

EXECUTIVE CABINET MEMBER – LEADER’S PORTFOLIO

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Leader’s Portfolio:-

MONDAY, 17th MARCH, 2014

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

Councillor Morris	Executive Cabinet Member – Leader’s Portfolio
Councillor Greenhalgh	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hayes	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Sport, Libraries, Youth and Culture Portfolio

Councillor A. Connell	Cabinet Member
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Human Resources and Cohesion

Councillor Adia	Cabinet Member
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Community Safety and Police

Councillor D. Burrows	Cabinet Member
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Officers

Mr. S. Harriss	Chief Executive
Mr. M. Cox	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. J. Livesey	Assistant Director Children’s and Adult Services
Ms. S. Johnson	Borough Treasurer
Ms. L. Ridsdale	Assistant Director People, Policy and Communications
Mr. J. Rowlands	Assistant Director Customer Services
Mrs. J. Pollard	Head of Strategic Finance and Accountancy
Mr. D. Mee	Estates and Property Manager

Mr. R. Martinez

Community Safety Manager

Mrs. V. Ridge

Deputy Democratic Services
Manager

139. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE 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.

140. SCHOOLS ICT ADDITIONAL POST

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval for the establishment of an additional post of Technical Consultant within the Schools ICT Unit.

The report advised that the post was required in order to provide additional ICT support services to secondary schools and would be funded by income generated by new ICT SLA service to schools. Copies of the relevant job description and person specification were appended to the report.

The report had been considered and approved by the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader's Portfolio at her meeting on 10th February, 2014.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Human Resources and Cohesion, the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the creation of an additional post of Technical Consultant within the Schools ICT Unit, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

141. IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE AND VIOLENCE IN GENERAL PRACTICE (GP)

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to commission an improved response to domestic abuse and violence within General Practice through the implementation of the Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS) Model.

By way of introduction, the report stated that Bolton had a strong history of partnership working in relation to Domestic Abuse and Violence (DAV) and through the refresh of the Domestic and Abuse and Violence Strategy and the introduction of the Bolton and Domestic Abuse and Violence Partnership, it had been recognised that opportunities to intervene with victims were more likely outside of the Criminal Justice System (CJS), particularly within a health setting.

In terms of this proposal, the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that it was proposed to commission a specialist DAV service based on the IRIS model in Bolton. The IRIS model had been identified as the most effective model in improving responses to domestic abuse within the general practice (GP) setting and the project aimed to:

- Prevent escalation of DAV, in terms of risk and repeat abuse, through earlier intervention; and
- Reduce the financial and human costs of DAV.

It was explained that the IRIS model was a general practice based domestic violence training, support and referral programme for primary care staff. The model was based on one full-time advocate educator working with 25 practices. The advocate was a specialist domestic abuse worker who was linked to the practices and based in a local specialist domestic abuse service.

The IRIS model was first introduced as a University of Bristol led randomised controlled trial of a training and support programme to improve the general practice response to DAV.

The findings of the trial demonstrated a substantial increase in the identification of victims and their referral to specialist DAV services resulting in a subsequent reduction in recurrent abuse and improved quality of life. Furthermore the results of the trial outcomes indicated that implementation of the IRIS programme was cost effective, generated societal cost savings and was likely to reduce health costs.

With regard to the financial implications, the Executive Cabinet Member was reminded that funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner had been prioritised to support the implementation of the Bolton Domestic Abuse and Violence Strategy 2013-2015 and, it was proposed, that this funding would be used to develop and implement IRIS. The CCG Primary Care Directorate has also given their approval to support the IRIS roll out in 2014, with the option for on-going funding after the initial one year pilot subject to cost benefit analysis.

In terms of the implementation of the model, it was proposed that a tendering framework be set up for the next two years. Bidders would be invited to tender for a minimum of a one year contract with the option to extend for a further year subject to funding, strategic priorities and quality of service delivery. The framework would be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender to the Council. It was also stated that the Director of Environmental Services, in conjunction with the Cabinet Member for Community Safety, would appoint a single provider to manage the IRIS implementation based on the criteria as detailed in the report.

In conclusion, the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that it had been identified, based on IRIS roll out in other areas and budgets, that up to £130,500 would be needed for the delivery of this project over the two year period. However, this would still be subject to a budget allocation which could be less than currently was available although the overall contract value would not exceed the sum specified.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Police, the Executive Cabinet Member AUTHORISED –

- (i) The Director of Environmental Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Police, to use Police and Crime Commissioner funding and commission a specialist domestic abuse and violence (DVA) service, based on the nationally recognised Identification and Referral to Improve Safety (IRIS) model; and**
- (ii) The Borough Solicitor to carry out all the necessary legal formalities.**

142. AGGREGATE FINANCIAL MONITOR THIRD QUARTER 2013/2014

The Borough Treasurer submitted a report which advised the Executive Cabinet Member of the outcome of the third quarter Aggregate Financial Monitoring exercise for 2013/2014.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

143. DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION DEPARTMENT (EXCLUDING HOUSING SERVICES) PERFORMANCE REPORT – QUARTER 2 AND 3 2013-2014

The Director of Development and Regeneration submitted a report which gave an overview of performance from three services of the Development and Regeneration Department, those being Strategic Development; Economic Strategy; and Development Management and provided departmental internal performance statistics for the period 1st July to 31st December, 2013.

