

ADULT SOCIAL CARE

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adult Social Care, Safeguarding for Adults and Bolton Cares.

MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY, 2023

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

Councillor Galloway (as deputy for Councillor Morgan)	- Executive Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
Councillor Mrs Thomas	- Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor McGeown	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Sanders	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Wright	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Newall	- Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Officers

Ms R. Tanner	- Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Care Partnership
Ms T. Minshull	- Assistant Director – Commissioning and Integration
Ms L. Butcher	- Head of Finance - People
Ms A. Hunt	- Senior Lawyer
Mrs S. Bailey	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

31. 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.

32. STRATEGIC FINANCE REPORT ADULTS QUARTER THREE 2022/23

The Borough Treasurer and the Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Care Partnership submitted a report which provided information relating to the projected financial position for the Adults Department as at Quarter Three of the 2022/23 financial year.

With regard to Revenue Expenditure, the report advised that the projected revenue outturn position for the Local Authority block was in line with budget following a transfer from reserves of £380k.

Relating to Capital Expenditure, the original Capital Programme approved at Council in February, 2022 totalled £5.663m. Expenditure as at quarter three totalled £3.105m.

Reserves were projected to be £12.866m in revenue reserves and £1.155m in capital reserves as at the 31st March, 2023.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED -

- (i) The projected financial position as at 31st March 2023;**
- (ii) The changes within the Capital Programme as detailed; and**
- (iii) The Revenue Budget changes in year; and APPROVED –**
- (iv) The delegation of authority to the Managing Director of Bolton Integrated Care Partnership to call off on**

the framework(s) for the Capital Programme, as detailed in section 3 of the report now submitted.

33. STRATEGIC FINANCE HOUSING REPORT QUARTER THREE 2022/23

The Borough Treasurer and the Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Care Partnership submitted a report which provided information relating to the projected financial position for Housing as at Quarter Three of the 2022/23 Financial Year.

The revenue outturn position was in line with budget after a movement from reserves of £20k.

With regard to Capital Expenditure, the money available in 2022/23 for capital within Housing was £47k.

Reserves were projected to be £2.373m at the end of 31st March, 2023 which was a decrease in year of £986k.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED-

- (i) The projected financial position for Housing; and**
- (ii) The revenue budget changes in year.**

34. GRANT FUNDED SERVICES 2023/24

The Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Care Partnership submitted a report which sought approval to extend the funding given to various existing voluntary and community until 31st March, 2024.

The report reminded the Executive Cabinet Member that the Carer and Prevention Grants Programme was one of the ways in which the Council funded the sector to support people to live fuller more independent lives. These services were aligned to the key priorities within the Bolton Vision 2030.

In this regard, the report sought approval to enable a direct award of contracts for Prevention and Carer services until 31st March, 2024 to enable the continued funding of local Voluntary,

Community and Social Enterprise Sector organisations to provide a range of community prevention services to meet the needs of vulnerable people across Bolton.

Securing approval for the changes would provide vital medium-term stability for the providers/organisations and commissioners and would allow intelligence based long term planning to determine the future service offer in meeting the changing needs of vulnerable people across Bolton.

Details of the current grant funding available for each organisation was provided in Appendix 1 of the report and it was proposed that grants would remain at the same level but with 2% inflation available from April, 2023.

A Grant Review Project Group had been established to review the current arrangements and ensure that the support continued after March 2024. A detailed timeline and proposed action was also provided in the report.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED-

- (i) The direct award of a contract for each service delivering the existing Prevention and Carer Grants until 31 March, 2024 on the basis now detailed.**
- (ii) The waiver of Contract Standing Orders to enable a direct award of contracts for Prevention and Carer services and the delegation of authority to the Assistant Director of Social Care and Public Health Commissioning to negotiate and enter suitable contractual arrangements to formalise the proposals of this report; and**
- (iii) The delegation of authority to the Assistant Director of Social Care and Public Health Commissioning to negotiate and enter suitable procurement exercise via Corporate Procurement to formalise the proposals contained within the report now submitted; and**
- (iv) The delegation of authority to the Borough Solicitor to carry out all necessary legal formalities in this regard.**

35. HOUSING STANDARDS APPRENTICESHIP REPORT

The Managing Director of the Bolton Integrated Care Partnership submitted a report which sought approval for the appointment of two regulatory Housing Compliance apprentices through the Greater Manchester Good Landlord Scheme to support skills development and recruitment within Housing Standards Services.

The report advised that as part of the Greater Manchester Good Landlord Scheme (GLS), every GM Local Authority was being offered the opportunity of one new subsidised apprentice to work in housing standards enforcement.

Funding from the GLS for salary and on-costs would be £10k, £11k and £14k in years one, two and three respectively. The cost of apprenticeship training would be covered by the Apprenticeship Levy, but half the salary cost must be paid from by the participating Council's own budgets.

The scheme also provides an option for Council's to take on additional apprentices under the same scheme, with full costs for each additional apprentice covered by the respective authority.

In this regard, the report outlined the recruitment issues that were being experienced in the Council's Housing Standards Services Section and sought approval to recruit two Apprentices through the GLS Scheme with associated costs amounting to £140k.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED -

The establishment and recruitment of two regulatory Housing Compliance Apprentices through the Greater Manchester Good Landlord scheme and associated costs of £140k, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.