report which outlined the representations received following the publication of a Statutory Notice advising of the Local Authority's intention to increase the number of pupil places at Blackrod County Primary School from 30 to 45.

The report advised that one response had been received from Horwich Parish CE Primary School opposing the expansion of the School on the basis that there were already enough places in the Blackrod and Horwich area and that expansion could create an excess of places and could result in schools experiencing financial pressures.

In response, the report outlined the latest pupil projections which demonstrated the expected increase in demand for both primary Reception and overall primary pupil places (Reception to Year 6) in Blackrod.

The report therefore sought approval for the proposed increase.

**Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked after Children, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

**The permanent increase of the Planned Admission Number at Blackrod County Primary School from 30 to 45 with effect from September, 2017, on the basis described in the Statutory Notice of 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2017 now submitted.**

## **79. STRATEGIC BUDGET REPORT – DEPARTMENT OF PEOPLE**

A joint report of the Director of People and the Borough Treasurer was submitted which put forward the revenue and capital budgets for 2017/18 for the Department of People which included Children's, Adults and Public Health.

The report outlined the Revenue Budget for the financial year 2017/18 and included an analysis of how the budget had been prepared and assumptions that had been taken.

In addition, it outlined the Capital Programme for the period 2017/18.

The Executive Member was asked to note the proposed revenue budget for:

Children's Services – Local Authority Block - £48,040,700  
Adult Services - £67,763,900  
Public Health Services - £20,286,100

The Executive Member was asked to note the proposed Capital Programme for:

Children's Services - £23,951,000  
Adult Services - £1,796,000

**The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.**

## **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

**The background papers and reports in relation to the following items 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.**

### **80. TENDER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN'S SERVICES2016-18**

The Director of People submitted a report which outlined the recent tender process in relation to Advocacy Services for Looked after Children and Child Protection Children and sought approval to award the tender in accordance with the recommendations of the tender panel.

The report described the tender process and gave an evaluation of the submissions received together with recommendations for the award of the tender. Full details were provided in Table 2 in Appendix 1 to the report.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked after Children, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –

- (i) The award of the Advocacy Service Agreement for Looked after Children and Child Protection children and young people to Action for Children in the sum of £84,865 to the report at the price now detailed; and
- (ii) The Borough Solicitor being authorised to carry out any necessary legal formalities.

### **81. EARLY YEARS FUNDING 2017/18 – ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES OF CHANGE**

Further to Minute 76 of this meeting, the Director of People and the Borough Treasurer submitted a joint report which provided

illustrative examples of how the changes in Early Years Funding had affected individual providers.

**The Executive Member NOTED the report.**

## **82. CHILDREN MISSING FROM EDUCATION**

The Director of People reported that this item had been withdrawn.

## **83. GRANTS TENDER FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN'S SERVICES 2016/18 – 0 – 5 SERVICES – UNDER 5s GRANT PROGRAMME**

The Director of People submitted a report which sought approval for the award of the applications received for the Vulnerable Children's Services 2016 -18 Under 5's Grants Programme.

The report outlined the details of the recent Grants tender process and sought approval to award the Agreement for the Vulnerable Children's Services 2016 -18 Under 5s Grant Programme in line with the recommendations of the tender panel.

Full details of the tenders received together with how the applications had been evaluated were provided in the report. Table 2 of the report identified the successful providers for each service area.

**Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked after Children, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

**The award of the Agreements to the providers detailed in Table 2 of the report now submitted.**