The report provided information in relation to the following areas, viz:-

- The big issues which had affected the work of the services since the three annual service plans were produced;
- A summary of the key messages;
- An update on operational management priorities and indicators for the department; and
- The Bolton Vision indicators for which the services were responsible and the underpinning service plan activity taking place in quarters 2 and 3.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

144. BROMLEY CROSS SUMMER FAYRE

Councillor Greenhalgh declared an interest in the undermentioned item as he was a member of the Friends of Bromley Cross organisation.

The Chief Executive submitted a report which advised the Executive Cabinet Member of a request which had been received from the Friends of Bromley Cross for a financial contribution towards the Bromley Cross Summer Fayre.

The Executive Cabinet Member was informed that the Summer Fayre was in its fourth year, was non profit-making and admission was free. The running costs were around £8,000 and the group had raised £5,000 through fundraising, donations and grants and it was felt that the shortfall of £3,000 would be a useful contribution.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED that £3,000 be allocated to the Friends of Bromley Cross as a contribution to the Bromley Cross Summer Fayre on 10th May, 2014.

145. BOLTON WANDERERS COMMUNITY TRUST – BOBBY HEYWOOD PARK MUGA PROJECT

The Chief Executive submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to provide the remaining £20,000 (£15,000 from the corporate programme and £5,000

from Great Lever Neighbourhood Management) to Bolton Wanderers Community Trust for their cohesion and health project at Bobby Heywood Park MUGA.

The Executive Cabinet Member was reminded of the Council's commitment to support the Bobby Heywood Park MUGA project over its duration as the Bolton Wanderers Community Trust had developed a good project that contributed to the health of local young people and was having a positive impact on cohesion locally. Significantly, the Trust has also been able to lever in £100,000 in match-funding from the Premier League Charitable Fund as a result of the council and other partners contributions.

The project was currently in year 2 of its 3 year duration and the council's cash contribution in the first year was entirely funded through Great Lever Neighbourhood Management alongside in-kind support. The proposal now was to fund the remainder of the council's cash contribution for 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 through a mix of corporate funding as the project had a direct impact on improving community cohesion within the area (£15,000) with the remainder being funded through Great Lever Neighbourhood Management (£5,000). It was also proposed that the remaining £20,000 was made as a single payment from the council.

The Executive Cabinet Member AGREED that the remaining £20,000 funding be allocated to the Bolton Wanderers Community Transport project in Bobby Heywood Park MUGA as detailed in the report.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

The background papers and reports in relation to the following items were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

146. PERMISSION TO PURCHASE FACSIMILE TOMB

The Chief Executive submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to purchase a facsimile tomb.

The report advised that Bolton Museum had been successful in securing first round Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) to develop the Egyptology Gallery. Currently elements of this collection were on tour in the Far East and the company delivering the tour had commissioned a life size replica tomb as part of the exhibition. Consequently, it was proposed that, subject to second round HLF funding, the tomb be purchased and brought back to Bolton as a unique centre-piece to the redesigned gallery space offering a world class tourist attraction to the town centre.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Sports, Libraries and Culture, the Executive Cabinet Member AUTHORISED the Assistant Director Customer Services and Culture to: –

- (i) Purchase a facsimile tomb as a centre-piece to the development of the Egyptology Gallery at the Central Library and Museum, subject to Heritage Lottery Funding second round approval;**
- (ii) Enter into a funding agreement with the Lottery Fund; and AUTHORISED –**
- (iii) The Borough Solicitor to carry out all necessary legal formalities.**

147. BOLTON LADS AND GIRLS CLUB – HACKEN LANE MULTI-SPORTS FACILITY – USE OF EMERGENCY POWERS PROCEDURE

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which outlined the use of the emergency powers procedure, in consultation with the Executive Cabinet Member, to approve a financial contribution, to Bolton Lads and Girls Club, of £200,000 towards the development of Hacken Lane as a Multi-Sports facility.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the use of the emergency powers procedure as detailed in the report.

148. BOLTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Chief Property Officer submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's consent to a revised 'Concessions Agreement' in respect of Bolton Community College, for a term of five years from 1st August, 2013.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED a revised 'Concessions Agreement', in respect of Bolton Community College, for a term of five years from 1st August, 2013 on the terms specified in the report and AUTHORISED the Borough Solicitor to complete the necessary legal formalities.

149. URGENT ITEM – REVIEW OF BOLTON COUNCIL PAY AND GRADING ARRANGEMENTS

In accordance with the Local Authority's Executive Arrangements and Access to Information Regulations 2000, the Chairman of the Corporate and External Issues Scrutiny Committee had agreed that the following item was urgent and could not reasonably await consideration until the next meeting of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The Chief Executive submitted a report which set out recommendations to respond to the Council's resolution to improve the pay of the Authority's lowest earners, as a basis for consultation with staff and Trades Unions.

The report put forward a number of proposals to increase the pay of the Authority's lowest earners from 1st April, 2014. It was explained that consultation on the proposals would run until the end of April, 2014 during which time the council would meet regularly with the Trades Unions and other key stakeholders and would provide the opportunity for staff to feedback directly about the proposals.

It was explained that the Council would seek a collective agreement with the Trades Unions to implement the changes and this would involve a significant amount of implementation activity which was likely to run into the summer. Therefore, the increase would be applied as soon as practicable but would be backdated to April, 2014.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Human Resources and Cohesion, the Head of Paid Service in consultation with the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the proposals as detailed in the report as a basis for consultation.