

**EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**SUMMARY OF DECISIONS**

**THURSDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 2019**

(Note: any verbal updates provided by Executive Members and the Youth MPs will be summarised in the Minutes of the meeting)

	<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>Key Action</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2018 were agreed as a correct record.	Approved
<b>Leader</b>			
<b>Health and Adult Social Care</b>			
<b>Children, Young People and Education</b>			
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Quarter 2 Fostering Report</b>	That the Executive Board:  Notes the Quarterly Report which is available on the Council's website.	Approved
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Six Monthly Adoption Report</b>	That the Executive Board:  Notes this six monthly report.	Approved
<b>Environment</b>			
<b>Leisure and Culture</b>			
<b>Neighbourhood and Prevention Services</b>			
<b>Regeneration</b>			

8.3	<b>Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation</b>	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agree that the Issues and Options Document should be approved for consultation;</li> <li>2. Delegate to the Director of Growth &amp; Development (in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration) any editorial amendments to the Issues and Options Document prior to its final publication for consultation.</li> </ol>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
<b>Resources</b>			
8.4	<b>Approval of the Lancashire Bid to become a 75% Business Rates Retention (BRR) Pilot for 2019/20</b>	<p>2.1. That the Executive Board notes that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1.1 Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (BwD), will become a member of the Lancashire Business Rates Pool Member for the 2019/20 financial year following confirmation of the success of the bid to become a 75% Business Rates Retention pilot area, that was submitted in September 2018</li> <li>2.1.2 Within the bid, the first 5% of any additional growth in Business Rates in Lancashire (i.e. in the move from 50% to 75% BRR), will be used to create a 'resilience reserve' to mitigate against any associated, additional loss for a council as a result of them being a pilot member. If funds are remaining in this reserve at the end of the pilot, this will be used to further compensate individual councils facing a loss.</li> <li>2.1.3 Within the bid, a further 25% of the additional growth will be set aside to create a Lancashire wide fund to be used to target strategic economic growth and sustainability. This investment fund will be allocated on the basis of unanimous decision by members of the Lancashire</li> </ol>	Noted

		<p>Leaders Business Rates Pilot Group.</p> <p>2.1.4 Within the bid, the remaining retained growth will be apportioned according to the new tier splits i.e. Districts 56% (currently 40%); County Council 17.5% (currently 9%); unitaries 73.5% (currently 49%); fire 1.5% (currently 1%) to promote local economic growth and to enable the financial sustainability of pool members.</p> <p>2.1.5 That responsibility for finalising the arrangements for the pilot is delegated to the Director of Finance and Customer Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources.</p> <p>2.1.6 That once further information is released by Government on this, as part of the final Local Government Finance Settlement, this will be included in the 2019/20 Budget Reports presented to Finance Council in February 2019.</p>	
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Corporate Complaints Report 2017/18</b>	That the Executive Board notes the report.	Noted
<b>9.1</b>	<b>Council Office Accommodation Strategy Update</b>	<p>That the Executive Board notes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Further to the Executive Board report of February 2018, the level of refurbishment planned for Blackburn Town Hall is being scaled back in line with the Council's ongoing budget constraints. .</li> <li>2. The proposed reduced refurbishment works will be funded from the existing accommodation strategy capital programme fund.</li> <li>3. A further report will be brought on the future options for the Tower Block.</li> </ol>	Noted

Reports for the meeting can be accessed via the following link:

<https://democracy.blackburn.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=162&MIId=1545&Ver=4>