

EXECUTIVE BOARD

12th April 2018

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

Mohammed Khan
Mustafa Desai
Maureen Bateson
Damian Talbot
Arshid Mahmood
Andy Kay
Phil Riley
Dave Harling

PORTFOLIO:

Leader
Health and Adults
Children's Services
Leisure, Culture & Young People
Neighbourhoods & Prevention Services
Resources
Regeneration
Schools and Education

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

John Slater

NON-PORTFOLIO

Leader of the Conservative Group

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ellie Walsh Youth MP, and
Sameer Ali, Deputy Youth MP.

	Item	Action
1	<p><u>Welcome & Apologies</u></p> <p>Before the commencement of the meeting, a 15 minute film was shown, which raised awareness of the dangers of loan sharks and which starred residents from Shadsworth. Councillor Andy Kay advised that the Illegal Money lending Team worked with BwDBC, Great Places Housing Group, Newground and award winning Blackburn filmmaker Aaron Dunleavy to create the film. The film would be used and promoted across the Borough to raise awareness of the dangers of loan sharks, particularly in relation to the issues relating to young people. Councillor Kay also advised of the Council's intention to sign up to the "Stop Loan Sharks" partners' agreement later in the year as part of a continuing commitment to the Jubilee Tower Credit Union.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Khan, welcomed all present to the meeting. Apologies were received from the Councillor Jim Smith and from the Deputy Youth MP, Aliyah Shah. Councillor Khan passed thanks best wishes to Cllr Mustafa Desai, who was not standing for Election, and best wishes to Councillor Dave Harling following changes to Executive Member portfolios.</p>	Noted
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th March 2018</u></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 8th March 2018 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	Approved
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p>	

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	There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.							
4	<p><u>Equality Implications</u></p> <p>The Chair asked Members to confirm that they had considered and understood any Equality Impact Assessments associated with reports on the agenda ahead of making any decisions.</p>	Confirmed						
5	<p><u>Public Forum</u></p> <p>No questions were submitted by members of the public.</p>							
6	<p><u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Name of Member</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Subject Area</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Executive Member and Portfolio</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Councillor Denise Gee</td> <td>Land east of Heys Lane – concerns of residents</td> <td>Councillor Phil Riley, Regeneration</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Councillor Riley provided a response to the question and supplementary question arising, advising that the site had been allocated for housing in the Local Plan, but was a privately owned site. Councillor Riley advised that the Council was committed to working with local ward Members and the wider community to ensure that if/when then the development came forward it addressed the issues raised by Councillor Gee.</p>	Name of Member	Subject Area	Executive Member and Portfolio	Councillor Denise Gee	Land east of Heys Lane – concerns of residents	Councillor Phil Riley, Regeneration	
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7	<p><u>Youth MPs Update</u></p> <p>The Youth MP and Deputy Youth MPs provided a verbal update, the key details of which were as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at the annual Youthforia residential weekend at Ambleside, where over 110 young people from across the North West gathered to debate topical issues and discuss solutions. • Aliyah had received a highly commended Lancashire High Sheriffs award. • Aliyah and Elle had been interviewed on BBC news about their experiences living in the Borough. 	Noted						
8.2.1	<p><u>Tobacco Free Lancashire Strategy: Towards a Smokefree Generation 2018-2023</u></p> <p>It was reported that the Tobacco Free Lancashire (TFL) Strategy Towards a Smokefree Generation 2018-2023 had been developed to replace the now expired Tobacco Free Lancashire Strategy (2014-2016) - 'Making tobacco less desirable, acceptable and accessible in Lancashire'.</p>							

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	<p>The TFL Strategy (2018-2023) would include priorities to reduce health inequalities resulting from smoking and protecting successive generations of young people from the harm caused by tobacco. The Strategy was committed to tackling specific priorities which were relevant to Pan Lancashire; for example smoking in pregnancy, smoking and mental health and, smoking and long term health conditions. The promotion of smoke free would be present in all aspects of the policy and is the basis of the revised strategy.</p> <p>The TFL Strategy (2018-2023) had been developed in partnership with a wide range of stakeholders and agencies working together to reduce the devastating impact that tobacco had in Lancashire on the local population.</p> <p>The TFL Strategy would encompass current policy positions on the use of e-cigarettes reflecting the most recent evidence on health impacts available.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board approve:</p> <p>The TFL Strategy 2018-2023 which has been drafted in collaboration with the Public Health Tobacco Control Leads from Blackpool, Lancashire and Blackburn with Darwen Councils, after significant partner and public engagement.</p>	Approved
<p>8.3.1</p>	<p><u>Ofsted Inspection of Local Authority Children’s Services (ILACS)</u></p> <p>Members received a report which outlined the new Ofsted Inspection framework which came into effect in January 2018.</p> <p>The new inspection framework placed a greater emphasis on the local authority’s own processes and leadership; and sought to strike a balance based on an annual risk assessment process, but also based on ongoing discussions with the local authority. The degree to which Ofsted felt confidence in the leadership of the local authority would matter more than ever before. On-site visits by Ofsted would be more frequent than before - likely to be once every 12 to 18 months - but for a shorter duration. The new framework brought the social care inspection more in line with school inspection in their risk-based approach and assumption of continued ‘good’ standard of service from those already deemed so. It was this underlying assumption that was most likely to be tested in the future, given the budget challenges faced by local authorities (and, increasingly, schools); and the age profile of leadership in both sectors.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board note the inspection frameworks under which the Council continues to be regulated by Ofsted.</p>	Noted
<p>8.8.1</p>	<p><u>Sale of Former Bleachworks at Whitebirk</u></p> <p>The Executive Board received a report which gave details of the proposed sale of the privately owned former Bleachworks at Whitebirk.</p>	

