

DECISION MONITORING

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR
CORPORATE STRATEGY AND FINANCE**

Date of Meeting	<u>Item and Decision</u>	Action and Progress
21/03/07	<p><u>Corporate Resources Department Performance Indicators, Quarter 3 2005/06</u></p> <p>The Executive Member NOTED the performance against the indicators set out in the report and the action being taken.</p>	
	<p><u>Central Departments Service And Financial Performance Monitoring Report – Third Quarter 2006/07</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED -</p> <p>(i) to receive future quarterly updates of service and financial monitoring ;</p> <p>(ii) to the funding of the multi-use games area at Bolton Arena and that the Director of Corporate Resources continue to pursue the original contractor for the costs of the repair works ;</p> <p>(iii) to address other financial matters arising with the Director of Corporate Resources ;and ENDORSED</p> <p>(iv) the updates on the improvement actions for priority BVPIs detailed in Appendix A.</p>	
	<p><u>Outsourcing The Testing Of Taxis</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED –</p> <p>(i) the outsourcing of ‘taxi’ testing as detailed in the report and the proposals as outlined in Appendix 1; and</p> <p>(ii) the indicative timetable as detailed in the appendix.</p>	<p>Specification being prepared decision required re bodywork standards</p>
	<p><u>Licensing Unit – Staffing, Opening Hours, Fees And Accounting Proposals</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED - that the Director of Legal & Democratic Services, in consultation with the</p>	<p>Advertisements being placed and</p>

	<p>Assistant Chief Executive secure:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the recruitment of an additional member of the Administration Team as detailed in Option 1, together with the development of the other matters detailed; (ii) the recruitment of two part time out of hours officers to the currently vacant posts in the Enforcement Team as detailed in Option 1; (iii) the recruitment of a Principal Officer – Licensing as detailed in the report ;and (iv) to alter the financial reporting arrangements of the Licensing Unit to enable ‘taxi’ & other income & expenditure to be separately accounted for and reported and to the submission of a further report regarding the restructure fees and charges as a consequence of the staffing and service delivery changes. 	<p>recruitment process underway.</p> <p>Working with Corporate Resources</p>
	<p><u>Review Of Fees And Charges For Legal And Democratic Services Department</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That, with effect from 1st April, 2007, the fees and charges as detailed in the report be increased in line with the inflation figure applied at the time when the Council’s 2007/08 budget was set ;and (ii) That the necessary advertisements be placed to effect the increase. 	<p>Advertisements placed</p>
	<p><u>Registration Service – Review Of Fees And Charges</u></p> <p>The Executive Member for Schools (acting as deputy for the Executive Member Corporate Strategy and Finance) AGREED -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the current level of fees charged by the Registration Service for conducting civil marriage ceremonies at approved premises be increased to the levels detailed in the report ; 	<p>Documentation for weddings etc after 1/4/08 prepared</p>
		Implemented

	<p>(ii) That the fees be increased with effect from 1st April, 2008 and be reviewed annually to ensure that the Bolton level reflects the Greater Manchester average ; and</p> <p>(iii) That, with effect from 1st April, 2007, the fee for licensing approved premises for civil marriages be increased to £1,000.</p>	
	<p><u>Central Department Risks</u></p> <p>The Executive Member NOTED the report.</p>	
	<p><u>HRA Capital Resources 2008/2009 To 2011/2012</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED – to the discontinuation of the voluntary debt repayment with effect from 2006-2007 and to a targeted capital programme of approximately £26.3m per annum for the years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 via additional revenue contributions and prudential borrowing, subject to the programme being affordable for the Housing Revenue Account.</p> <p><u>Procurement Of Standard Desktop/Laptops</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED – that a five year procurement contract be awarded to the Dell Corporation Ltd for the replacement of desktop/laptop computers.</p> <p><u>Capital Receipts Programme 2006/07</u></p> <p>The Executive Member NOTED the report.</p>	<p>The debt repayment will not be made for 2006/2007 and a revised budget for 2007/08 will be presented along with the Qtr 1 financial monitoring report.</p> <p>Letter of intent sent to Dell. Contract being drawn up.</p>

