

**EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT,
REGULATORY SERVICES AND SKILLS**

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Environment, Regulatory Services and Skills:-

THURSDAY, 19th SEPTEMBER, 2012

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

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| Councillor Peel | - Executive Cabinet Member for Environment , Regulatory Services and Skills |
| Councillor J. Byrne | - Cabinet Member Economy, Housing and Skills |
| Councillor Chadwick | - Cabinet Member Highways and Transport |
| Councillor Sherrington | - Cabinet Member Waste and Recycling |
| Councillor R. Allen | - Major Opposition Spokesperson, |
| Councillor A. Walsh | - Major Opposition Spokesperson, Waste and Recycling |
| Councillor Radlett | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |

Officers

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| Mr. M. Cox | - Director of Environmental Services |
| Mr. K. Davies | - Director of Development and Regeneration |

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Ms. D. Ball	- Assistant Director Waste and Fleet Management
Mr. S. Young	- Assistant Director Highways and Business Development
Mr. T. Hill	- Chief Planning and Housing Officer
Mr. J. Kelly	- Head of Service Highways and Engineering Development Services
Mr. P. Green	- Head of Economic Strategy
Ms. J. Pollard	- Head of Finance and Business Development
Mr. M. Atherton	- Senior Engineering Manager
Mr. I. D. Mulholland	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

26. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which set out details of the decisions made at previous meetings and the progress on each to date.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

27. UPDATE ON LAMP POST ADVERTISING WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF BOLTON.

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which provided the Executive Cabinet Member with an update on the progress of lamp post advertising and the income generated to date.

By way of background information, the report explained that in February, 2011 the Executive Member for Corporate resources and Health approved the commencement of a five year

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contract agreement with media highlights to supply and manage advertising units on lamp posts throughout the Borough.

The Executive Cabinet Member was further reminded that the advertising units had a life expectancy of 10 years, were environmentally friendly and could be installed on existing columns with LED bulbs to illuminate.

Medialights entered into two separate 5 year contracts with the Council. One with the Highways Department for the installation and maintenance of the units and the other with the Marketing and Communications Agency for the overall management for the contract. Each service area received direct income for the Council.

The report advised that due to the significant capital investment for Medialights, a minimum contract of 5 years was required. This enabled the sale of 1 to 3 year contracts with advertisers with the 5 year timeframe with Bolton up to the final day of the contract. Medialights also identified and secured advertising leads and also managed artwork, procurement and contractual arrangements. Business leads/contacts and artwork were managed and agreed by both parties through a partnership approach.

The units were sold at a generic investment of £1,295 per annum and for each site sold, the Council received a payment of £500 net profit per annum.

The report went onto explain that despite the challenging economic circumstances and strong external competition, nine units had been sold to date. The first group of planning applications were approved in October, 2011 for eight units at Middlebrook Retail Park. Five of those had now been sold. This had generated an income of £4,405. A second group of applications were agreed in April, 2012 for eight units at Higher Bridge Street. To date four units had been sold and this had generated an income of £4,595.

In conclusion, the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that in terms of future developments a range of businesses and partners had been contacted. Further units were planned for installation, subject to planning permission, displaying the message, advertise here.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the findings as set out in the report.

28. CHAPELTOWN ROAD, BOLTON - PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which asked the Executive Cabinet Member to note the use of the Emergency Powers facility to make the traffic order for the introduction of waiting restrictions on Chapel Town Road, Bolton.

By way of background information, the report explained a decision on the introduction of waiting restrictions at this location was deferred at the Executive Cabinet Member meeting on 13th August, 2012 for additional information to be considered. Having now completed this consultation it was apparent that there was a strong local will to have this scheme in place for the start of the new academic year. Furthermore, having considered the additional information and in order to have the order made before the commencement of the new academic year, the emergency powers procedure was used.

The report also set out the details of the various representations which had been received in respect of the proposals.

Appendix A to the report set out the specific detail of the proposed waiting restrictions.

The cost of the proposed changes was £2,731.00 and those costs would be met from the Area Forum budget.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the use of the Emergency Powers Procedure in respect of the introduction of waiting restrictions as set out in Appendix A to the report.

29. AMENDMENTS TO BUS LANE, MOVING – OBJECTIONS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out details of an objection which had been received to the proposed amendment to the bus lane operation times and lengths along Newbrook Road and Derby street, Bolton previously agreed under the Scheme of Delegation.

