

EXECUTIVE BOARD

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

THURSDAY, 14TH NOVEMBER, 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, subject to the correction in the spelling of Councillor Mustafa Desai's name the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 th October 2024 be agreed as a correct record.	Approved
Leader			
Adult Social Care & Health			
Children, Young People & Education			
	Fostering Report Quarter 1 2024/25	That the report and Appendix be noted.	Approved
	Annual Adoption Report 2023/24	That the report be noted.	Approved
Environment & Communities			
	Council Fleet - Vehicle Replacement Programme	(1) That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director Environment and Communities in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment and Communities to procure the vehicles detailed in the report, utilising the £1.7m that had been earmarked in the 2023/2026 capital programme for vehicle replacement.	Approved

		(2) That capital funding of £716,100 allocated by the Government for the purchase of the vehicles required for the food waste collection service be noted and any shortfall in funding for these additional eight vehicles be drawn from the Council's Asset Management Strategy Fund in the Capital Programme.	
Housing & Public Health			
	Household Support Fund Round 6	(1) That the distribution of the Household Support Fund Round 6 be distributed as set out above and in the report. (2) That the Strategic Director Finance and Resources and the Strategic Director Adults and Health, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Public Health be granted delegated authority to amend the distribution of the grant should that be considered necessary given local circumstances (after having engaged with DWP regarding the Council's revisiting of its Delivery Plan during the Fund Period, as required by national guidance).	Approved
	Approval to Award Tier 4 Services Lot 1 (Inpatient Detoxification)	(1) That the intention to award Lot 1 for Tier 4 substance misuse services to five suppliers for specialist inpatient detoxification provision be approved. The Lot 1 inpatient detoxification suppliers being: Adferiad Recovery Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust (GMMH) Kaleidoscope Project Mersey Care NHS Trust Turning Point Services Ltd. (2) That Lot 2 be subject to a waiver until June 2025 and go out	Approved

		for tender again with a wider market engagement exercise to secure best value for money and achieve a balanced, cost-effective pool of service providers within close proximity of access to Blackburn with Darwen and that the re-tendering exercise also include elements of the crisis pathway services which were previously tendered as Lot 3.	
Digital & Customer Services			
Growth & Development			
	Asset Transfer of Statutory Allotments	<p>(1) That the asset transfer of the 8 statutory allotments be agreed by way of long leasehold to formal structured community groups that have pre-existing connections to the relevant allotment site:</p> <p>Broadfold Allotments Ewood Allotments Feniscliffe Allotments Leyburn Road Allotments Queens Park Allotments Sunnybank Road Allotments Teak Street Allotments Witton Park Allotments</p> <p>(2) That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director of Growth and Development, in consultation with the Deputy Director of Legal and Governance, to agree final terms for the asset transfers; and all associated legal, financial and administrative arrangements.</p>	Recommendations Approved
	Blackburn Town Centre - Site Acquisition and Masterplan	(1) That it be noted the former Thwaites Brewery site represents a major development opportunity and was of key strategic importance to Blackburn Town Centre.	Recommendations Approved

- (2) That it be noted that Maple Grove Blackburn Ltd., the joint venture company between the Council and Maple Grove Developments Ltd., had acquired the former Thwaites Brewery site in 2021, for the purpose of preparing the site for future development.
- (3) That the withdrawal of the food store relocation planning application in March 2024, which subsequently instigated a review of the joint venture company arrangements with the recommendations to acquire control of the company and therefore control of the Site, be noted.
- (4) That the purchase of Maple Grove Developments Ltd., financial interest in the joint venture company for the Purchase Price be approved to ensure the Site was delivered as part of a robust masterplan to ensure future development would deliver positive outcomes for the town centre.
- (5) That the revised terms for a 3-year non-exclusive option agreement to Maple Grove Developments Ltd., be approved to acquire a parcel of land as identified on the plan attached at Annex 2, which would support Building 2 being brought forward as a speculative scheme which was part of the Council's emerging Skills and Cyber campus.
- (6) That subject to compliance with the Council's Financial procedure Rules in relation to Purchase of Land and Buildings, a capital spend of up to £1,000,000 be approved to cover further land assembly enabling works and masterplan activities and it be noted that this funding would be drawn down from the existing Development Investment fund and therefore required no additional funding.
- (7) That the Council's Contract Procedure Rules be waived and

		<p>BDP Architects be appointed to commence work on revising the Town Centre East Development Framework document, published in 2021, to create a robust masterplan for the Blackburn Town Centre East Investment area, and it be noted the Council will consult on a draft of the revised masterplan for the town centre in 2025.</p> <p>(8) That delegated authority be granted to the Growth Programme Director, in consultation with the Strategic Director Finance and Resources and Deputy Director of Legal and Governance to agree final terms for the acquisition of Maple Grove Developments Ltd., financial interest in the joint venture company; and all associated legal, financial, administrative and management arrangements of the company.</p>	
Finance & Governance			
	Treasury Management Mid-Year Strategy Review 2024/25	<p>(1) That the Treasury Management position for the year to date be noted and the proposed Strategy for the remainder of the year, as detailed in Appendix 1 attached to the report, be approved.</p> <p>(2) That no changes be identified to the existing Treasury and Prudential Indicators for 2024/25, as set by the Executive Board on 7th March 2024.</p>	Recommendations Approved
	Corporate Capital Programme and Balance Sheet Monitoring Quarter 2 2024/25	<p>(1) That the forecast outturn on the Council's Capital Programme 2024/25 based on the Quarter 2 Budget Monitoring exercise be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the revised Capital Programme for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report and the variations to the Programme as set out in the report and as shown in</p>	Recommendations Approved

		Appendix 2 attached to the report be approved.	
	Corporate Revenue Budget Monitoring Quarter 2 2024/25	<p>(1) That the Portfolio Cash Limit Adjustments, as outlined in Appendix 1 attached to the report, be approved.</p> <p>(2) That the General Fund Budget Summary position as at 30th September 2024, as shown in Appendix 2 attached to the report, and in particular the forecast overspend of £2.156m at the end of Quarter 2 which, if sustained until the year end, would result in an equivalent additional draw down of reserves, be noted.</p> <p>(3) That the Portfolio Holders be requested to review their budgets for the remainder of 2024/25 with a view to identifying potential mitigating actions.</p> <p>(4) That the forecast overspend on the High Needs DSG budget in 2024/25 and the emerging risks around the affordability of High Needs provision from 2025/26 onwards be noted.</p> <p>(5) That the Earmarked Reserves and General Fund Balance position as at 30th September 2024, as shown in Appendix 3 attached to the report be noted.</p>	Recommendations Approved

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