

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A record of decisions made by the Executive Member with responsibility for Environmental Services on:-

MONDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2011

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

Councillor Zaman	Executive Member for Environmental Services
Councillor Mrs Fairclough	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor D. Wilkinson	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr S. Young	Assistant Director of Environmental Services
Mr. J. Kelly	Head of Service Highways Department
Ms. J. Pollard	Policy Accountant
Mrs. S. Bailey	Principal Democratic Services Officer

43. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Director of Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Member.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

44. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT 2011/12 – QUARTER TWO

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which provided details of the financial performance of the Environmental Services Department as at Quarter 2 of the 2011/12 Financial Year.

The report highlighted the following issues:

- Revenue expenditure was projected to underspend against the budget by £86,000;
- the Department had budgeted to use reserves of £114,000;
- Capital expenditure for the quarter totalled £4,895k against a programme of £21.689m;
- the projected reserve position as at 31st March, 2011 was £1,222,000 – detailed repayment plans were outlined in the report; and
- efficiency targets were £3,705,000 which included demand led of £200,000 to repay the deficit reserve. The current projection was to achieve 100% of the planned efficiencies.

Specific areas of risk related to the loss of income due to the economic downturn, energy prices for street lighting and winter services.

With regard to the Department's deficit reserves, details of the ongoing repayment plans were provided in the report.

The Executive Member NOTED the financial position of the Department as at Quarter 2 and ENDORSED –

The ongoing repayment plan in respect of the Department's deficit reserves.

45. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE DASHBOARD 2011/12 – QUARTER TWO

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which informed the Executive Member of the performance of the Environmental Services Department as at Quarter 2 of the 2011/12 Financial Year.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

46. TUPE TRANSFER AT BLACKSHAW AND ST ANDREW'S SCHOOLS, OVER HULTON – EMERGENCY POWERS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which outlined the emergency powers used by the Executive Member to agree to the transfer of staff under TUPE arrangements in respect of the cleaning contract at Blackshaw and St Andrew's schools at Over Hulton.

The schools had appointed alternative providers for the provision of their cleaning service which had previously been provided by the Council.

The Executive Member had approved the transfer of four members of the cleaning staff to the new companies under the TUPE arrangements.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

47. RISHTON LANE – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS (TRAFFIC ORDER 303689) – OBJECTIONS

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which commented on objections received in response to an advertised proposal to introduce waiting restrictions on Rishton Lane, Great Lever.

The report outlined the basis of the objections and provided a response to them.

The views of the Ward Councillors were also included in the report.

Having considered the objections, the report recommended the introduction of the waiting restrictions as advertised.

The Executive Member APPROVED –

The introduction of the waiting restrictions on Rishton Lane, Great Lever, as detailed in the report now submitted and in accordance with plan numbered 303689/3 appended to the report.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and reports in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraph 1 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.

48. POLICY AND PERFORMANCE DIVISIONAL SAVINGS AND EFFICIENCIES REVIEW

Ms. J. Pollard declared an interest in the following item of business and left the meeting during its consideration.

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which detailed the outcome of the consultation on proposals to review the Policy and Performance Division within the Environmental Services Department in order to achieve savings of £336,000.

Full details of the consultation process together with the responses of the consultees including staff and Trades Unions were included in the report.

The amended final proposals, taking into account the results of the consultation process, were detailed in the report .The necessary Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix A6 to the report. The Executive Member took account of this when making his decision.

The report would also be considered by the Executive Member for Human Resources, Organisational Development and Diversity at her meeting on 23rd November, 2011.

The Executive Member APPROVED –

- (i) The final proposals, as detailed in the report now submitted; and**
- (ii) Subject to the approval of the Head of Paid Service and the Executive Member for Human Resources, Organisational Development and Diversity, the implementation of the new structure, including details of voluntary redundancy arrangements and consequential redundancy selection, be delegated to the Chief Executive and the Director of Environmental Services.**

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