

EXECUTIVE BOARD

14th July 2016

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

Mohammed Khan
Maureen Bateson
Damian Talbot

PORTFOLIO:

Leader
Children's Services
Leisure, Culture & Young People

Jim Smith
Phil Riley
Dave Harling
Andy Kay
Arshid Mahmood

Environment
Regeneration
Schools & Education
Resources
Neighbourhoods & Prevention Services

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

John Slater

NON-PORTFOLIO

Leader of the Conservative Group

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Hamzah Khan, Youth MP

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1	<u>Welcome & Apologies</u> The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Khan welcomed all present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Mustafa Desai and the two Deputy Youth MPs, Ummah Shah and Joshua Logan.	Approved
2	<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June 2016</u> The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 9 th June 2016 were agreed as a correct record.	Approved
3	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.	
4	<u>Equality Implications</u> The Chair asked Members to confirm that they had considered and understood any Equality Impact Assessments associated with reports on the agenda ahead of making any decisions.	Confirmed
5	<u>Public Forum</u> No questions from members of the public had been received.	

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6	<p><u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u></p> <p>No questions from Non-Executive Members had been received.</p>	
7	<p><u>Youth MPs Update</u></p> <p>The Youth MP and Deputy Youth MPs provided a verbal update on recent activities and events including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to Youth Clubs across Blackburn with Darwen were continuing. • A visit to meet some young people from KND (Kids Next Door) with Aspergers Syndrome next Thursday at Knott St Youth Club in Darwen to hear their views and opinions as well as young people who attend the pavilion in the infirmary area and an update would be provided at the next Executive Board Meeting. • The BwD Central Forum had recently attended a meeting with Ben Greenwood regarding the marketing and PR of health and social services. Forum Members had influenced the wording and the types of photographs images that would be used in the campaign so that young people felt involved. • YPS had contacted all schools and colleges within Blackburn and Darwen regarding the up-coming 'Make Your Mark Campaign'. So far 5 confirmations out of 24 had been received, so this was something both Hamzah and Ummaih would be promoting. • Hamzah would be attending the annual MYP sitting at York University next weekend, representing Blackburn with Darwen. • Darwen Youth Festival would be taking place on Saturday 16 July both in the Town Centre and at the Youth Club, activities included bands, singers, dancers along with bubble football, mobile climbing wall, arts and crafts and face-painting at the Youth Centre. The young people from Darwen Youth Club would be running a café and were hoping to raise some funds for a defibrillator to go outside the building. <p>Councillor Maureen Bateson made reference to an excellent presentation by young people at the Children and Young People's Overview & Scrutiny Committee entitled 'Lift your Lid' on risk taking behaviours, and the presentation highlighted artwork by young people which would be used at Kaleidoscope Youth & Community Centre and Darwen Youth Centre. It was suggested that this would be worth showing at a future Executive Board Meeting. Councillor Dave Harling advised that the presentation would be circulated via the Head Teachers Bulletin.</p>	Noted
8.1	<p><u>Leader's update</u></p> <p>Councillor Mohammed Khan advised that the first Shadow meeting for the Lancashire Combined Authority had been held earlier in the week, and that a Chair and Vice Chair had been appointed at the meeting.</p>	Noted

