

## EXTRACT

### DEPUTY LEADER

A record of decisions made by the Executive Cabinet Member with responsibility for Adults, Public Health, Looked After Children, Safeguarding, Early Years, Schools and Skills:-

**MONDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2013**

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

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| Councillor Mrs Thomas                                 | - Executive Cabinet Member – Deputy Leader |
| Councillor Morgan                                     | - Major Opposition Spokesperson            |
| Councillor Hayes (as deputy for Councillor Swarbrick) | - Minor Opposition Spokesperson            |

#### **Looked After Children, Safeguarding and Early Years**

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| Councillor Murray | - Cabinet Member |
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#### **Schools and Skills**

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| Councillor McKeon | - Cabinet Member |
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#### **Adults**

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| Councillor Peacock | - Cabinet Member |
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#### **Public Health**

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| Councillor Bashir-Ismail | - Cabinet Member |
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#### **Officers**

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| Ms M. Asquith | - Director of Children's and Adult Services           |
| Mr J. Livesey | - Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |
| Mr. J. Daly   | - Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services |

Ms R. Tanner	- Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services
Mr T. Birch	- Assistant Director of Children's and Adult Services Head of Finance
Mr D. Smith	-
Mrs S. Bailey	- Principal Democratic Services Officer

## **51. 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 report.**

## **52. BOLTON WORKSHOPS FOR THE BLIND TRUST FUND**

Further to Minute 57 of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet Member held on 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2012, the Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which sought approval to transfer £80,015.54 from the Bolton Workshops and Homes for the Blind Trust Fund to Bolton Society for Blind People in order to facilitate the continuation of appropriate projects that supported blind people within Bolton.

The report reminded the Executive Cabinet Member that at her meeting in December, 2012, approval had been granted to amend the charitable objectives of the Bolton Workshops for the Blind to enable the charity to better service its charitable purpose of promoting the equality and wellbeing of visually impaired adults resident in Bolton.

In this regard, the report outlined a request received from the Bolton Society for Blind People for funding to facilitate the continuation of three highly successful projects in Bolton namely:

- the Befriending Service;
- the National Lottery Out of Sight Project; and
- a Saturday Club.

A number of additional projects would also be developed including self - sustainability plans and offering further support to the estimated 10,000 blind and partially sighted people of Bolton.

Further details on the projects and how the funding would be utilised were outlined in Annex A to the report. The Scheme objectives were in accordance with the revised Trust objects, as amended in July and December, 2012.

The funding requested totalled £79,533.94 as a contribution towards an overall programme cost of £88,574.68. It was proposed that remaining sum in the Fund of £80,015.54 be transferred in its entirety to the Trust to be used to support blind people in Bolton in accordance with the request made and the conditions as set out within the Trust's charitable objects.

**The Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

**The transfer of the remaining funds held within the Bolton Workshops and Homes for the Blind Trust Fund to the Bolton Society for Blind People in the sum of £80,015.54 on the basis detailed in the report now submitted.**

**53. ADULT SOCIAL CARE – LOCAL ACCOUNT 2012/13**

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which provided details of the Local Account 2012/13 and sought approval for its publication.

The report reminded the Executive Member that the Adult Social Care Local Account was a public facing self-assessment of how the Council had performed in its delivery of Adult Social Care in the previous year and was a replacement for the Annual Performance Assessment previously undertaken by the

Quality Care Commission.

A copy of the 2012/13 Local Account was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

**Following a recommendation of the Cabinet Member for Adults, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

**The publication of the 2012/13 Adult Social Care Local Account, as now submitted.**

#### **54. FOSTERING SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2012-13**

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which put forward the Council's Annual Fostering Report 2012/13 for information.

The report provided detailed information in relation to the work of the Bolton Fostering Service from 1st April, 2012 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2013.

**Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Looked after Children and Safeguarding, the Executive Cabinet Member NOTED 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.**

#### **55. DISABILITY DAY SERVICES RELOCATION**

A report of the Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which:

- provided an update on the Disability Day Service relocations together with details of the proposed change of locations; and
- information on the relocation of affected service users to their nearest base to ensure their eligible needs continued to be met.

The Executive Cabinet Member was reminded that the proposals were part of the Council's Budget report which aimed to yield savings by reducing the number of Disability Day Service locations and the lease costs associated with those buildings.

In addition, the proposal aimed to maximise capacity usage of the remaining services and their locations whilst ensuring that all service users who were currently in receipt of day services continued to have their eligible needs met.

**Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Adults, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

- (i) The relocation of the Disability Day Services provision on the basis detailed in the report now submitted;**
- (ii) Implementation of the relocation of service users on the basis detailed in the report now submitted; and**
- (iii) The savings related to the decommissioning of property leases, as detailed in the report now submitted.**

## **56. ADULT SERVICES CONTRACT RELET 2013/14**

The Director of Children's and Adult Services submitted a report which set out proposals to re-let and extend various contracts and grant making decisions in line with Council's Standing Orders.

The report advised that there were a significant number of contracts and funding arrangements that were due to end before, or on, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2014 and during 2014/15.

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Whilst work on commissioning plans was being progressed, there was a need to ensure continuity of services.

In this regard, the report set out various recommendations to achieve this aim, full details of which were attached to the report at Appendix 1.

**Following a recommendation from the Executive Member for Adults, the Executive Cabinet Member APPROVED –**

**The recommendations for contract extensions as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.**