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	<p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <p>2.1. Notes the background to the historic financial local charge on the former Bleachworks site at Whitebirk;</p> <p>2.2. Agrees to receive a payment out of the sale proceeds of the former Bleachworks site in satisfaction of the local charge; and</p> <p>2.3. Agrees in principle to write off the remaining outstanding local charge for which 100% provision has already been made and delegates responsibility to the Head of Legal Services and Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Executive Member Resources to enter any relevant documents to formalise such agreement.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
8.9.1	<p><u>Schools Capital Programme 2018-2019</u></p> <p>A report was submitted which requested approval for the Capital Programme for Schools and Education for 2018-2019.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the attached list of projects as detailed in Appendix 1 & 2 for inclusion in the 2018 – 2019 Schools Capital programme. • Authorises officers to procure works in accordance with the Contracts Procedure Rules as written in the Councils Constitution. • Approves expenditure to be incurred on individual projects, in line with the Councils Standing Financial Instructions; and • Notes that regular reports will be provided for the Executive Member detailing any variations/amendments to programmes of work and seeking necessary approvals where these are required to ensure compliance with financial instructions and the Constitution. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p>
8.9.2	<p><u>School Term and Holiday Pattern 2019/2020</u></p> <p>Members received a report which requested agreement of the School Term and Holiday Pattern for Community and Controlled schools for 2019/2020.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board agrees the School Term and Holiday Pattern for Community and Controlled schools for 2019/2020 (as set out in Appendix A "Recommended Dates 2019-2020").</p>	<p>Approved</p>
9.1	<p><u>Grant of Lease for Blakey's café bar at King Georges's Hall</u></p> <p>Members were reminded that Blakey's café bar continued to make an operating loss in 2017/18 despite the closure every Monday and reduction in opening hours which was implemented in January</p>	

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	<p>2017. Accordingly, the Executive Board approved the closure of Blakey's Café Bar with effect from 21 March 2018.</p> <p>In December 2017, the Council received an expression of interest from the owner and proprietor of a high quality restaurant in Liverpool (being the interested party) about the availability of Blakey's Café Bar at King George's Hall to open a new restaurant.</p> <p>The Council instructed Brady's of Manchester to measure, inspect and advise on the 'Blakey's' food and beverage offer; i.e. the likely tenants; the anticipated market rent and the preferred leasing mechanism.</p> <p>The Council also instructed Brady's to undertake a 'soft' marketing campaign to those operators considered to offer the right style and mix of food offer, to include the sale of alcohol that could operate a large venue such as Blakey's. A total of 29 operators were contacted in writing, 2 operators asked for further information, which was provided, however one operator withdrew their interest, and the other did not pursue it further.</p> <p>Negotiations with the interested party regarding the opening of a new restaurant within Blakey's café bar had continued to make good progress and was recommended that a lease for Blakey's Café Bar be agreed with the interested party.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the granting a lease to the interested party for the Blakey's site, and 2. Delegates authority to negotiate and agree the lease terms and other connected matters between the Council and the interested party to the Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Environment and Leisure in consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Young People and the Executive Member for Resources. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
<p>9.2</p>	<p><u>One Public Estate</u></p> <p>A report was submitted which provided Members with an update on the Lancashire One Public Estate Programme and the Council's responsibilities as Accountable Body for the programme.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Notes the current update on the Lancashire OPE Programme; and 1.2. Supports the ambitions of OPE Programme and the Lancashire Partnership through continued collaborative working with public sector partners. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>

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PART 2 – THE PRESS AND THE PUBLIC MAY BE EXCLUDED DURING CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

11.1

Sale of Former Bleachworks at Whitebirk

Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 8.8.1, an additional report was submitted containing commercially sensitive information.

RESOLVED –

That the Executive Board:

- 2.1. Notes the background to the financial local charge on the former Bleachworks site at Whitebirk.
- 2.2. Agrees to receive a payment out of the sale proceeds of the former Bleachworks site in satisfaction of the local charge, and
- 2.3. Agrees in principle to write off the remaining outstanding local charge for which 100% provision has already been made and delegates responsibility to the Head of Legal Services and Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Executive Member Resources to enter any relevant documents to formalise such agreement.

Noted

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11.2

Grant of Lease for Blakey's café bar at King George's Hall

Further to the report at Agenda Item 9.1, an additional report was submitted containing commercially sensitive information.

RESOLVED –

That the Executive Board:

1. Approves the granting a lease to the interested party for the Blakey's site, and
2. Delegates authority to negotiate and agree the lease terms and other connected matters between the Council and the interested party to the Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Environment and Leisure in consultation with the Executive Member for Leisure, Culture and Young People and the Executive Member for Resources.

Approved

Approved

Signed at a meeting of the Board

on the day of

(being the ensuing meeting of the Board)

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed