

EXECUTIVE BOARD

9th November 2017

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

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

PORTFOLIO:

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

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

John Slater

NON-PORTFOLIO

Leader of the Conservative Group

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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 Phil Riley, Ummah Shah (Youth MP), Elle Walsh and Aliyah Shah, (Deputy Youth MPs).				
2	<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th October 2017</u> The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 12 th October 2017 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> There were no questions submitted by Members of the Public.				
6	<u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u> <table border="1"><thead><tr><th>Name of Member</th><th>Subject Area</th><th>Executive Member and Portfolio</th></tr></thead><tbody></tbody></table>	Name of Member	Subject Area	Executive Member and Portfolio	
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Councillor Neil Slater	Funding for East Darwen Corridor Road	Councillor Phil Riley, Regeneration	
	<p>Councillor Mohammed Khan provided a response to the question and supplementary question arising and advised that the question was based on the assumption that the funding was dependent on a house builder being in place, which was not the case.</p>		
8.3	<u>Children's Services Update</u>		
	<p>Councillor Maureen Bateson verbally reported that a report on the outcome of the recent Ofsted Review would be published on the 8th December 2017.</p>		Noted
8.4.1	<u>Equipped Play Assets Strategy 201-22</u>		
	<p>It was reported that the number of equipped play assets across the Borough had grown significantly over the years and since 2010 the Council's resources had reduced, meaning decreased budgets to invest in maintaining and renewing facilities. Coupled with this the Council had to deal with increasing demands to respond to damage from vandalism and anti-social behaviour.</p>		
	<p>The Equipped Play Area Strategy 2017-2022 provided a comprehensive review of play assets their classification, location and accessibility. Review of the condition, risk rating and usage of the facilities identified the strategic priority sites for Blackburn with Darwen in the form of Destination Equipped Area for Play (DEAPs) and Neighbourhood Equipped Area for Play (NEAPs) to channel resources for improving the quality of play assets for the Borough. The review also identified areas in the Borough that would benefit with a strategic NEAP/DEAP equipped play facility. The strategy defined the Borough's minimum standard of equipment for DEAPs in order for them to be classed as 'Destinations' for families and young people to travel to.</p>		
	<p>The next stage would lead to the implementation and development of the subsequent action plan in line with the Strategy. As part of the implementation of the strategy and future action plan, consultation on the future development of the sites would be required to ensure health and safety was prioritised and the quality of equipped play assets were managed effectively across the Borough according to the strategy.</p>		
	<p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the Equipped Play Area Strategy 2017-2022; • Delegate authority to the Director of Environment & Leisure and Executive Member for Environment to implement the Equipped Play Area Strategy 2017-2022; and • Approve the use of capital receipts from decommissioning of play assets to be recycled and used to fund the 		<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>

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8.7.1	<p>implementations of the strategy. A joint action plan to be developed with the Council's Planning functions to ensure improved alignment of Section 106 funding.</p> <p><u>Darwen East Development Corridor: Application for Full Approval</u></p> <p>The Executive Board receive an update on progress made with the Darwen East Development Corridor major transport scheme and were requested to agree to the application for Full Approval being made to the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership.</p> <p>The quality of the Borough's housing offer was an important factor in determining the future prosperity of Blackburn with Darwen and was a key priority for the Council to widen the choice of housing within the Borough, in particular the delivery of larger family homes. The Darwen East Development Corridor (DEDC) major scheme offered the opportunity to deliver this wider housing offer on a viable site situated on the fringe of the Darwen urban area, with good accessibility to Town and wider transport networks.</p> <p>In order to accelerate the delivery of new housing in Darwen and mitigate the impacts of the traffic associated with the delivery of new housing on allocated sites on the highway network, a package of measures was presented and had been packaged as the DEDC major scheme.</p> <p>The "Ellison Fold / Baileys Field" site in East Darwen had been long identified for development. It was a safeguarded site in the previous local plan and was identified as a housing land allocation in the Council's adopted (December 2015) Local Plan Part 2 within Policy 16/14. Landowners had confirmed they were willing for the site to be brought forward for development.</p> <p>The DEDC major scheme would deliver a new link road on the eastern side of Darwen. This would unlock land to enable the future development of new housing and improve access to local employment opportunities identified within the Council's adopted Local Plan. The scheme also provided a local traffic alternative for residents in South East Darwen to get to M65 Junctions 4 and 5.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the Full Approval application to the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP); 2) Approves the purchase of land and properties related to the project; 3) Gives approval to accept the main contract tender subject to confirmation of Full Approval acceptance from the LEP; 4) Approves the appropriation of land between Council departments to deliver the scheme subject to compliance with relevant statutory considerations and public notice where relevant; 	<p></p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>