The report went onto set out the detail of the objection which had been received .

The Executive Cabinet Member was also advised that Members had been consulted on the report.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member, having considered the objection received, APPROVED the introduction of the proposed waiting restrictions as advertised in July, 2012.

30. WINTER MAINTENANCE REVIEW

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which informed the Executive Cabinet Member of the success of the 2011/12 Winter Gritting Service together with feedback on the collaborative working arrangements between Bolton and Bury.

The report also identified the proposed new operational arrangements for the winter season, 2012/13.

The report advised the Executive Cabinet Member that on the

whole the 2011/12 winter season was milder than in previous years which brought the challenge of assessing and making decisions in relation to marginal weather conditions and variable forecasts. The report went on to provide details in relation to salt stock levels, salt stock management, grit bins, improving communications within and beyond the Council, support given to schools and colleges and the vehicle fleet.

In terms of operational considerations for 2012/13, the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that there were currently 25 gritter routes which needed nine drivers and nine vehicles.

The report went on to discuss matters around the proposed rationalisation of routes following a detailed study and the effect of this in terms of numbers of vehicles and drivers.

The report also highlighted the collaborative working with Bury in relation to the service. .

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport the Executive Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Skills APPROVED the proposals as set out in the report for the winter season of 2012/13.

31. BOLTON'S DRAFT ALLOCATION - PROPOSED CHANGES

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report and gave a presentation which set out proposed changes to the Draft Allocations Plan.

By way of background information, the report explained that Bolton had adopted its Core Strategy in March, 2011 and the Allocations Plan would help to implement it by expressing the Core Strategy policies on a proposals map and through the addition of a small number of additional policies.

The Council consulted on its Draft Allocations between November 2011 and January, 2012 and 533 responses were received. Since January consideration had been given to how

those responses should be taken into account.

The Executive Cabinet Member was advised of other proposed changes to the Draft Plan which included matters concerning Gypsies and Travellers, the effect of the National Planning Policy Framework and with the passage of time this had meant that some potential development sites had been developed and others had come forward as possibilities.

The report concluded by explaining the arrangements that would be made to consult on the proposed changes as now detailed. Once consultation on the proposed changes had concluded the next stage would be for the Council to publish the Allocations Plan. Following this a Planning Inspector would consider the soundness of the Plan and then make a report to full Council who would then adopt the Plan.

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Skills APPROVED the proposed changes to the draft Allocations Plan for consultation.

32. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which set out details of the development of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for Bolton.

By way of background information, the report advised the Executive Cabinet Member that the Community Infrastructure Levy came into force in April, 2010. It allowed local authorities to raise funds from developers undertaking new building projects in their area. The money could be used to support development by funding infrastructure that the council, local community and neighbourhoods wanted.

Authorities had to express CIL rates as pounds per square metre in a document known as the Charging Schedule. Furthermore, local authorities were empowered but not required to introduce CIL. However, due to the changing nature of the operation of Section 106 agreements from April, 2014

the ability to pool monies from Section 106 monies would become very limited.

The report went onto advise that the Council had started working towards developing a CIL in January, 2011 and this had now reached a critical Stage. Selecting the appropriate charging rates by the CIL was primarily informed by evidence but also reflected the Council's attitude to risk, balancing aspirations for delivering infrastructure, providing affordable housing and ensuring that development was not stifled by setting the charging rates too high.

The report went on to set out the proposed charging rates for consultation purposes together with their justification. The appendix to the report was the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule Consultation Document which also contained the levy rates and a consultation response form.

In conclusion, the report explained that once the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule had been approved a period of public consultation would take place lasting for six weeks. After this, the draft charging schedule would undergo public consultation, prior to independent public examination and adoption at full Council.

The Executive Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Skills NOTED the report and APPROVED the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule consultation document for public circulation.

33. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved - That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and 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 paragraph 1 (Information relating to any consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Authority and employees of, or office holders under, the Authority) 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.

34. MANAGED WEEKLY WASTE COLLECTION PROPOSAL PAPER

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which set out proposals to consult on the implementation of managed weekly collections in the Borough.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the report for consultation purposes with residents, trades unions, staff and other key stakeholders and also AGREED to the changes to the waste policies outlined in appendix 8, numbers 1, 4 and 6.