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8.2.1	<p data-bbox="336 69 1334 141"><u>0-5 Healthy Child Programme – Changes to realign targeted provision with an integrated delivery model</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 181 1334 472">Members received a report which advised that the Public Health Department was required to make significant in-year savings, as a result of Department of Health (DH) and Council cuts. Since the DH announcement of its reduced Public Health grant allocation in February 2016, the Public Health team alongside its providers had been determining where the savings could be made with minimal impact. There were two services proposed for achieving the savings targets that require Executive Board Decision:</p> <ul data-bbox="336 472 1334 705" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="336 472 1334 555">(i) re:refresh health and wellbeing offer – this would be covered in a separate paper on the agenda. <li data-bbox="336 584 1334 705">(ii) Changing targeted 0-5 Healthy Child Programme provision, whilst maintaining comprehensive universal 0-5 Healthy Child Programme service for all 0-5 year olds <p data-bbox="336 741 1334 1032">The purpose of the briefing was to provide the background information and the rationale for the proposal to change the targeted 0-5 Healthy Child Programme (HCP) offer due to the requirement to make in-year savings, until the comprehensive integrated 0-19 HCP delivery model was put in place for April 2017. Public Health had sought and followed clinical and corporate advice to enable the decision making process, including undertaking a public consultation exercise and impact assessments.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1070 1334 1294">A recent public consultation received a good response with 110 completed surveys. The aim of this exercise was to proactively seek views and comments on the proposal to change the targeted 0-5 HCP offer and keep the comprehensive core universal health visiting service for all families with children under 5 years (approximately 11,000 families).</p> <p data-bbox="336 1332 1334 1951">The findings from this public consultation exercise were considered alongside the research evidence base and the views and feedback from a wider professional stakeholder engagement process, which included a series of three half day workshops in February, March and May, with the aim of developing an effective integrated 0-19 HCP delivery model ready for April 2017 implementation. Feedback from this these HCP stakeholder events indicated strong support for a universal primary prevention and early intervention approach as research suggested this is the most effective strategy to promote a wide range of health and wellbeing outcomes for children, young people and their families. The alternative option, which was being considered by other Local Authorities to only provide specialist and intensive services for a small number of vulnerable families and have minimal support at the population or universal level, whereby needs may go unmet and preventable issues could escalate quickly to create increased demand on specialist services and the Borough’s health and wellbeing outcomes would decline.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1989 1334 2101">There were plans in place to implement a comprehensive wider public health stakeholder engagement plan over the next few months to consult the public on public health service priorities for 2017-18 and</p>	

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	<p>beyond. In addition, further public consultation was planned in year to further inform the wider 0-19 HCP delivery model for April 2017.</p> <p>Based on the significant financial risk facing the council, Public Health was recommending that the proposal was approved based on the available evidence, impact assessment, public consultation and the strategic direction of travel for the 0-19 HCP integrated delivery model which was on track for April 2017. The proposed in-year changes would, in effect, accelerate plans to strengthen the universal offer by realigning the targeted provision within the universal plus and partnership plus levels of the 0-5 HCP delivery model.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the content of the paper; 2. Approves the proposal to change and realign targeted resources to strengthen the core Health Visiting service to deliver an integrated 0-5 HCP offer across the continuum of need, and approve the in-year decommissioning of the Family Nurse Partnership service; and 3. Notes that a summary briefing paper outlining the full £1.4million in-year Public Health service changes will be presented to the Board in September for information based on the total Department of Health cuts. 	<p>Noted Approved</p> <p>Noted</p>
<p>8.2.2</p>	<p><u>Proposal to introduce a nominal fee for re: fresh activities</u></p> <p>As referred to in the previous agenda item the Public Health Department was required to make significant in-year savings, as a result of Department of Health (DH) funding reductions and Council budget reductions.</p> <p>The purpose of the briefing was to provide information on the potential impact of introducing an nominal fee of £1.00 for re:fresh activities, which were currently offered free of charge for residents and employees to attend selected gyms, swim and court sessions at defined off peak times and centres.</p> <p>Public Health had sought and followed corporate advice to develop this joint proposal with our Culture, Leisure and Sport department to enable the decision making process, including undertaking a public consultation exercise and completing a full impact assessment.</p> <p>A public consultation exercise was undertaken during May to June 2016 which received an excellent return with a total of 209 responses. With reference to the proposal, the majority of respondents 124 (63.9%) either 'strongly support' or 'tend to support' the council's proposal to introduce a nominal fee for re:fresh activities, whilst maintaining a wider re:fresh offer and retaining the specialist health improvement services.</p> <p>Based on the impact assessment and the findings of the public consultation in support of the proposal, Public Health were recommending that the proposal to introduce a nominal fee for re:fresh activities be approved.</p>	

