

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader:-

WEDNESDAY, 22ND MARCH, 2023

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

Councillor Mrs. Fairclough	Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader
Councillor Haworth	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Sanders	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Grant	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Newall	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Mr. J. Dyson	Director of Place
Ms. J. Pollard	Head of Finance
Mr. A. Bolan	Head of Service, Regulatory Services
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	Deputy Democratic Services Manager

12. MONITORING OF DECISIONS

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which provided an update on decisions that had previously been taken.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

13. DIRECTORATE OF PLACE BUDGET REPORT 2023/24

The Director of Place submitted a report which outlined the portfolio revenue budgets and capital programme within the Directorate of Place for 2023/24.

By way of background information, the report explained that in the recent budget consultation report, 12th December 2022, budget reductions of £4.263m had been allocated to Directorates. This equated to £676,000 for the Directorate of Place.

The final budget report was recommended by Cabinet on 6th February, 2023 for presentation to Council at its meeting of 15th February, 2023.

The report set out the initial plans, expected report dates, cashflow for each option and the approach to managing the associated work programme. The 2023/24 programme would be managed following the same processes and principals as previous savings processes.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED to -

- (i) Note the proposed revenue budget of £29,864,000 prior to the adoption of savings options .**
- (ii) Note the savings options outlined in Appendix B to this report, totaling £676,000. Following this, the Strategic Budget will amount to £29,188,000.**
- (iii) Approve the savings options, which are included within this report, which are relevant to this portfolio.**
- (iv) Approve increases in fees and charges made by the Directorate as outlined in this report, which are relevant to this portfolio.**
- (v) Note the capital programme of £52,237,000.**

14. UES OF 3GS TO ISSUE FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

The Director of Place submitted a report which provided the Executive Cabinet Member with details of the viability of using 3GS, a private Environmental Enforcement Company, to issue fixed penalty notices (FPNs) for littering and dog fouling offences on behalf of Bolton Council.

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The report explained that the Executive Cabinet Member was asked to approve the introduction of a privately run Environmental Enforcement company namely 3GS to issue fixed penalty notices for littering and dog fouling offences. Consideration should also be given to allow fines to be issued for spitting.

3GS was a specialist law enforcement company which provided enforcement support to the public sector. Currently they were under contract with five other local authorities including a London Council, Leeds and Bristol City Council. During the past year their staff had issued 34,000 fixed penalty notices adopting a zero-tolerance approach, the overarching objective was one of challenging and changing behaviour.

Bolton Vision 2030 was built around six outcomes for its people and places. One of these was to promote a Cleaner and Greener place to live where our environment was protected and improved, so that people enjoy it and could care for it. 3GS were part of the Red Snapper Group offering law enforcement to the public sector. 3GS were a well-established business incorporated since 2012.

3GS had a staff training and development programme to ensure that their staff were equipped to carry out their roles effectively. Staff were monitored on a regular basis with and without their knowledge in order to improve the service. All staff are DBS checked.

3GS would be responsible for managing and supervising performance during the pilot scheme period, they had their own HR and Welfare department to deal with staffing issues.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED 3GS to issue fixed penalty notices on a six month pilot scheme. Following completion of the pilot period a further report evaluating the scheme will be submitted.