
EXECUTIVE MEMBER STRATEGY AND EXTERNAL RELATIONSHIPS

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Executive Member Strategy and External Relationships on:-

21 JANUARY 2009

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

Councillor Morris	Executive Member Strategy and
Councillor J. Walsh	External Relationships
Councillor Hayes	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Mr. S. Harriss	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr. S. Arnfield	Chief Executive
Mr. A. Eastwood	Director of Corporate Resources
Mr. P. Marsh	Director of Legal and Democratic
Ms. C. James	Services
Mr. P. Brown	Assistant Director Corporate Property
Mr. A. Jennings	Services
	Assistant Director of Partnerships and
	Neighbourhood Renewal
	Head of Estates and Asset Management
	Democratic Services Officer

51 MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services submitted a report which monitored the progress of decisions within the portfolio of the Executive Member Strategy and External Relationships.

The Executive Member Strategy and External Relationships NOTED the progress of the decisions taken and that with respect to the former site of Burnthwaite, Old Hall Lane the Director of Corporate Resources undertake discussions with the Director of Development and Regeneration with regard to bringing the site to market in due course.

52 BOLTON RACIAL EQUALITY COUNCIL

The Chief Executive submitted a report that provided an update on Bolton Racial Equality Council's restructuring activity over the last 6 months as requested by the Executive Member.

The report explained that during June, 2008, the organisation

undertook a consultation exercise with its stakeholders and partners to help them develop a future vision. The group had since agreed a new name, new objectives and a new strategy and action plan at an Extraordinary General Meeting held in October 2008. They had also initiated the legal steps to reconstitute themselves as Bolton Equalities Centre (BEC).

The Executive Member was informed that BREC continued to deliver the projects referred to in their SLA with the Council and, as such, the Council needed to pay the group for this work; to date, only quarter 1 and quarter 2 funds had been released.

The Executive Member AGREED - the remainder of the funding for the Service Level Agreement for 2008/09 and authorised officers to continue to work with the group around their future role within Bolton.

Attached Reports:

[Bolton Racial Equality Council](#)

53 STRATEGIC COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP

The Chief Executive submitted a report that informed the Executive Member of the details regarding the Stronger Communities Partnership (one of the themed partnerships within the local strategic partnership) and recommended proposals regarding the funding associated with the Partnership, in particular the management and decision making arrangements for these funds.

The Stronger Communities Partnership included representative stakeholders from partnerships and organisations which had a clear role in forging stronger communities, including those sectors and agencies involved with housing, community cohesion, culture and the voluntary sector ; the Council was represented by the Leader and the opposition leaders.

The Stronger Communities Partnership would oversee the performance of Strong and Confident Area Based Grant funded projects delivered by mainstream service providers and other partners as appropriate, to ensure outcomes within the Strong and Confident theme were achieved.

The Partnership would also oversee the performance of more specific areas of work and funds. In particular the Council had been allocated the following as part of the Area Based Grant

Programme;

- funding of £49,412 in 2008/9; £90,588 each year for 2009/10 and 2010/11 towards community cohesion work. It was proposed that this programme/funding be managed through the Bolton Harmony Forum/Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity;
- preventing violent extremism resources (£177,000 in 2008/9 and £200,000 in 2009/10) which had been managed through the Bolton Community Cohesion Project Reference Group, previously reported through the Executive Member Human Resources and Diversity. This group would operate within the framework of the Stronger Communities Partnership, and included members of appropriate community groups and representatives of the community and the Executive Member Human Resources and Diversity and the shadow members.

In terms of the delivery of the work of the Stronger Communities Partnership and the resources associated with it, it was proposed that the Stronger Communities Partnership be authorised to develop and manage the Area Based Grant funding allocations, subject to relevant approval of the allocations by the Executive Member. In terms of the above two programmes, the recommendations regarding funding and the management/performance of the funds, it was proposed that the Community Cohesion resources/programme be managed by the Bolton Harmony Forum on behalf of the Stronger Communities Partnership, with approvals through the Executive Member for Human Resources and Diversity, and that the Preventing Violent Extremism funding/programme be managed through the Community Cohesion Project Reference Group on behalf of the Stronger Communities Partnership, with approvals through the Executive Member Human Resources and Diversity.

The Stronger Communities Partnership would continue to oversee the whole programme of work relating to stronger communities. Performance management of individual programmes would be fed back to the Stronger Communities Partnership and the appropriate Executive Members.

The Executive Member AGREED - the role of the Stronger Communities Partnership as part of the Vision Partnership arrangements, together with the management and decision making arrangements as outlined in section 4 of the

report.

Attached Reports:

[Strategic Communities Partnership](#)

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of each case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

54 FARNWORTH MARKET PRECINCT

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that apprised the Executive Member of the current position regarding the redevelopment of Farnworth Market Precinct.

Discussions had continued with Ediston and it had now been established that a more appropriate location for the permanent market should be the site of Asda Square rather than it being relocated back onto the rear section of the existing market site.

Consultations with market traders and ward members would be undertaken by market management .

The Executive Member AGREED - the permanent siting of the replacement market on Asda Square, together with the extended development area ,subject to further consultations with market traders and ward members and that ,in the first instance, demountable canopies be used on Asda Square and Brackley street and that the issue of the permanent canopy be revisited in a further report in due course.

55 BREIGHTMET LIBRARY

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that reminded the Executive Member of the action taken under the emergency powers procedure to provide the Lottery Fund with a form of surety with respect to the Brightmet Library project and to confirm the main terms and conditions for the lease of the library.

The Executive Member AGREED –

- **to note the action taken in relation to the use of the emergency powers procedure and the BRAHM Lift Breightmet Library project;**
- **the terms and conditions of the lease with BRAHM Fundco 1; and**
- **to the Director of Legal Services carrying out all legal formalities relating to the BRAHM Lift Breightmet Library Project, including the lease and the ancillary documents.**