

EXECUTIVE BOARD

8th March 2018

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

Mustafa Desai
Maureen Bateson
Damian Talbot
Jim Smith
Arshid Mahmood
Andy Kay
Phil Riley

PORTFOLIO:

Health and Adults
Children's Services
Leisure, Culture & Young People
Environment
Neighbourhoods & Prevention Services
Resources
Regeneration

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

John Slater

NON-PORTFOLIO

Leader of the Conservative Group

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ellie Walsh Youth MP, Aliyah Shah and Sameer Ali, Deputy Youth MPs

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1	<p><u>Welcome & Apologies</u></p> <p>The Deputy Leader of the Council, Councillor Phil Riley welcomed all present to the meeting, in particular the newly elected Youth MP and Deputy Youth MPs. Apologies were received from the Leader, Councillor Mohammed Khan, and from Councillor Dave Harling.</p>									
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th February 2018</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 8th February 2018 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	Approved								
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.</p>									
4	<p><u>Equality Implications</u></p> <p>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.</p>	Confirmed								
5	<p><u>Public Forum</u></p> <p>No questions were submitted by members of the public.</p>									
6	<p><u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Member</th> <th>Subject Area</th> <th>Executive Portfolio</th> <th>Member and Portfolio</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Member	Subject Area	Executive Portfolio	Member and Portfolio					
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Councillor Jacqui Slater	Use of Section 106 money from the Red House development for double yellow lines along Jack Walker Way, Blackburn	Councillor Phil Riley, Regeneration
<p>Councillor Riley provided a response to the question and supplementary question arising, advising that the uses of monies from the Section 106 Agreement could only be used for earmarked purposes, however match day parking issues were being continually monitored and efforts made to minimise the impact on residents, and that appropriate measures would be considered, including use of traffic enforcement officers to book illegally parked cars.</p>		
7	<p><u>Youth MPs Update</u></p> <p>The Youth MP and Deputy Youth MPs provided a verbal update, the key details of which were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There had been a fantastic turnout in the recent Youth Elections with a 2000 vote increase since last year. Campaign issues for the next 12 months would be Mental Health, A curriculum to prepare us for life and Votes at 16. A meeting with Jake Berry would take place at the end of the month to discuss votes at 16. • Attending meetings such as the Food Poverty workshops where Youth MPs met with other young people from Nightsafe, Youthzone and The Studio. The aim was to reduce the stigma attached to young people and their families using foodbanks and with ideas to help support families in the Borough particularly in school holiday periods. • Aliyah had been invited to Media City Salford last month to be interviewed live on air by Nihal for BBC Asian Network, where she was given some very challenging questions particularly on segregation in BwD. . • Attendance at the march4women rally in London which was an amazing experience with so many women and girls marching for equality. 24 girls from across the Borough's junior clubs had also participated in a 3 day residential in preparation for International Women's Day. • The YPS Participation & Youthvoice project had been re-awarded Investing in Children award for the second year. • Aliyah had been nominated by YPS for the High Sheriff's award for her fantastic work in the BwD Youth Forum and was a finalist in the forthcoming ceremony at Hutton 	

