

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

THURSDAY, 11TH APRIL, 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 7 th March 2024 be agreed as a correct record.	Recommendations Approved
Leader			
Adult Social Care & Health			
Children, Young People & Education			
8.1	6 monthly Adoption report	That the Executive Board: 1) Read and consider the report. 2) Recommend any aspects of consideration, amendment or clarification as required.	Recommendations Approved (subject to call-in)
8.2	EB - School Holiday Pattern for Community and Controlled schools 2025/2026	That the Executive Board agrees the school term and holiday pattern for Community and Controlled schools for 2025/2026 (as set out in Appendix One Draft School term and Holiday Pattern 2025/2026).	Recommendations Approved (subject to call-in)
Environment & Operations			
8.3	Tree and Woodland Strategy	It is recommended that the Executive Board approves the Tree and	Recommendations Approved

		Woodland Strategy attached at appendix 1 to the report.	ons Approved (subject to call- in)
Public Health, Prevention & Wellbeing			
Digital & Customer Services			
Growth & Development			
8.4	Blackburn Town Centre Campus Development	<p>That the Executive Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the announcement of the award of up to £20m Levelling-Up Funding ('LUF') to deliver the Blackburn Business Innovation District Phase 1 - Skills and Education Campus and the ongoing discussions with the Department for Levelling-Up, Housing and Communities ('DLUHC') to agree the final funding total and drawdown profile. 2. Notes the positive discussions and progress to date with the leadership of the University of Central Lancashire ('UCLAN') to agree the proposed relocation of their training subsidiary company, Training 2000, to new purpose-built facilities, Building 1, as indicated on the site masterplan drawings at Annex 1 (existing site plan) and Annex 2 (proposed site plan). 3. Notes future stages of the Project, linked to the drawdown of the Council's required co-funding, will be presented to a future Executive Board, once costs have been finalised, Government funding arrangements agreed with DLUHC, and any further University functions to be included by UCLAN are confirmed. 4. Notes the Council's strategic public/private joint venture company, Maple Grove Blackburn Ltd ('MGB'), an established special purpose joint venture vehicle to support the delivery of our town centre regeneration and growth plans including the redevelopment of the former Thwaites site. 5. Notes the site masterplan drawing at Annex 2 includes outline plans for Building 2 with MGB in advanced discussions with interested parties to determine interest with the delivery of Building 2 	Recommendations Approved (subject to call- in)

		<p>likely to be developed by MGB as a follow-on phase. Progress on Building 2 will be reported to a future meeting of the Executive Board.</p> <p>6. Approves a capital budget of £750,000 for the Project to cover all planning activities including fees, surveys, site investigations, approvals, service enquiries and other costs incurred during the planning and procurement stage of the Project. Note the capital funding is already profiled in the Council's 2024/25 capital programme and will be used until the LUF funding profile has been agreed with DLUHC.</p> <p>7. Approves the Council, as shareholder of MGB, to invest £600,000 to fund the preparation and submission of a planning application for the Project and development of an enabling works package.</p> <p>8. Authorises the Growth Programme Director to commence the procurement of consultants and issue tenders using the Crown Commercial Services ('CCS') Framework, or other suitable framework, with the appointment of consultants subject to a future report to the Executive Board.</p> <p>9. Authorises the Growth Programme Director to commence the procurement of a civil engineering contractor using the Council's in-house Growth Framework, and to appoint the successful contractor under an Early Contractor Involvement ('ECI') pre-construction agreement, to develop designs for a highway, service diversion and enabling works contract, with the appointment of the construction work subject to a future report to the Executive Board, once costs have been finalised.</p>	
8.5	Levelling Up Partnership Update	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Welcomes and approves the Council's LUP Investment Programme, which has been jointly developed and agreed with Government, subject to final confirmation of funding arrangements; and ii) Authorises the Deputy Chief Executive/Strategic Director of Growth & Development and Strategic Director for Finance and 	Recommendations Approved (subject to call-in)

		<p>Resource, in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth & Development, to finalise the Council's £20.3M LUP funding package with Government, and draw-down agreed funding, aligned to the project priorities set out in this report.</p> <p>iii) Approves an update to the Council's Revenue Budget and Capital Programme for 2024/25 to reflect the proposed expenditure on the LUP Investment Programme projects; and</p> <p>iv) Note further reports on specific projects may be brought to the Executive Board, as required, to ensure consistency with Council procurement and financial regulations.</p>	
10.1	Pole Lane Petition	<p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the petition of the residents and this report; 2. Request that Network Management develop an alternative or additional scheme to further reduce speeds in the area; and 3. Request that officers inform the lead petitioner of the decision. 	Recommendations Approved

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

[Agenda for Executive Board on Thursday, 11th April, 2024, 6.00 pm | Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#)