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	<p>RESOLVED - That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the content of the paper; 2. Approves the proposal to introduce a nominal fee for re:fresh activities from 1st September 2016; and 3. Note that a summary briefing paper outlining all £1.4 million in-year Public Health service changes will be presented to the Executive Board in September for information based on the total Department of Health cuts. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p>
8.3	<p><u>Children's Services Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Maureen Bateson verbally reported on the latest position relating to the Regional Adoption Agency. There was currently enough funding until October to continue development work, with a Government announcement due at that time, and the Executive Board would continue to receive updates on progress.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
8.7	<p><u>Blakey Moor Townscape Heritage (TH) Project</u></p> <p>Members were advised that the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) had confirmed an award of £1.5 million to be matched by a further £1.5 million of Council funding (approved February 2016) for the delivery of the £3 million Blakey Moor Townscape Heritage project in Blackburn town centre.</p> <p>The project would focus on the Northgate Conservation area and included proposals for renovation and repair of the Victorian Blakey Moor terrace, former Baroque public house, King George's Hall front elevation and around 20 other historic buildings on Northgate and Lord Street West over the next 5 years.</p> <p>Property owners would be offered grants of up to 80% for conservation work and eligible works to help to bring vacant floor space back into commercial use. The project would also deliver an environmental enhancement scheme, a heritage skills training programme and a series of events to help raise the profile of the area's rich history and heritage.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Executive Board notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress of the Blakey Moor Townscape Heritage Project; 2. The update on the successful Heritage Lottery funding bid for £1.5 million programmed between 2016 and 2021; 3. The on-going consultation with property owners of 11-17 Blakey Moor and existing tenants of Blakey Moor Terrace; and 4. Delivery Programme going forward. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
8.9	<p><u>Schools & Education Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Dave Harling made reference to recent changes in the Government and the appointment of a new Secretary of State for Education.</p> <p><i>Ahead of consideration of the next item, Councillor Andy Kay advised</i></p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	<p><i>that in terms of section 6.1.7 in the report (Freckleton Street Acquisitions) a correction was required as follows:</i></p> <p><i>– As reported to the March Executive Board, an overspend of £1.201 million is forecast on this project of which £420,000 relates to 2015/16. The overall figure reflects the fact that the contribution expected from LTP did not materialise due to cost pressures on the Pennine Reach project.</i></p>	
<p>9.1</p>	<p><u>Corporate Budget Monitoring Report – 2015/16 Outturn position</u></p> <p>A report was submitted outlining the overall financial position of the Council, for both capital and revenue as at 31st March 2016, highlighting major issues and explaining variations since the last report, determining the year end position with regard to portfolio under/overspends; and considered the position with regard to earmarked reserves.</p> <p>The aggregate cost of the Council’s capital investment in 2015/16 was £65.548 million. In March this was estimated to be £72.815 million. The variance of £7.267 million was made up of £7.084 slippage and an increase to the capital programme of £83,000 as itemised in Appendix 2.</p> <p>Capital receipts to the value of £9.690 million were received in 2015/2016 and used in capital financing, as shown in Appendix 1. The revised estimate last reported was £9.700 million.</p> <p>The draft, unaudited 2015/16 statement of accounts reported that the Council’s net expenditure was £142.172 million which compares to the original budget for 2015/16 of £138.175 million, i.e. an increase in expenditure of £3.997 million.</p> <p>d) General Fund unallocated reserves stand at £5.067 million. At 31st March 2015 these stood at £6.651 million. The reduction related to a number of transfers to/from unallocated reserves that were approved during the year.</p> <p>e) The Council held earmarked reserves for discretionary purposes. These included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £2.453 million to fund improvements to assets, infrastructure and IT • £6.787 million to meet the cost of downsizing and transformation in future years including meeting redundancy costs • £3.465 million for People and Place services • £0.413 million for invest to save projects • £1.311 million set aside in respect of the council tax support scheme, business rates and welfare reform. • £2.475 million in respect of unspent grants and contributions 	