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	Headquarters.	
8.3	<u>Children's Services Update</u>	
	Councillor Maureen Bateson thanked all concerned in organising the successful International Women's Day events held across the past few days.	Noted
8.3.1	<u>Quarter 3 Fostering Report – 1 October 2017 – 31st December 2017</u>	
	A report was submitted which provided information on the management of the Local Authority's Fostering Service for the third quarter of 2017- 2018, covering the period from 1 st October to 31st December 2017, and which provided an overview of the Service.	
	RESOLVED – That the Executive Board note this quarterly report which is available on the Council website.	Noted
8.3.2	<u>Ofsted Inspection Action Plan</u>	
	As reported to Full Council on 25 th January 2018, the Council's recent Ofsted inspection resulted in nine recommendations being made with a further 3 recommendations in respect of the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).	
	The action plan had been submitted to Ofsted in line with their inspection framework and would continue to be monitored by Ofsted, with the next meeting between the Director of Children's Services (DCS) and Ofsted scheduled to take place in March 2018. The LSCB was not under any requirement to share its plan with Ofsted nor was it subject to the same ongoing discussions with Ofsted with regard to progress.	
	The version of the action plan shared with the report was the original plan submitted to Ofsted; the plan was monitored by the Children's Services Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and updated on a regular basis.	
	A further update report on progress would be shared with the Executive Board later in the year.	
	RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the contents of the action plan 	Noted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note that progress against the action plan will be overseen by the Children's Overview & Scrutiny Committee, who may choose to delegate relevant aspects of this responsibility to the Corporate Parenting Specialist Advisory Group as appropriate; and 	Noted
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note that a further update report on progress will be shared with the Executive Board later in the year. 	Noted

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9.1	<p><u>Managing Unauthorised Encampments/Sites Protocol</u></p> <p>A report was submitted which sought the Executive Board's approval of the reviewed and updated joint protocol for managing and dealing with unauthorised traveller encampments in the Borough.</p> <p>The protocol was approved by Executive Board in September 2015 and had recently been reviewed and updated with minor amendments</p> <p>The only main changes to the protocol had been in relation to a job title, the agencies to contact at Appendix 5 and welfare assessment reporting.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the updated multi-agency protocol for dealing with unauthorised encampments; and • Delegate further reviews and minor amendments to the Director of Legal, HR and Corporate Services, in consultation with the Executive Members. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
9. 2	<p><u>National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF): Project Update</u></p> <p>The Executive Board was asked to approve the progression of the National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) project for delivery in financial years 2018/19 and 2019/20. The £2.9m project, funded by the Council and the Department for Transport aimed to remove vehicular congestion and conflicts, improve movement and access to significant new development sites and deal with congestion and access issues which are currently restricting economic activity and local productivity in the inner urban area around and into Blackburn Town Centre.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the progression of the project; 2. Approves the commencement of land and property negotiation relating to the project; 3. Notes that further reporting will be made at appropriate stages within the project's progression; 4. Notes that funding for the project will be via the Council's Local Transport Plan and DfT direct grant; and 5. Gives approval to the Director of Growth and Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration to make amendments to the project. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>
9. 3	<p><u>Local Transport Plan 2018/19 Programme</u></p> <p>Members received a report which sought approval for the detailed Local Transport Plan (LTP3) programme for the financial year 2018/19 and in outline from 2019/20 and 2020/21. The LTP3 Strategy covering the period 2011-2021 was originally approved by</p>	

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	<p>Council Forum on 28th April 2011.</p> <p>In addition to the agreed goals approved in 2011, The LTP 3 also had a further cross cutting priority to promote the management of the Council's transport assets.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the Local Transport Plan 3 detailed programme for 2018/19; • Approves the Local Transport Plan 3 outline programme from 2019/20 to 2020/21; and • Delegates authority to the Director of Growth and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration, to amend, seek and accept tenders subject to adequate budget. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
<p>9.4</p>	<p><u>Closure of Blakey's café bar at King George's Hall and Progression with Grant of Lease of the Site</u></p> <p>Members were reminded that the Council undertook a review of the operating costs at King George's Hall in 2016. As a result of this review the opening hours for Blakey's café bar were reduced to make savings because the café bar had operated at a loss in 2016 and the Council could not afford to subsidise the facility in future years.</p> <p>Despite the closure every Monday and reduction in opening hours, Tuesday to Saturday, Blakey's continued to make an operating loss in 2017/18, hence the Council had to consider options for the future operation of the facility. This consideration was to be made independently of any potential opportunities that could arise.</p> <p>In November 2017, the Council received an informal enquiry from an interested party about the availability of business premises in Blackburn town centre for a new restaurant. The availability of Blakey's Café Bar at King George's Hall was discussed and in December 2017, the interested party informally declared an interest in the site.</p> <p>The Council instructed Brady's of Manchester to measure, inspect and advise on the 'Blakey's' food and beverage offer; i.e., the likely tenants; the anticipated market rent and the preferred leasing mechanism.</p> <p>The Council also instructed Brady's to undertake a 'soft' marketing campaign to those operators considered to offer the right style and mix of food offer, to include the sale of alcohol that could operate a large venue such as Blakey's.</p> <p>During the soft marketing period, negotiations with the interested party made good progress, and it was considered that in principle, a lease could be agreed with them.</p>	

