

EXECUTIVE BOARD

9th March 2017

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

Mohammed Khan
Maureen Bateson
Damian Talbot
Jim Smith
Phil Riley
Arshid Mahmood
Andy Kay
Mustafa Desai
Dave Harling

PORTFOLIO:

Leader
Children's Services
Leisure, Culture & Young People
Environment
Regeneration
Neighbourhoods & Prevention Services
Resources
Health & Adult Social Care
Schools & Education

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

John Slater

NON-PORTFOLIO

Leader of the Conservative Group

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Hamza Khan, Youth MP and Ummaih Shah
and Joshua Logan, Deputy Youth MPs

	Item	Action
1	<u>Welcome & Apologies</u> The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Khan welcomed all present to the meeting.	
2	<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th February 2016</u> The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 9 th February were agreed as a correct record.	Approved
3	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> Councillor Damian Talbot declared an interest in Agenda Item 8.6.1 Strengthening Communities (wife works for BwD CVS).	
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 had been received from members of the public.	

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6	<p><u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u></p> <p>No questions had been received from Non-Executive Members.</p>	
7	<p><u>Youth MPs Update</u></p> <p>The Youth MP Hamza Khan verbally updated the Executive Board as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This was Hamza’s last meeting as Youth MP, and he had enjoyed the experience very much. • He received the One Voice Youth of the Year Award for his commitment and dedication to being a voice for young people in BwD. • Hamza had recently participated in a focus group on prescription charges. • Hamza had also been nominated for a SLYNCS award, the results of which would be known on 24th March. <p>Elle and Kathleen, two of the Youth MP candidates outlined their work on several of the activities that took place during International Women’s Week and on a cohesion residential for girls aged 8-12 and subsequent wider art sessions which led to the graffiti boards on display at the meeting and reference was made to a related graffiti project on gender inequality.</p> <p>Two videos were also shown, one relating to International Women’s Day which took place on 8th March, the other containing the campaign videos for the various candidates for Youth MP.</p> <p>Councillor Maureen Bateson made reference to the excellent work undertaken by the young people and also to the support for International Women’s Day, in particular from Holly Nicholson and Andrea Sturgess, from the Council’s Communications Team.</p> <p>Councillor Bateson also confirmed that a report on Takeover Day had been submitted to the Children’s Partnership Board and that recommendations would be looked at further, particularly in relation to Mental Health.</p> <p>Several Executive Board Members referred to Hamza’s excellent contribution and thanked him for his efforts. Reference was also made to the quality of the candidates up for election and the importance of the themes arising, many of which were recurring themes.</p>	

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8.1	<p><u>Leader's Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Mohammed Khan verbally reported that the full details of the Chancellor's Budget Statement needed to be evaluated, particularly relating to the Better Care Fund. Any extra money was welcome to help meet the budget shortfall, and that by 2020 Health and Social Care needed to be integrated.</p>	Noted
8.3.1	<p><u>Fostering Service Quarterly Report – October-December 2016</u></p> <p>A report was submitted which provided information to the Council's Executive Board on the management and performance of the Local Authority's Fostering Service. This report covered the third quarter of 2016-2017, from 1st October to 31st December 2016, and provided an overview of the service.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <p>Notes the quarterly report which is available on the Council website.</p>	Noted
8.4	<p><u>Environment Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Jim Smith advised that 9,000 people had signed up for Brown Bin collections, which meant the service now paid for itself.</p>	Noted
8.6	<p><u>Strengthening Communities; Volunteering in Lancashire</u></p> <p>It was reported that following a call for projects by the Lancashire LEP and with agreement from the Chief Executive and Director of Finance and IT, an application was developed with partners and submitted by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council as lead partner to the European Structural and Investment Funds Programme (ESIF) for funding from Investment Priority 1.4: Active Inclusion. This focussed on supporting people with multiple and complex barriers to participate in the labour market to address these underlying issues and to move them closer to or into the labour market and to engage marginalised individuals and support them to re-engage with education, training or employment.</p> <p>Strengthening Communities; Volunteering in Lancashire was a Public and Voluntary Sector project which aimed to boost access to volunteering across Lancashire, engaging individuals who would not otherwise participate in such activities, and providing them with life and work skills that would improve their chances of future employment.</p> <p>Officers had been verbally informed by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), the Managing Authority for the Fund that they had recommended the project for approval. A formal Funding Agreement Letter was expected at any time. In anticipation of its arrival and to eliminate any unnecessary delays, Board Members were asked to</p>	