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11/4/07	<p><u>Voluntary And Community Sector Review</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AGREED –</p> <p>(i) to discontinue the voluntary sector grants programme and that £15,000 of the funds be distributed between the area forums to be allocated via their grants scheme ,subject to £5,000 being ring fenced to deal with applications of a borough wide nature or covering more than one forum area;</p> <p>(ii) that further details will be provided to the Executive Member in due course regarding the arrangements for distributing area forum and Borough wide grants including criteria, grant threshold, decision making arrangements, monitoring and arrangements for any groups who have previously received grants on a regular basis;</p> <p>(iii) that a one off contribution of £25,000 be made to the Big Bolton Fund ;and</p> <p>(iv) to review the operation throughout the year in order to consider arrangements for future years.</p>	Area Forum grants programme increased. Further details being developed re grant arrangements etc
	<p><u>Provision Of Legal Services To Registered Social Landlords</u></p> <p>The Executive Member AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to provide ongoing legal services to Registered Social Landlords and Housing Action Trusts in the Borough area, in relation to legal work involving domestic violence.</p>	Advised Bolton At Home and now await instructions
	<u>Review Of Corporate Risk Management Strategy</u>	
	<p>The Executive Member AGREED - the Corporate Risk Management Strategy and Policy ,as detailed in the appendices to the report .</p>	

	<u>Corporate Risks</u>	
	The Executive Member AGREED the corporate risks as identified by the Executive Management Team.	
	<u>Local Authority Business Growth Initiative</u>	
	The Executive Member APPROVED the use of £100,000 of LABGI resources to fund an Events Officer in the Marketing & Communication Agency for a two year period and to promote events within Bolton Town Centre to encourage footfall within the Town Centre .	
	<u>Big Lottery Community Libraries Programme : Bid For The Brightmet Library</u>	
	The Executive Member gave retrospective APPROVAL to the submission of the bid as now detailed.	Bid submitted; awaiting decision in September 2007
	<u>Bolton, Rochdale, Heywood And Middleton (Brahm) Lift Project- Level Of Bolton Council Sign Up To The Strategic Partnering Agreement</u>	
	<p>The Executive Member NOTED :</p> <p>(i) the contents of the report relating to the current developments of the BRAHM LIFT programme ;and AGREED</p> <p>(ii) that Bolton Council should be a Level 2 signatory to the Strategic Partnering Agreement providing that the legal documentation is completed to the satisfaction of the Director of Legal and Democratic Services ;and</p> <p>(iii) that the Head of Strategic Projects as the Bolton Council representative on the BRAHM LIFT Shadow Strategic Board and its successor Board be authorised to take the necessary steps to facilitate Bolton Council's sign up at Level 2.</p>	PCT informed and Carol James representing the Council on the Board. Awaiting legal information before sign up
16th April, 2007	<u>Horwich Leisure Centre - Orange PCS</u> The Executive Member for Development REFUSED -	

	The request from the lessee to lease additional land to allow the existing telecommunications mast to be replaced with a taller structure at Horwich Leisure Centre.	
16th April, 2007	<u>Land at Mortfield Lane, Halliwell</u> The Executive Member for Development APPROVED - The transaction as detailed in the report and AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to complete the necessary documentation.	
16th April, 2007	<u>Land at Astley Street, Bolton</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The transaction as detailed in the report and AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to complete the necessary documentation.	

LAND AND PROPERTY ITEMS

19th July, 2005	<u>Former Smithills Garden Centre, Smithills, Bolton</u> The Executive Member NOTED – (i) The position on the former Smithills Garden Centre site; and APPROVED - (ii) The marketing of the site as an expression of interest basis for the proposed craft centre use, as described in the report now submitted.	Site being marketed November, 2006. Closing date 15th December, 2006. No expressions of interest received. Report to be tabled at June meeting.
11th April, 2006	<u>101 Castle Street, Bolton</u> The Executive Member APPROVED – The terms and conditions for the lease of 101 Castle Street, Bolton, as detailed in the report now submitted, subject to investigations into the use of a Service Level Agreement on the basis now mentioned.	With Legal Services. Awaiting instructions from Estates.

