

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

THURSDAY, 8TH FEBRUARY, 2024

(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 11 th January 2024 be agreed as a correct record.	Recommendations Approved
Leader			
Adult Social Care & Health			
Children, Young People & Education			
Environment & Operations			
Public Health, Prevention & Wellbeing			
8.1	Procurement process for Tier 4 Substance Misuse Services	That the Executive Board: 1. Note the commencement of a tendering exercise for the commissioning of Tier 4 substance misuse services. The Tier 4 substance misuse services will be commissioned as three Lots which include inpatient detoxification medically managed (Lot 1), Residential Rehabilitation (Lot 2) and crisis access beds (Lot 3). Existing direct access beds will be transformed to crisis bed access provision. Medically monitored inpatient detoxification will no longer be supported in the new service provision model. These services will be commissioned for male and female service users	Recommendations Approved

and market availability to respond to this will be tested through the procurement exercise.

2. The Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations ([The Health Care Services \(Provider Selection Regime\) Regulations 2023 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)) came into force in 1st January 2024. The Provider Selection Regime (PSR) replaces the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 when procuring health care services and the National Health Service (Procurement, Patient Choice and Competition) Regulations 2013. The regulations apply when a relevant authority procures relevant healthcare services for the purpose of the health service. The Council is referred to as a relevant authority for these purposes and Tier 4 substance misuse services as local authority commissioned public health services fall within the new Provider Selection Regime (PSR) and therefore these new regulations will apply.
3. Note that the current contracting arrangements are in place until 31st May 2024.
4. Due to the introduction of these substantial procurement regulation changes to agree to a six month extension of waiver from the 31st May 2024, allowing sufficient time and capacity to complete the complex procurement process by 1st December 2024 through the assessment, application and guidance of the new Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations just introduced on 1st January 2024. The extension of the contract is permitted by regulation 13 of the Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023 both by paragraph c and d (see section 7).
5. Approve the following procurement and contracting methodologies for the new service model as follows:
 - inpatient detoxification beds (Lot 1) and Residential

		<p>Rehabilitation placements (Lot 2): these services are currently provided under a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). It is not possible to procure via a dynamic purchasing system under the new Provider Selection Regime, however frameworks can be procured with the option to open them again in the future. This will give a similar arrangement to the current Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). A competitive open tender process will be used to procure the framework and successful providers will be awarded a contract on the framework with a term of four (4) years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Crisis access beds (Lot 3): currently these services are provided under a block commissioning arrangement with a local provider at Those At The Margins of Society (THOMAS) and are currently referred to as direct access beds. Under the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) the council will follow the 'Most Suitable Provider' option, and if at any point the council decides it can no longer identify the Most Suitable Provider, the procurement will default to a competitive open tender process. The contract will be awarded as a block commission with a term of 4 years (with an option of a further 1 year extension). <p>6. Note the current funding envelope and cost of services of £537,171 and increased costs of new contract arrangements of £20,882 which will be contained with the Adults and Public Health budget.</p>	
8.2	Development and Procurement of Stop Smoking Service 2024	<p>The Executive Board are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the national allocation to Blackburn with Darwen of £237,341 per annum for a five year period from 2024/25 to 2028/29. • Approve commencement of a tender exercise for a new Community 	Recommendations Approved

		<p>Stop Smoking Service within the financial envelope of the national allocation of £237,341 and existing £51,730 Public Health grant for community smoking cessation activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve continuation of the current pharmacy based Stop Smoking support offer via the Provider Selection Regime (PSR) direct award element for the Local Improvement Service contracts to local pharmacy providers to meet the condition of the new allocation that local authorities must maintain their existing spend on stop smoking services, based on the stop smoking service data they have submitted for the year 2022 to 2023. • Decision to award the contract for the new community Stop Smoking Service delegated to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the Executive Member for Public Health, Prevention and Wellbeing. 	
Digital & Customer Services			
Growth & Development			
8.3	Bus Service Improvement Plan	<p>Ahead of moving the recommendations in the report, Councillor Quesir Mahmood advised that in terms of Proposal 2 – Further service improvements - (Page 41 of the Agenda) that the proposal referred to working in partnership with Travel Assist – Councillor Mahmood clarified that this didn't mean that Travel Assist was the chosen partner, the arrangement was in place to establish feasibility and costs of the proposal, and that any re-introduction of a service linking sheltered accommodation with Blackburn Town Centre would be subject to an open tendering process for any operator holding a Section 22 Licence.</p> <p>That Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the spending of £370,171 grant funds awarded to the Council under BSIP+ in 2023/24 and 2024/25 on the improvements set out below; and, • Approves the spending of £880,000 grant funds awarded to 	Recommendations Approved