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	<p>consider the recommendation below.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the appointment of Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council as the Accountable Body for the ESIF Strengthening Communities Volunteering in Lancashire project; and • Approves the Council entering into a Funding Agreement with the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions for the project. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
<p>8.7.1</p>	<p><u>Adoption of the Masterplan for North Blackburn Development Site</u></p> <p>Members received a report on the adoption of the Masterplan for North Blackburn Development Site.</p> <p>The North Blackburn Development Site was a housing land allocation in the Council's <i>Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies, adopted December 2015</i>.</p> <p>The Local Plan required that a Masterplan covering the whole of the allocation site be agreed by the Council before planning consent was granted for development on any part of the site.</p> <p>The principle purpose and role of the Masterplan was to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set out the spatial vision and framework for the comprehensive planning and delivery of housing development across the whole site; 2. Set out site-wide design principles to ensure a complementary approach on individual sites; 3. Signpost developers to relevant planning policies and guidance that will need to be taken into account in the preparation of detailed proposals on individual land parcels, and: 4. Guide and inform decision making on individual planning applications including advice on developer contributions. <p>Community and stakeholder consultation was an integral part of the preparation of the Masterplan.</p> <p>On the basis of the information considered and reviewed in the preparation of the Masterplan the proposals set out in the Masterplan framework were considered to be viable and deliverable.</p> <p>The Masterplan would, alongside planning policies in the Local Plan, be a material consideration in the review of and decision making on all planning applications for development on this site. It would also help to secure suitable developer contributions for identified infrastructure requirements.</p>	

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	<p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <p>Approves the adoption of the Masterplan for North Blackburn Development Site.</p>	Approved
9.1	<p><u>Disposal of Land off Wainwright Way</u></p> <p>A report was submitted which sought approval to the disposal of a number of plots of land off Wainwright Way.</p> <p>The plots of land were marketed for sale by informal tender on the basis as outlined in the previous report to the Executive Member for Resources and the Executive Member for Regeneration in May 2016.</p> <p>Following an extensive marketing campaign a number of expressions of interest were received and following a review of these between Capita, Council officers, the Executive Member for Resources and the Executive Member for Regeneration, five parties were invited to submit formal tenders. The tenders had been evaluated in accordance with the criteria referred to in the report.</p> <p>Four informal tenders were submitted by the closing date, which was 2.00 pm. on Friday 20th January 2017. The tenders were opened on 23rd January 2017 and all bidders were compliant with the tender requirements. Terms had been previously agreed to offer the property to the highest bidder by way of a 25- year lease subject to planning consent and other conditions.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the provisionally agreed terms relating to the disposal of these plots of land; • Delegates authority to the relevant Director in consultation with the Executive Member, Resources to approve the final heads of terms; and • Authorises the Director of HR, Legal and Corporate Services to complete the necessary legal formalities. <p>AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
11.1	<p><u>Disposal of land off Wainwright Way</u></p> <p>Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 9.1 an additional report was submitted containing additional commercially sensitive information.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the provisionally agreed terms relating to the disposal of these plots as detailed in this Report; 	Approved

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 69 1337 192">• Delegates authority to the relevant Director in consultation with the Executive Member, Resources to approve the final heads of terms; and <li data-bbox="384 226 1337 304">• Authorises the Director of HR, Legal and Corporate Services to complete the necessary legal formalities. <p data-bbox="571 412 1099 651" style="text-align: center;">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> 	<p data-bbox="1362 69 1501 103">Approved</p> <p data-bbox="1362 248 1501 282">Approved</p>

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