

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 DECEMBER, 2012

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

Councillor Morris	Executive Cabinet Member - Leader
Councillor Greenhalgh	Major Opposition Spokesperson
Councillor Hayes	Minor Opposition Spokesperson

Human Resources and Cohesion Portfolio

Councillor Adia	Cabinet Member
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Sport, Libraries, Youth and Culture Portfolio

Councillor Peacock	Cabinet Member
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Community Safety and Police

Councillor D. Burrows	Cabinet Member
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Neighbourhood and Community Services

Councillor Zaman	Cabinet Member
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Officers

Mr. S. Harriss	-	Chief Executive
Mr. S. Arnfield	-	Deputy Chief Executive
Mr. M. Cox	-	Director of Environmental Services
Mr. P. Brown	-	Chief Property Officer
Mr. J. Rowlands	-	Assistant Director Customer Services
Mrs. H. Gorman	-	Borough Solicitor
Mr. T. Birch	-	Assistant Director Children’s Services
Mrs. B. Newman	-	Chief Accountant
Mrs. J. Spencer	-	Head of Service

Mr. D. Shepherd	-	Senior Group Accountant
Mrs. V. Ridge	-	Deputy Democratic Services Manager

66. MONITORING OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISIONS

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which provided an update on decisions taken at previous meetings of the Executive Cabinet Member.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the progress of the decisions taken.

67. 2 YEAR OLDS ENTITLEMENT AND PROPOSED SEND SUPPORT FOR EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

The Interim Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval to increase the capacity of the current Early Years and Childcare Team to provide increased support for providers of free places for 2 year olds and to provide Area SENCO support to private and voluntary sector early years providers.

The report advised that from September 2013, the Council had a statutory duty to provide free early education places for the most disadvantaged 2 year old, including children with SEN and disability. In order to fulfil this, it was proposed to increase the capacity of the Early Years and Childcare Team and incorporating the role of Area SENCO for private and voluntary sector providers of early education into the role of all Area Teachers within the Early Years and Childcare Team.

The proposals involved:

- reducing the number of FTE Consultant posts;
- the creation of one new FTE Adviser post to provide leadership of quality and outcomes for the 2YO Project Coordinator which would be funded through savings in the current team budget;

- the creation of a fixed term post of 2YO Project Coordinator to ensure the Council had the required capacity and systems in place to be able to meet the statutory duty to provide free early education places for 20% most disadvantaged 2 year olds in September 2013, increasing to 40% from September, 2014 and to effectively communicate the offer to parents and early year providers; and
- an increase in the number of FTE Area Teacher posts with Area SENCO responsibility by one additional FTE post which was proposed to be funded through Government funding for 2 year olds.

Full details of the proposed staffing changes were provided in the report together with the current and revised staffing structures.

The report had been considered and approved by the Executive Cabinet Member Deputy Leader at her meeting on 10th December, 2012.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Human Resources and Cohesion, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the proposed additional posts in the Early Years and Childcare Team, on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.

68. APPROVAL FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE WEEDSPRAYING SERVICE

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to commence the procurement of the weedspraying service.

The report advised that the current contract for the supply of weedspraying services was due for renewal in April, 2013 and it was the intention to offer a two year contract with an option to extend for a further year. In terms of the procurement, it was explained that the potential value of the tender was below that requiring the Authority to comply to European tender regulations and, therefore, the timescale for the process would

allow for tenders to be returned in February, 2013 with tender evaluation and contract award before the end of February, 2013.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Community Services, the Executive Cabinet Member AUTHORISED –

- (i) The Director of Environmental Services to procure a weedspraying service, via the Corporate Procurement Team) in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders relating to Contracts;**
- (ii) The Director of Environmental Services to appoint the successful tenderer to deliver a weedspraying service in accordance with the tender documents; and**
- (iii) The Borough Solicitor to carry out all the necessary legal formalities.**

69. ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES – FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REPORT 2012/2013 – QUARTER TWO

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report which provided the Executive Cabinet Member with information relating to the financial and performance quarter two position for the Environmental Services portfolio for the 2012/2013 financial year.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood and Community Services, the Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

70. POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF EGYPTOLOGY GALLERY

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which updated the Executive Cabinet Member on outline plans for the redevelopment of the Egyptology Gallery in Bolton Museum and the award of a Heritage Lottery Fund development grant.

The report outlined the background to the Egyptology Collection within Bolton Museum and the reasons why it was so significant locally, nationally and internationally.

It was also explained that the collection faced various challenges including the lack of accessible documentation about what was contained within the collection, the need for improved conservation, dispersed storage and limited exhibition space. Consequently, a successful bid had been made to the Heritage Lottery Fund which had resulted in a grant of £115,300 being awarded. This would now enable plans to be developed during 2013 to submit a second round delivery bid for up to £1,822,800 for 2014-2016 and the element of matched funding had already been identified.

The Executive Cabinet Member was also advised that Bolton had one of the most significant collections of ancient Egyptian material in the UK and the development of the Egyptology Gallery would contribute significantly to raising the profile of Bolton town centre as a visitor destination.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Sports, Libraries and Culture, the Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

71. SIX MONTHLY REVIEW OF THE NEW LIBRARY NETWORK

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which reviewed the performance of Bolton's Public Library Service over the previous six months, April to September, 2012, since the implementation of the recent Library Network Review.

Information was provided in relation to the following areas, viz:-

- Additional opening at the Central Library and Museum;
- Services to Schools, Children and Young People;
- Library Link;
- Requests received for books not currently held at their local library;
- Use of technology;

- Digital services;
- The Ask Bolton Libraries service;
- Neighbourhood Book Collections;
- The new network – six monthly performance data;
- Decommissioning; and
- The priorities and next steps for the network over the next six months.

Following a recommendation from the Cabinet Member for Sports, Libraries and Culture, the Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the progress made to establish and develop the new public library network in Bolton as a dynamic platform from which a comprehensive and efficient library service continues to be delivered and AGREED the priority actions as detailed in the report and to await the twelve monthly progress report which will give a full CIPFA comparator appraisal.

72. AGGREGATE FINANCIAL MONITOR SECOND QUARTER 2012/2013

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which advised the Executive Cabinet Member of the outcome of the second quarter Aggregate Financial Monitoring exercise for 2012/2013.

The Executive Cabinet Member NOTED the report.

73. LAND AT RADCLIFFE ROAD, DARCY LEVER

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval for the disposal of land at Radcliffe Road, Darcy Lever

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the disposal of land at Radcliffe Road, Darcy Lever, on the terms detailed in the report, and AUTHORISED the Borough Solicitor to complete the necessary documentation.

74. TONGE FOLD ALLOTMENTS – DESIGNATION AS STATUTORY ALLOTMENTS

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval to the designation of Tonge Fold Allotments as Statutory Allotments.

The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED the designation of Tonge Fold Allotments as Statutory Allotments as detailed in the report.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

The background papers and report in relation to the following item were considered confidential as defined in paragraphs 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.

75. LAND AT CHORLEY NEW ROAD, HORWICH AND MONTCLIFFE QUARRY

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report which sought the Executive Cabinet Member's approval for the Council to enter into an assignable option to purchase land at Chorley New Road, Horwich and for the grant of a nine year mineral extraction lease at Montcliffe Quarry, Horwich.

The Executive Cabinet Member AUTHORISED –

- (i) The Council to enter into an option to purchase land at Chorley New Road, Horwich and the grant of a new mineral extraction licence at Montcliffe Quarry, Horwich on the basis as detailed in the report; and**
- (ii) The Chief Property Officer to conclude all negotiations and instruct the Borough Solicitor to complete the necessary legal documentation.**