		<p>the Council under Phase 3 BSIP (Network North) in 2024/25 on the improvements set out below; and,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves that, subject to compliance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules, any future amendments to the BSIP programme of works are delegated to the Strategic Director of Environment and Operations in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development. 	
8.4	Adoption of Climate Impact Frameworks SPD	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notes the changes which have been made to the CIF SPD following consultation; • Adopts the Climate Impacts Framework Supplementary Planning Document (CIF SPD) for major applications; • Approves the introduction of a separate CIF assessment tool for minor applications involving new-build dwellings. The CIF assessment will not be mandatory for householder applications for extensions. • Grants delegated authority to the Strategic Director for Growth and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development, for minor, technical changes to be made to the CIF tools (and mapping) following adoption of the SPD; and • Grants delegated authority to the Strategic Director for Growth and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development, to review the use of the CIF in conjunction with minor residential applications and take any necessary remedial actions. 	Recommendations Approved
8.5	North East Blackburn Masterplan	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>2.1 Approves appointment of the preferred consultants (Stantec) to undertake the Masterplan, Design Code, and Infrastructure Delivery</p>	Recommendations Approved

		<p>Plan for the North East Blackburn Strategic Housing Site (SHS) allocation;</p> <p>2.2 Delegates authority to the Growth Programme Director and the Executive Member for Growth and Development, to approve and sign a new collaboration agreement with other landowners to cover the next phases of work on the SHS (masterplanning and preparation of an Outline Planning Permission);</p> <p>2.3 Authorises the Strategic Director of Growth and Development in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development, to approve the procurement of consultants for the preparation of an Outline Planning Permission at an appropriate point later in 2024 once masterplanning is underway and relevant information requirements around Environmental Impact Assessment to support an application are understood;</p> <p>2.4 Approves spend of up to a maximum of £1m of capital funding for the period 2024/25, 2025/26 and 2026/27 to bring forward the Strategic Housing Site with work including, masterplanning, procurement of surveys, preparation and submission of the Outline Planning Permission for the site and any other design or commissioning works associated with site enabling infrastructure. These costs apply to all landowners across the site (not just the Council) and a mechanism for sharing costs or providing funding amongst all landowners will be agreed as part of the new collaboration agreement referenced under 2.2.</p> <p>2.5 Approves a virement of £1m from the budget for the MediPark Scheme in the Capital Programme to fund the expenditure in 2.4 above (noting that some of this expenditure will be recovered by way of the collaboration agreement referred to).</p> <p>2.6 Notes that a further report will come forward seeking approval of the Masterplan, Design Code and Infrastructure Delivery Plan once the design work is complete.</p>	
Finance & Governance			
8.6	Revenue Budget Monitoring Report	It is recommended that Executive Board:-	Recommendati

	Quarter 3 2023/24	<p>a) give approval to the Portfolio Cash Limit Adjustments as outlined in Appendix 1;</p> <p>b) note the General Fund Budget Summary position as at December 2023;</p> <p>c) note the current forecast overspend of £932k at the end of Quarter 3 and request Portfolio Holders to continue reviewing their budget for the remainder of 2023/24 with a view to identifying potential mitigating actions;</p> <p>d) note the Earmarked Reserves and General Fund Balance position as at 31st December 2023.</p>	Recommendations Approved
8.7	Corporate Capital Budget Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2023/24	<p>The Executive Board is asked;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to approve the revised capital programme as per Appendix 1, • to approve the variations to the programme shown in Appendix 2 	Recommendations Approved

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

[Agenda for Executive Board on Thursday, 8th February, 2024, 6.00 pm \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/2024/02/08/agenda-for-executive-board-on-thursday-8th-february-2024-6.00-pm)