

CHILDREN

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Children's Services, Looked after Children, Schools and Early Years:-

MONDAY, 13th AUGUST, 2018

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

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| Councillor Cunliffe | - Executive Cabinet Member – Children |
| Councillor Fairclough
(as deputy for Councillor C. Wild) | - Major Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Wilkinson (as
deputy for Councillor Bagnall) | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson |
| Councillor Hornby | - Minor Opposition Spokesman |
| Councillor Flitcroft | - Minor Opposition Spokesman |

Officers

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| Mr G. Rowney | - Interim Director of People |
| Mr T. Birch | - Assistant Director – Education and Learning |
| Ms B. Brown | - Assistant Director – Staying Safe |
| Ms L. Butcher | - Head of Finance |
| Ms S. Longden | - Consultant in Public Health |
| Mr P. Rankin | - Assistant Director, Performance, Planning and Resources |
| Mrs S. Bailey | - Principal Democratic Services Officer |

10. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET 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 Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

11. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT QUARTER ONE 2018/19

The Interim Director of People and Director of Corporate Resources submitted a joint report which provided information relating to the financial position for Children's Services as at Quarter One of the 2018/19 Financial Year.

With regard to Revenue Expenditure, the revenue outturn position for the Local Authority block was expected to be in line with budget following use of reserves of £3.298m.

Revenue expenditure for the Dedicated Schools Grant was projected to be £1.3m greater than the grant available.

In relation to Capital Expenditure, the report advised that the original capital programme approved by the Council in February 2018 totalled £38.3m. The programme had now decreased to £23.8m due to likely slippage into 2019/20 as the phasing of projects took place. Expenditure at Quarter One was £5.6m.

The report advised that Reserves, including schools, were expected to be £46.7m as at 31st March 2019. This was a decrease of £11.9m due to the use of schools balances, funding of the current years Capital Programme and the estimated revenue position being offset by Schools Capital in year allocations.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report and APPROVED –

- (i) The Revenue Budget changes and savings option realised in the Quarter;
- (ii) The changes within the Capital Programme, as detailed in the report now submitted; and
- (iii) Delegated authority being awarded to the Director of People to call off on the Frameworks for the Capital Programme on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

12. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER ONE 2018/19

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which gave an update on the latest available 2018/19 performance information for the Children's Services section of the People Department.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

13. PROVISION AT WESTHOUGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

Further to Minute 71 of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader held on 12th February, 2018, the Interim Director of People submitted a report which informed the Executive Cabinet Member on the outcome of the recent consultation exercise on proposals to expand provision at Westhoughton High School and sought approval to publish the associated Statutory Notices in order to proceed with the process.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the responses received to the consultation exercise and AUTHORISED –

Officers to publish a Statutory Notice to expand secondary school provision at Westhoughton High School by 200 places overall and to raise the admission number from 230 to 270 incrementally with effect from 1st September, 2019.

14. UPDATE ON BOLTON PARISH SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which updated the Executive Cabinet Member on issues concerning the land to be retained by the Council following the rebuilding of the new Bolton Parish Primary School on Chadwick Street Campus.

The report reminded the Executive Cabinet Member that the proposed construction of a new, replacement Bolton Parish School had been approved by the Education Funding and Skills Agency (EFSA) as part of their Priority School Building Programme Phase 2 initiative.

The new school would be built on land that was the site of the former University Chadwick Street Campus which would be transferred to the Diocese to accommodate the new building. The Council would retain ownership of the proposed school playing field.

The report further advised that, as the EFSA proposal only involved the construction of the new school and its immediately associated external space, the Council would be responsible for undertaking works to the proposed playing field to provide formal sport and recreational facilities, including the provision of a formal grassed sports pitch.

In this regard, the report sought approval to commit funding from the Council's Capital Programme to cover such costs, full details of which were provided in the report and amounted to £111k.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the Council's liabilities in respect of the necessary additional works that lay outside the EFSA funding agreement for the new school and APPROVED-

The commitment of funding from the Capital Programme, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted, to

undertake the works specified in the report and through the appropriate Council's in-house service teams.

15. USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS – WORKS AT EGERTON AND THOMASSON MEMORIAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The Interim Director of People submitted a report which outlined the use of emergency powers by the Executive Cabinet Member on 23rd July, 2018 to appoint Seddon Construction to undertake work to replace and upgrade boilers and heating distribution pipework at Egerton and Thomasson Memorial Primary Schools.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

16. CHILDREN'S AND ADULT SERVICES COMPLIMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND REPRESENTATIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

The Interim Director of submitted a report which put forward the Children's and Adult Services compliments, complaints and representations Annual Report 2017/18 which set out activity between 1st April, 2017 and 31st March, 2018.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.