

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH, 2023

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

	ITEM	RECOMMENDATION	Key Action
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 th February 2023 be agreed as a correct record.	Recommendations Approved
Leader			
Adult Social Care & Health			
8.1	Lifting Contracts	That the Executive Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree that the Council procures a provider using the ESPO framework as described.• Agree for the winning contracts to be used by both Adult Social Care and Children's Services.	Recommendations Approved
8.2	Provider Uplift	That the Executive Board: 1) Approve a percentage increase in fees for the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residential and nursing care including Intermediate Care beds, fee increase of 10.70% effective from 1 April 2023.• Older People and Physical Disability Domiciliary Care, framework fee increase of 13.55% from £17.14 to £19.46 per hour effective from 1 April 2023.	Recommendations Approved

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared Lives, day support fee increase of 11.1% in line with current Consumer price index (CPI) and to keep pace with the National Living Wage increase effective from 1 April 2023. • Shared Lives, weekly banding fee increase of 11.1% in line with current Consumer price index (CPI) effective from 1st April 2023. • LD Supported Living Providers, fee increase of up to 12.5% capped at the hourly rate of domiciliary homecare providers. This represents an increase to £19.46 per hour effective from 1st April 2023. • Direct Payments, Personal Assistant, fee increase of 9.3% to £10.90 per hour in line with the Real Living Wage increases. <p>2) Further approves that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Direct Payments - it is proposed to revise the existing direct payment agency rates (standard, enhanced and exception), in line with Domiciliary rates proposed above. <p>3) Further approves that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Extra Care schemes that are commissioned on a block contract basis will receive an uplift of 3% in line with the standard inflationary uplift provided for within the Council's budget effective from 1 April 2023 where they have been agreed in the contract. <p>Where 1:1 hours are contracted separately they will remain aligned to the domiciliary care rate of £19.46.</p>	
Children, Young People & Education			
8.3	Fostering Update Quarter 3 2022/23	That the Executive Board notes the Fostering three monthly report for	Recommendati

		Quarter 3, alongside Appendix 1 which provides a service progress overview and summary of service development recommendations.	ons Approved
8.4	Creation of New Secondary School Places	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the projects and associated expenditure (Appendix 1&2) • Approves for the monies detailed against each project to be delegated to the associated School/Trust so as to enable the agreed works to be directly managed by the Schools/Trusts • Approves for the Council to enter into a legal agreement with each School/Trust by way of a Funding Agreement (Appendix 3) • Approves a variation of lease at the former Witton City Learning Centre (CLC) to one similar to an academy style lease for a period not greater than 125 years. 	Recommendations Approved
Environment & Operations			
Public Health, Prevention & Wellbeing			
8.5	Household Support Fund Round 4	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>2.1 Agree to the distribution of the Household Support Fund Round 4 as set out in the report and subject to confirmation of the grant funding.</p> <p>2.2 Give delegated authority to the Director of Finance and the Director of Adults and Health, in consultation with the Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Wellbeing, to amend the grant criteria should that be considered necessary given guidance from Government and local circumstances.</p> <p>2.3 Approve the proposals for utilising remaining resources within HSF 3 relating to 2022/23 and in relation to funding the school meal support provision for the period the money is available.</p>	Recommendations Approved

Digital & Customer Services			
8.6	Procurement of new Back-up Solution	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the procurement of the new solution through the Crown Commercial Services (CCS) framework RM6068 lot 1 for a 3 year period with a 1 year extension. • Approves the increase to the department's annual revenue budget from the 2023/24 financial year of up to £130k. Approves a supplementary capital estimate of £150k to be funded from grant received from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Cyber Support Team to fund the initial capital costs of the project. • Notes that the existing £80k of capital funding for backup held with the transition to the cloud programme is transferred back into ICT earmarked capital reserves. 	Recommendations Approved
Growth & Development			
8.7	Local Transport Plan 2023/24	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>1) Approves the Local Transport Plan detailed programme for 2023/24</p> <p>2) Delegates authority to the Strategic Director of Environment and Operations, in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development, to amend, seek and accept tenders subject to adequate budget provision.</p> <p>Reasons for recommendations:</p> <p>The proposed schemes and projects that form the 2023/24 programme are aimed at achieving our overall corporate priorities along with maintaining the highway network in the most cost efficient way based upon the Council's overall asset management strategy.</p>	Recommendations Approved

9.	Strategic Asset Management Plan	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the progress made by Growth & Development team to restructure and reprioritise our property functions to align and support emerging service needs in addressing the Council's financial challenges; 2. Approves the Strategic Asset Management Plan for 2023/24 to 2025/26 attached as Annex A, and approves officers to progress with the key actions as detailed in the plan; 3. Approves the Disposal Policy which is included as an appendix to the Strategic Asset Management Plan and attached as Annex B; 5. Approves a revenue fund of £300,000, funded from the Invest to Save Reserve to cover the 3 year period of the Strategic Asset Management Plan to support officers in undertaking property condition surveys and feasibility studies to support the asset review process; Delegates authority to amend the key actions included in the Strategic Asset Management Plan (by adding, removing or prioritising projects) to the Growth Programme Director or Strategic Director of Growth & Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth & Development; and <p>Notes that future progress updates on key actions and KPI's will be submitted on an annual basis to Executive Board for information.</p>	Recommendations Approved
Finance & Governance			
9.1	Award of contract for long term agreement for Council Insurance policies and cover	<p>That the Executive Board approves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i) The award of the insurance contracts to the successful bidders for an initial period of three years, with option to extend for a further two year period; ii) The amendment levels of cover relating to elements of the Council's property and casualty cover to provide improved cover to the Council in the event of claims for these areas. 	Recommendations Approved

9.2	Treasury Management Strategy	It is recommended that the Executive Board: 2.1 Approves the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24, detailed in Appendix 1 , including the proposed Treasury Management Indicators.	Recommendations Approved
PART 2			
12.1	Creation of New Secondary School Places	That the Executive Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the projects and associated expenditure (Appendix 1&2) • Approves for the monies detailed against each project to be delegated to the associated School/Trust so as to enable the agreed works to be directly managed by the Schools/Trusts • Approves for the Council to enter into a legal agreement with each School/Trust by way of a Funding Agreement (Appendix 3) • Approves a variation of lease at the former Witton City Learning Centre (CLC) to one similar to an academy style lease for a period not greater than 125 years. 	Recommendations Approved

Reports for the meeting can be accessed via the following link:
[Agenda for Executive Board on Thursday, 9th March, 2023, 6.00 pm \(blackburn.gov.uk\)](https://blackburn.gov.uk/agenda-for-executive-board-on-thursday-9th-march-2023-6.00-pm)