

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

THURSDAY, 10TH AUGUST, 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
	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	The minutes of the meeting held on 6 th July 2023 were agreed as a correct record	Recommendations Approved
Leader			
Adult Social Care & Health			
Children, Young People & Education			
	Foster Carer Allowances uplift including short breaks 2023/24	That the Executive Board considers the report and agrees to uplift foster carer allowances that match the national minimum allowances. This would enable the local authority going forward to base the annual uplift on inflationary basis against the national minimum standards. In addition, the Board considers and agrees the proposed uplift for 2023/24 of 20% for short break payments, which have not been reviewed for some time.	Recommendations Approved, Following a minor amendment moved by Cllr Julie Gunn and seconded by Cllr Damian Talbot in relation to option 3 within the report.

	Staying Put Allowance	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notes the position with regard to the varying rates of payments made to BwD Staying Put carers; - Approves the implementation of Option 3 as the proposed payment structure for all new Staying Put placements, and Page 20 Agenda Item 8.2 EBD: V3/23 Page 2 of 6 - Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Children & Education (DCS) in consultation with the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education to review and put in place a Staying Put policy for BwD, incorporating the Option 3 proposal (subject to approval) . 	<p>Recommendations Approved, following a minor amendment moved by Cllr Julie Gunn and seconded by Cllr Damian Talbot resulting from the amendment and approval of the Foster Care Allowances uplift including short breaks 2023/24.</p>
Environment & Operations			
Public Health, Prevention & Wellbeing			
Digital & Customer Services			
Growth & Development			
	Growth Programme 2023-24	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the excellent growth performance in the Borough as demonstrated by the Growth KPIs attached as Annex A; 2. Note the continued good progress made by officers in delivering the Darwen Town Deal programme; 3. Note the success in securing, through a competitive bidding 	<p>Recommendations Approved</p>

		<p>process, Government Levelling-Up Funding for projects in Blackburn Town Centre and our South East Blackburn transport corridor;</p> <p>4. Note the continued good progress made by the Council's two joint venture development companies Barnfield Blackburn Ltd and Maple Grove Blackburn Ltd;</p> <p>5. Note the Asset Review initiative being progressed by officers to assess the Council's primary buildings to identify opportunities to improve utilisation or to consolidate and rationalise to release potential disposal or redevelopment opportunities;</p> <p>6. Approve the Growth Programme for 2023-24 attached as Annex B for officers to progress projects from feasibility stage through to procurement and tender stage as required by project timelines; and</p> <p>7. Delegate authority to revise the Growth Programme for 2023/24 (by adding, removing or prioritising sites) to the Growth Director in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth & Development.</p>	
Finance & Governance			
	Vehicle Replacement Programme	<p>It is recommended that the Executive Board authorise the replacement of these old and hired vehicles, using £1,350,000 of the £1.7m that has been earmarked in the 2023-2026 capital programme for vehicle replacement, as part of the procurement strategy for the replacement and management of the Council's fleet, utilising existing framework providers and/or The Chest, North West Procurement Portal</p>	Recommendations Approved
	Corporate Plan Performance Update	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>1. Note the overall performance against the delivery of the Council's strategic objectives as illustrated in Appendix One Performance</p> <p>2. Note the remedial action to improve delivery against the 2019-2023 Corporate priorities which are giving cause for concern, as</p>	Recommendations Approved

		outlined in Appendix Two Exception Reports	
		3. Note the proposed suite of performance measures for the Corporate Plan 2023 -2027, detailed in Appendix 3	

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

[Agenda for Executive Board on Thursday, 10th August, 2023, 6.00 pm \(blackburn.gov.uk\)](https://blackburn.gov.uk/agenda-for-executive-board-on-thursday-10th-august-2023-6.00-pm)