

THE EXECUTIVE
MEETING, 23RD NOVEMBER, 2009

Councillor Morris	Leader of the Council – Strategy and External Relations
Councillor J. Byrne	Development, Regeneration and Skills
Councillor Peel	Housing, Neighbourhoods and Regulation
Councillor Ibrahim	Environmental Services
Councillor Kay	Human Resources, Organisational Development and Diversity
Councillor Murray	Looked After Children
Councillor Sherrington	Adult Services

Non-Voting Members

Councillor Spencer
Councillor White
Councillor J. Walsh
Councillor Ashcroft
Councillor Shaw
Councillor Mrs Brierley
Councillor Hayes
Councillor D. A Wilkinson
Councillor Mrs Ronson

Officers

Mr. S. Harriss	Chief Executive
Mr. S. Arnfield	Director of Corporate Resources
Mr. A. Eastwood	Director of Chief Executive's Department

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Ms M. Asquith	Director of Children's Services
Mr. J. Livesey	Assistant Director Performance, Planning and Resources
Mr. D. Grogan	Assistant Director Building Schools for the Future
Mr. A. Jennings	Democratic Services Manager

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillors Adia, Bashir–Ismail, Mrs. Fairclough, Morgan and Mrs Thomas

Councillor Morris in the Chair

51. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Executive held on 26th October, 2009 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

52. AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD – KEY DECISIONS

The Director of Chief Executive's Department submitted a report that detailed the key decisions taken by the AGMA Executive Board at its meeting on 30th October, 2009.

Resolved – That the decisions taken by the AGMA Executive Board be noted.

54. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD QUARTER 2 2009/10

The Chief Executive submitted a report that provided the Executive with an overview of the Council's performance and improvement actions at the end of the second quarter 2009-10.

The report informed members that the economic context continued to provide a challenging environment for public service delivery and that the recession was impacting on some of Bolton's key outcomes. However, performance was

improving in several areas, including some of the most difficult challenges locally.

The key points highlighted in the report were as follows:-

- 1) performance against many of the most hard-to-shift outcomes was getting better – such as improving life expectancy, reducing alcohol-related harm, raising educational attainment and narrowing the attainment gap, cutting acquisitive crime and reducing homelessness;
- 2) performance relating to teenage conceptions, and Early Years Foundation Stage achievement had worsened. Violent crime rates continued to be challenging and part-year data suggested a worsening in the number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEETs);
- 3) where data was available at quarter two, just over half of Bolton's priority indicators had improved, which was lower than the 70% which were improving at quarter one. Half of the priority indicators were on track which was a slight increase on the last quarter;
- 4) the economic downturn continued to impact on local employment rates. However, the Council and its partners continued to support local residents and businesses through the recession; and
- 5) the organisation's value for money programme, which was key to driving out further efficiencies, remained on track for 2009-10.

Appendix B to the report contained recommended actions for each of the priority indicators that were both off track and declining on last year. Executive Members were requested to refer to departmental dashboards to review improvement actions for all priority indicators that were off track.

The report concluded that, despite the challenging economic situation, the Council was in a good position to manage these difficulties successfully. Progress against many of the most difficult priorities remained good.

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Resolved - That the report be noted and that Executive Members work with Directors to deliver the improvement actions contained within the report.