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	<p>5) Notes that further reporting will be made at appropriate stages within the project's progression; and</p> <p>6) Gives approval to the Director of Growth and Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration to make amendments to the Full Approval application, as part of the final LEP approval process and to deal with any further matters relating to the land appropriation.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>
<p>9.1</p>	<p><u>Corporate Capital Budget and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report 2017/18</u></p> <p>A report was submitted on the overall financial position of the Council in respect of the capital programme as at 30th September 2017, highlighting issues and explaining variations in the first 6 months of the financial year.</p> <p>The projected aggregate cost of the Council's capital investment programme for 2017/18 had been adjusted from £38.946 million, as approved by Executive Board on 10th August 2017, to £28.136 million. The net variation of £10.81 million (detailed in Appendix 2) reflected;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • variations made to reflect the approval of programmes during the second quarter of the year (£269,000) • re-profiling of budgets during the second quarter of the year (£11.079 million) <p>As at 30th September 2017, the capital expenditure across the portfolios was £5.722 million (20.34% of the current, revised projected spend).</p> <p>The estimate of capital receipts expected in 2017/18 was £2.557 million; to date £290,000 had been received.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the revised capital programme as per Appendix 1; and • Approve the variations to the programme shown in Appendix 2 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
<p>9.2</p>	<p><u>Corporate Revenue Budget Monitoring Report Quarter 2 – 2017/18</u></p> <p>Members received a report on the overall revenue financial position of the Council, highlighting any significant issues and explaining variations in the first quarter of the financial year.</p> <p>Actual revenue expenditure at 30th September 2017 in relation to controllable budgets across all portfolios was £50.598 million, which was 46.34% of the current budget. Further details relating to the financial position of each portfolio were outlined in Section 6.</p> <p>General Fund unallocated reserves were forecast to be £6.224</p>	

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	<p>million at 31st March 2018 based on information available at that time.</p> <p>Based on the information currently available, earmarked reserves available for discretionary use within the Council were forecast to be £11.972 million at 31st March 2018 compared with a balance of £13.874 million at 31st March 2017, with a further £17.282 million of other reserves held mainly in relation to schools.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the portfolio budget adjustments outlined in Appendix 1 • Approve the earmarked reserves position shown in Appendix 2; and • Approve the variations to revenue expenditure, as listed in Section 6, giving rise to a forecast balance of £6.224 million in the unallocated General Fund revenue reserve at 31st March 2018. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
<p>9.3</p>	<p><u>Blackburn with Darwen Designation as a Breastfeeding Friendly Borough</u></p> <p>The Executive Board was advised that a local priority within the Local Authority Declaration on Healthy Weight was the ambition for Blackburn with Darwen to be a Breastfeeding Friendly Borough. This designation signified the commitment of to give the best start to babies and to support breastfeeding mums to continue to breastfeed for as long as possible. It was well known that breastfeeding impacted on babies’ physical and mental health and well-being from birth and lasted a whole lifetime. In Blackburn with Darwen, not all babies and children benefitted, as breastfeeding rates fell from 74% at birth to around 40% at 6 weeks. This commitment to become a Breastfeeding Friendly Borough would help to improve rates it was known that many mothers stopped breastfeeding as they did not always see how they could breastfeed out of home life, nor did they feel welcomed or confident to breastfeed anywhere, at any time.</p> <p>The report did give further details of the approach, and Blackburn with Darwen’s Community Commitment ‘Feeding Future Generations’ (Appendix A) outlined how all parts of the community could encourage and support mums to continue breastfeeding their baby for as long as possible.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes that creating a supportive environment that enables women to breastfeed is a collective responsibility and that breastfeeding has health and wellbeing benefits for both mother and baby, which can last a lifetime; and • Agrees to support Blackburn with Darwen as a Breastfeeding Friendly Borough as part of the recently adopted Local Authority Declaration on Healthy Weight. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>

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11.1	<p data-bbox="336 107 1315 174"><u>PART 2 - THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 219 1315 286"><u>Darwen East Development Corridor: Application for Full Approval</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 331 1315 398">Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 8.7.1, an additional report was submitted containing commercially sensitive information.</p> <p data-bbox="336 443 922 477"><u>RESOLVED</u> – That the Executive Board;</p> <ol data-bbox="384 510 1315 1261" style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="384 510 1315 589">1) Approves the Full Approval application to the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP); <li data-bbox="384 611 1315 689">2) Approves the purchase of land and properties related to the project; <li data-bbox="384 712 1315 790">3) Gives approval to accept the main contract tender subject to confirmation of Full Approval acceptance from the LEP; <li data-bbox="384 813 1315 958">4) Approves the appropriation of land between Council departments to deliver the scheme subject to compliance with relevant statutory considerations and public notice where relevant; <li data-bbox="384 981 1315 1059">5) Notes that further reporting will be made at appropriate stages within the project's progression; and <li data-bbox="384 1081 1315 1261">6) Gives approval to the Director of Growth and Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration to make amendments to the Full Approval application, as part of the final LEP approval process and to deal with any further matters relating to the land appropriation. <p data-bbox="539 1440 1010 1473" style="text-align: center;">Signed at a meeting of the Board</p> <p data-bbox="683 1507 866 1541" style="text-align: center;">on the day of</p> <p data-bbox="512 1641 1090 1675" style="text-align: center;">(being the ensuing meeting of the Board)</p> <p data-bbox="419 1709 1241 1742" style="text-align: center;">Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed</p>	<p data-bbox="1369 510 1520 544">Approved</p> <p data-bbox="1369 622 1520 656">Approved</p> <p data-bbox="1369 734 1520 768">Approved</p> <p data-bbox="1369 801 1520 835">Approved</p> <p data-bbox="1401 992 1489 1025">Noted</p> <p data-bbox="1369 1104 1520 1137">Approved</p>