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	<p>The proposed closure recommended in the report was being made independently of any of the potential opportunities set out in the report. Five Members of staff were currently employed by Blakey's and the Council would make all efforts to redeploy the staff.</p> <p>1. RESOLVED - That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the closure of Blakey's from Thursday 22 March 2018; 2. Approves the principle of granting a lease to the interested party for the Blakey's site; and 3. Delegates authority to negotiate and agree the lease terms and other connected matters between the Council and the interested party to the Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Environment and Leisure in consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Young People and the Executive Member for Resources and bring a further report to the Executive Board for approval. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
<p>9. 5</p>	<p><u>Growth Deal 3 – Pennine Gateways Project Update</u></p> <p>The Executive Board was asked to approve the progression of the Growth Deal 3 “Pennine Gateways” project for delivery from April 2018 to March 2021. The project consisted of three infrastructure packages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Furthergate: Completion of the Burnley Road link road from Red Lion Roundabout to Gorse Street and a new signalised Gorse Street junction • North Blackburn: Brownhill roundabout upgrade, Pleckgate Road / Ramsgreave Drive junction improvements plus Whalley Old Road / Whitebirk Drive junction capacity upgrade • South East Blackburn: Haslingden Road highway improvements including widening and upgraded roundabouts at major access points plus new a new link road to Link Blackamoor Road with Roman Road <p>The Pennine Gateways project would support the sustainable delivery of new homes, new businesses and jobs in the three growth areas of the Borough whilst contributing to alleviating congestion.</p> <p>The project had been approved in principle by the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (LEP) for funding and was given “Programme Entry” in Spring 2017 as part of Central Government’s Growth Deal 3 announcement. Majority funding for delivery came via the LEP with physical and financial completion required by March 2021.</p>	

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	<p>RESOLVED - That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the progression of the project and the associated infrastructure packages; 2. Approves the commencement of land and property negotiation relating to the project; 3. Notes that further reporting will be made, before the application for Full Approval is made for each project package to the LEP; 4. Notes that funding for the project will be via the Council's Local Transport Plan and the LEP; and 5. Gives approval to the Director of Growth and Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration to make amendments to the project. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>
11	<p><u>PART 2 - THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS</u></p>	
11.1	<p><u>Local Transport Plan 2018/19 Programme</u></p> <p>Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 9.3, an additional report was submitted containing commercially sensitive information.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the Local Transport Plan 3 detailed programme for 2018/19; • Approves the Local Transport Plan 3 outline programme from 2019/20 to 2020/21; and • Delegates authority to the Director of Growth and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration, to amend, seek and accept tenders subject to adequate budget provision. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
11.2	<p><u>Closure of Blakey's café bar at King George's Hall and Progression with Grant of Lease of the Site</u></p> <p>Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 9.4, an additional report was submitted containing commercially sensitive information.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the closure of Blakey's from Thursday 22 March 2018; 2. Approves the principle of granting a lease to the interested party for the Blakey's site; and 3. Delegates authority to negotiate and agree the lease terms and other connected matters between the Council and the interested party to the Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Environment and Leisure in consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Young People 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>

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	<p>and the Executive Member for Resources and bring a further report to the Executive Board for approval.</p> <p>Signed at a meeting of the Board on the day of</p> <p>(being the ensuing meeting of the Board)</p> <p>Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed</p>	