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	<p>carried forward.</p> <p>The Council also held reserves of £1.401 million for specified non-discretionary purposes. A further £19.760 million was available for spending for Schools and Education, and £0.363 million was held in respect of joint arrangements, charitable purposes and other ring-fenced commitments.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the final capital outturn as per Appendix 1, together with the variations shown in Appendix 2; 2. Agrees that the slippage of £7.348 million in the 2015/16 capital programme shall be carried forward and for the 2016/17 capital programme to be amended accordingly; 3. Approves the portfolio cash limit adjustments outlined in Appendix 3; 4. Agrees that there will be no general carry forward of underspends in respect of portfolio cash limits, but agrees to the specific amounts shown in Appendix 3 being carried forward from 2015/16 to 2016/17; 5. Agrees to the earmarked reserves position shown in Appendix 4; and 6. Agrees to the variations to revenue expenditure listed in Section 6.5 which would result in a revised balance of £5.067 million on the unallocated reserves at 31 March 2016. 	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p></p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>
<p>10.1</p>	<p><u>Petition relating to proposal – Housing Development on North Blackburn Development Site</u></p> <p>The Council had received two petitions objecting to development on the North Blackburn Development Site. A plan showing the location of the development site was attached.</p> <p>The first petition was signed mainly by residents living in the vicinity of the North Blackburn Development Site, objecting to a new road junction on Whinney Lane.</p> <p>This petition had been prompted by community consultation on a draft masterplan for the development of the site. The consultation material did show a potential vehicle access off Whinney lane. At the same time the material did emphasise that the information provided were initial design ideas based on preliminary work and that no decisions had been made on the details of the proposed development including vehicular access. The intention was that all resident feedback would be reviewed and considered in finalising the masterplan.</p> <p>The petition had been set up by the lead petitioner through an online company, www.change.org. By the end of the consultation period, 25 April 2016, the petition included 290 signatures including residents in the Borough and in the adjoining Ribble Valley area. The petition was still open; to date it included 307 signatures. It was possible that additional signatures may be added over time.</p> <p>The second petition had been signed by 660 residents living in the</p>	

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	<p>locality of the site, mainly outside the Borough within Ribble Valley. The lead petitioner had noted, in a covering email, that the signatures were principally from residents in Mellor. The petition objected to the development commenting on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Detrimental impact of increased traffic on the local highway and concerns that junction onto Whinney Lane will create a rat-run through Mellor and Ramsgrave; - Loss of Green Belt; - Lack of demand for new homes, and; - Lack of consultation with Ribble Valley residents. <p>The masterplan was still in a formative stage of preparation.</p> <p>All of the consultation responses had been recorded and were currently being reviewed. This would include an assessment of the implications for the development of the site and in turn would inform the development requirements to be set out in the final version masterplan document.</p> <p>With regard to the petitioners' transport and highways related comments, these will be considered as part of the ongoing technical work needed to complete a Transport Assessment (TA). The TA would evaluate the transport implications of the development of the site and will be used to support and inform the key development principles set out in the masterplan including access.</p> <p>The Council would respond as positively as possible to resident's concerns. However it was acknowledged that it may not be possible to address all of the matters raised in finalising the masterplan.</p> <p>A report bringing the masterplan forward for adoption would be presented to the Executive Member for Regeneration in due course later in the year. The report would set out how resident's concerns had been taken into account in the final version of the masterplan.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the receipt of the petitions; 2. Acknowledges that the points raised will be noted as resident feedback to the consultation process on the preparation of a masterplan for the North Blackburn Development Site; 3. Acknowledges that the petitioners' concerns will be reviewed and appraised in developing the final version of the masterplan; and 4. Agrees that the lead petitioners are informed of this. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Acknowledged</p> <p>Acknowledged</p> <p>Agreed</p>
10.2	<p><u>Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 14th June 2016</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 14th June 2016 were submitted for information.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p>on 14th June 2016 be noted.</p> <p>Signed at a meeting of the Board on the day of (being the next ensuing meeting of the Board) Chair of the meeting at which the minutes were confirmed</p>	