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## **THE CABINET**

**MEETING, 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL, 2020**

Councillor Greenhalgh	Leader's Portfolio
Councillor Cox	Deputy Leader's Portfolio
Councillor Haslam	Highways and Transport
Councillor Muslim	Stronger Communities
Councillor Warren	Environmental Service Delivery
Councillor Hewitt	Strategic Housing and Planning
Councillor Galloway	Environmental Regulatory Services
Councillor Morgan	Adult Social Care
Councillor Baines	Wellbeing

### Other Members in Attendance

Councillor Walsh  
Councillor Dean  
Councillor P. Wild  
Councillor Allen  
Councillor Mrs. Thomas  
Councillor Peel  
Councillor Zaman  
Councillor Donaghy (as deputy for Councillor Adia)  
Councillor Hayes  
Councillor Hornby  
Councillor Sanders  
Councillor Brady

### Officers

Mr. T. Oakman	Chief Executive
Ms. S. Johnson	Director of Corporate Resource
Ms. H. Gorman	Borough Solicitor

Mrs. V. Ridge

Democratic Services Manager

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor  
Adia

Councillor Greenhalgh in the Chair.

## **80. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Resolved – That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act; 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.**

## **81. STRATEGIC INVESTMENT**

The Director of Corporate Resources submitted a report which sought members approval to provide support for a key asset in Greater Manchester as a result of the global pandemic COVID-19 and to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Resources and the Borough Solicitor to carry out the necessary actions and activities.

Members were advised that there was an urgent requirement for the local authority to consider support to a key asset in Greater Manchester as a result of the global pandemic COVID-19. It was stated that the asset was of strategic economic and financial importance to Manchester, GM and the North West and provided a significant number of jobs to local residents.

In terms of funding, the Council would access the Public Works Loans Board (PWLb) as part of its capital strategy and it was anticipated that income would exceed costs over the lifetime of the investment.

**Resolved – (i) That in accordance with paragraph 18 of Part 4, Access to Information Procedure Rules and paragraph 17 of Part 4 section E, Scrutiny Procedure Rules of the Council's constitution, and having consulted with and/or obtained the agreement of the relevant statutory officers and elected members, the matter be approved as urgent, in that any delay caused by the key decision and call-in processes, would seriously prejudice the legal and financial position of the Council and the interests of residents of Bolton and the decisions be exempt from call-in.**

**(ii) That the request to consider support for a key asset in Greater Manchester as a result of the global pandemic COVID-19 be approved and the Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Resources and the Borough Solicitor be granted delegated authority to carry out the necessary actions and activities.**