11th April, 2006	<u>Horwich Leisure Centre – Orange Personal Communications Services</u> The Executive Member AGREED – To defer the matter for further consideration pending the outcome of the planning appeal process.	Advice given to Corporate Property. and consulting with Leisure Trust.
19th June, 2006	<u>Former Odeon Cinema Site, Ashburner Street</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - (i) The acceptance of a surrender of the existing lease of the site; (ii) The grant of a new 250 year lease of the site on the provisionally agreed terms with a condition that the lessee delivers an acceptable development scheme within a defined timescale.	Agreed to complete documentation, negotiations for additional land in hand.
19th June, 2006	<u>Land at Progress Street</u> The Executive Member APPROVED The terms and conditions for the lease to Noor -ul-Islam Mosque The Assistant Director (Legal Services) to complete the necessary documentation.	Lessees' solicitors have indicated they wish to complete matters as soon as possible.
17th July, 2006	<u>Sale of Land at Rear of Langham Close/ Sharples High School (S. Sollazzi)</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The disposal of a strip of unused land at the rear of residential properties in Langham Close, Sharples and Sharples High School.	Terms being quoted to owners
13th November, 2006	<u>Central Police Station, Le Mans Crescent, Bolton</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The disposal of the freehold revisions in the police accommodation at Burnden Park and Middlebrook for a peppercorn in full and final	Legal Services instructed.

	settlement of the claim and that the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be instructed to draw up the necessary documentation.	Awaiting documentation from the Police – still being awaited.
13th November, 2006	<u>Children's Centres</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The letting of the children's centres on the terms as detailed in the report and AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to draw up the necessary documentation.	Draft leases issued – awaiting comments from Pre-School Learning Alliance - no further developments.
11th December, 2006	<u>Passenger Transport Executive Station Car Parks</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The transactions, as detailed in paragraph 1.2 of the report, and AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to complete the necessary documentation.	Legal Services instructed and matters processing.
11th December, 2006	<u>Land at Back Worsley Road, Farnworth</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The transaction, as now detailed, and AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to complete the necessary documentation.	Legal Services instructed – planning application submitted.
11th December, 2006	<u>Land at Southfield Drive, Westhoughton</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The transaction, as now detailed, and AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to complete the necessary documentation.	Legal Services instructed – matters progressing.
11th December, 2006	<u>Hilton Playing Fields, Horwich</u> The Executive Member APPROVED -	Legal instructed – draft documentation

	The letting of Hilton Playing Fields to the Horwich RMI, on the terms now detailed, and AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to complete the necessary documentation.	prepared.
22nd January 2007	<u>Land at Coniston Road, Blackrod</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The proposed disposal of the site by public auction and acceptance of the offer made by the highest bidder and AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to complete the legal formalities.	Auction date likely to be 24/5/07.
22nd January 2007	<u>Lands at Folds Road/Lum Street, Bolton</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The transaction and AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to complete the necessary documentation.	Negotiations over the terms of the legal documents are still progressing.
22nd January 2007	<u>Redevelopment/Disposal of Westhoughton Market</u> The Executive Member AUTHORISED - The Director of Corporate Resources to take the following course of action:- (i) Notwithstanding the petition received, to continue to negotiate with Melrose on the basis of the new proposal and to proceed to produce an action plan for the redevelopment of the market and ensure that negotiations include discussions regarding using the new market hall for community use; (ii) To consider the use of Ditchfield car park for the temporary relocation of the market and to approach the owner of the Mill Street site for the purpose of the temporary car park; and (iii) To further consider the options for funding the likely costs.	Discussions ongoing with the developer. Negotiations ongoing. Action plan in place. Investigations

		ongoing.
26th February, 2007	<u>Land at Singing Clough, Kearsley</u> The Executive Member AUTHORISED - The necessary site investigation works to be undertaken on land at Singing Clough, Kearsley.	
26th February, 2007	Colleges Co-location Project The Executive Member APPROVED - (i) The acquisition of the College Campus; and (ii) The disposal of the Haywood School site at an appropriate market value.	
26th February, 2007	<u>Land at Lever Grove, Bolton</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The transaction and AUTHORISED the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to complete the necessary documentation.	Legal Services instructed.
19th March, 2007	<u>Queen Street Community Centre, Farnworth</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - (i) That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to take appropriate action to gain the possession of Queen Street Community Centre, Farnworth; and (ii) That the rent arrears are written off as this outstanding debt is unlikely to be recovered.	Legal Services instructed.
19th March, 2007	<u>Commerce House</u> The Executive Member APPROVED - The exercising of the break clause to terminate the lease of Commerce House with effect from 1st November, 2007.	Meeting arranged with Chamber of Commerce pre service of notice.
16th April, 2007	<u>Westbrook Gateway Development Brief</u> The Executive Member APPROVED -	

	The Westbrook Gateway Development Brief as a Statement of Council Policy.	
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