

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER, 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
	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 th September 2024 be agreed as a correct record.	Approved
Leader			
Adult Social Care & Health			
Children, Young People & Education			
	Children's Services Improvement Journey	(1) That the progress and improvements made over the last 12 months be noted. (2) That the findings of the Ofsted ILACS Focused Visit for Care Leavers be noted.	Approved
Environment & Communities			
	Together an Active Future	(1) That the report be noted. (2) That the award £497,435 grant from Sport England for spend on Together an Active Future's co-ordination function be accepted.	Approved

		<p>(3) That the opportunity for further Sport England funding (December 2025/2028) be noted and the co-design process and timeline for a full Deepening bid to be co-developed be endorsed and submitted on behalf of Pennine Lancashire in early 2025.</p> <p>(4) That if successfully awarded by Sport England to Together an Active Future the spend of the Deepening funding be approved and accepted.</p>	
Housing and Public Health			
	Asylum Dispersal Grant	<p>(1) That the grant provided to Blackburn with Darwen be noted and acceptance of the funding allocation of £561,000 be authorised.</p> <p>(2) That authority be granted to create a supplementary revenue estimate equivalent to the grant and it be agreed that the funding be allocated and utilised as proposed within the report to enable the grant to be spent for its intended purpose.</p>	Approved
	Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Strategy 2025/30	That the Blackburn with Darwen Place-based Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Strategy 2025/2023 be approved.	Approved
Digital & Customer Services			
Growth & Development			
	Strategic Asset Management Plan Update	That the progress made be noted.	Approved
	Amended Highways Capital Programme Report 2024-25	<p>(1) That the Amended Highways Capital Programme Report for 2024/25 be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the addition of 3 schemes to the programme, namely the resurfacing of Jack Walker Way, Shadsworth Road and West</p>	Approved

		<p>Park Road, Blackburn be noted.</p> <p>(3) That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director of Growth, in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development, to amend, seek and accept tenders subject to adequate budget provision.</p>	
Finance & Governance			
	Development of the General Fund Revenue Budget 2024-28	<p>(1) That the Council's current financial position based on the financial outturn for 2023/24 and the Quarter 1 Budget Monitoring exercise, both of which were considered by the Executive Board earlier this year be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the continuing uncertainty with the funding outlook for the Council, not least that any progress on Local Government Finance Reforms was likely to take place after the Local Government Finance Settlement 2025/26 and the upcoming Spending Review be noted.</p> <p>(3) That the update to the Medium-Term Financial Plan for 2025/28, as shown at Appendix A attached to the report, be noted and that a further update be provided once details of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2025/26 was known.</p> <p>(4) That it be noted that all Portfolio Holders have been requested to undertake a review of all fees and charges in their Portfolios, in line with the Council's Constitution and the agreed Fees and Charges Framework, with a view to maximising the amount of income received by the council by implementing any changes from 1st January 2025 (where it was possible to do so).</p> <p>(5) That Portfolio Holders be asked, in conjunction with lead</p>	Approved

		<p>Strategic Directors/Directors to identify and bring forward budget savings options for 2025/26.</p> <p>(6) That it be agreed that any such budget proposals arising from the work above be considered by the Executive Board in due course (and subject to the proposal on consultation below).</p> <p>(7) That subject to the work above and agreement with Councillors, it be agreed that some form of public and business-based consultation on the Council's budget should take place over Autumn 2024 with a view to informing decisions on the Council's budget for 2025/26.</p>	
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Reports for the meeting can be accessed via the following link:

[Agenda for Executive Board on Thursday, 10th October, 2024, 6.00 pm | Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)