

STRATEGY AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS

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

WEDNESDAY 25TH NOVEMBER, 2009

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

Councillor Morris	Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations
Councillor J. Walsh	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hayes	Minor Opposition Spokesperson
Mr. S. Harriss	Chief Executive
Mr. S. Arnfield	Director Corporate Resources
Mr. A. Eastwood	Director of Chief Executive's Department
Mr. P. Brown	Head of Estates and Asset Management
Mr. A. Jennings	Democratic Services Manager

31. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Director of Chief Executive's Department submitted a report which monitored the progress of decisions within the portfolio of the Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations.

The Executive Member for Strategy and External Relations NOTED the progress of the decisions taken.

32. PROPERTY PERFORMANCE REPORT NUMBER 3

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that provided the Executive Member with details of the performance of the Council's land and property portfolio and its corporate property services function.

The report focussed on the following areas:-

- a) the 2008/09 headline out-turn performance in relation to the Corporate Asset Objectives and the associated suite of performance indicators as scheduled in the 2009 - 2012 Corporate Asset Management Plan;
- b) the Second Quarter 2009/10 results for the same suite of performance indicators; and
- c) Corporate Property Services' performance in respect of its key 2008/09 Service Improvement Action Planning tasks.

The Executive Member NOTED –

- (i) the headline out-turn performance data for the suite of land and property performance indicators for 2008/09 as detailed in the report;**
- (ii) the performance data for the first six months of 2009/10; and**
- (iii) Corporate Property Services' performance in respect of its key 2008/09 Service Improvement Action Planning tasks.**

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 the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs

the public interest in their disclosure.

33. LAND AT NUGENT ROAD – KASHMIR CRICKET CLUB

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that sought approval for the grant of a 25 year lease to the Kashmir Cricket Club for an area of land at Nugent Road.

The Club had been in occupation of the land by way of a Tenancy at Will since March, 2004 and wished to secure grant funding to improve facilities and therefore they required a more secure form of occupation to be able to do so.

As the land had been used as public open space and a school playing field it would be necessary to advertise the loss and apply for approval from the Secretary of State. Consultations had been undertaken with local residents and the School and no objections had been received.

The Executive Member AGREED –

- (i) the terms and conditions of the lease of the area of land, highlighted in the plan attached to the report, to the Kashmir Cricket Club and that the necessary legal documentation be completed;**
- (ii) that the issue of fencing around the site be investigated; and**
- (iii) the advertisement of the loss of public open space as required by the Local Government and Finance Act 1972 and an application for consent to the lease to the Secretary of State as required by Section 77 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.**

34. SHOPMOBILITY TOPP WAY MULTI STOREY CAR PARK

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that sought the Executive Member's authority for the grant of a lease to Shopmobility of premises within the new Topp Way multi-storey car park to assist the physical and social regeneration of the area.

It was proposed to let the space at a rent below market value to assist community care options in providing shopmobility in the town centre.

The Executive Member AGREED –

- (i) the grant of a lease to Shopmobility, as now detailed, at a rate less than market value under the provisions of the General Consent Order (England) 2003;**
- (ii) to note that the open market rental value attributable to the premises is estimated to be in the region of £5,500 per annum.**

35. BOLTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Chief Executive declared a personal interest in the following item being a Governor of the College.

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that sought the Executive Member's consent to a revised concessions agreement for a term of five years from 1st August, 2008 with respect to Bolton Community College.

The Executive Member AGREED - the terms of the revised concessions agreement for a term of five years from 1st August, 2008(subject to a revision of term (vi) to reflect the use of Brownlow Fold Community College by the Youth Service) at a rate less than market value on the basis that the undervalue is likely to contribute to the promotion of improvement of social well-being of the area as set out in the General Consent Order (England) 2003 and that the necessary legal formalities be completed.

36. CAPITAL RECEIPTS PROGRAMME

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that advised the Executive Member of the latest situation regarding the capital receipts programme.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.

37. FORMER KEARSLEY TOWN HALL

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report that reminded the Executive Member of the use of the emergency powers procedure to progress the completion of the sale of the former Kearsley Town Hall which had been the subject of vandalism since the sale was agreed.

The Executive Member NOTED the report.