

EXECUTIVE BOARD

14th January 2021

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

Councillor Mohammed Khan CBE
Councillor Julie Gunn
Councillor Jim Smith
Councillor Musafa Desai
Councillor Vicky McGurk
Councillor Phil Riley
Councillor Damian Talbot
Councillor Quesir Mahmood

PORTFOLIO:

Leader of the Council
Children, Young People and Education
Environmental Services
Adult Services and Prevention
Finance and Governance
Growth and Development
Public Health and Wellbeing
Digital and Customer Services

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Zara Hayat
Muhammed Bapu

Youth MP
Deputy Youth MP

	Item	Action
1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Khan, welcomed all to the meeting and read out the statement explaining that this was a virtual meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor John Slater.	
2	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th December 2020 were agreed as a correct record.	Agreed
3	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.	
4	<u>Equality Implications</u> 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.	Confirmed
5	<u>Public Forum</u> In accordance with Part 4 of the Executive Board Procedure Rules for questions/statements by members of the public, the following questions/statements have been received, details of which are set out below:-	

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	Name of Person asking the Question	Subject Area	Response by	
	Martin Kerry	Council Pest Control Service	Councillor Jim Smith, Environmental Services	
	Mark Russell	Voucher for Council Staff	The Leader	
	<p>Cllr Smith read out the answer to Mr Kerry's question and advised that this would be sent to Mr Kerry as he was not in attendance.</p> <p>Councillor Khan responded to the question and supplementary question from Mr Russell, advising that it was very important to recognise the efforts of Council staff who had gone above and beyond in their response to the pandemic and the voucher was in recognition of this, adding that staff would have the option to donate this to local charities if they wished.</p>			
6	<u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u>			
	No Questions had been received from Non-Executive Members,			
7	<u>Youth MPs Update</u>			
	<p>Zara and Muhammed asked two questions, requesting data on the impact of Covid on young people's mental health and demand for services, and on the way these services were promoting themselves to young people.</p> <p>Councillors Talbot and Gunn responded, giving details of the significant increase in demand for services, particularly in the 13-19 age groups, and gave details of the support available via Mental Health Practitioners in schools, CAMHS and Kooth, and the way these services were publicised. Common themes reported included isolation, friendship issues, and anxiety related to Education.</p> <p>Zara and Muhammed also verbally reported on recent events and activities including involvement in consultation and promotion of the Local Plan, attendance at National Young Inspectors meetings and support for young people, particularly in relation to Mental Health issues.</p> <p>Several Executive Members thanked the Youth MPs for their contributions and support for Council initiatives and the Youth MPs were pleased to advise that their term of office had been extended for a further year.</p>			

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	<p><u>Executive Member Reports</u></p> <p><u>Leader's Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Mohammed Khan verbally reported on the current position relating to the Covid-19 pandemic, advising of stabilising rates and noting the role of the Cathedral in the vaccination programme and of SMART testing at Ewood Park and King George's Hall and the role of redeployed Leisure staff, who were being trained on testing.</p> <p>Cllr Khan also advised of ongoing assistance to local businesses via Business Grants.</p>	Noted
8.1	<p><u>Compulsory Purchase in Griffin Regeneration Area</u></p> <p>Members received a report requesting approval to initiate compulsory purchase action under s226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in respect of the remaining privately owned properties situated within the Griffin Regeneration Area that it had not been possible to purchase by agreement.</p> <p>RESOLVED -</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>Upon being satisfied that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) It would contribute to the economic, social and environmental well-being of the borough; b) There is a compelling case in the public interest as the interference with Human Rights involved is proportionate in the interests of land assembly for housing development; c) Sufficient funds exist for carrying the resolution into effect; d) No impediments exist to the implementation of the scheme to assemble the land for housing development (subject to the making of the order) and there is a reasonable prospect of its implementation, should the order be made; e) The whole of the legal estates to the affected properties could not be acquired by agreement. <p>2.1 Authorise the Director of Growth and Development, in conjunction with the Director of HR, Legal and Governance to prepare and make a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) under section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981, for the purpose of land assembly to carry out housing development on the land.</p> <p>2.2 Authorise the Director of Growth and Development to negotiate terms for the acquisition by agreement of any outstanding interests in the land within the Order prior to its confirmation.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>

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	2.3 Authorise the Director of HR, Legal and Governance (in the event that the Secretary of State notifies the Council that it has been given the power to confirm the Order) to confirm the order if he is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.	Approved
	2.4 Authorise the Director of Growth and Development to approve agreements with the landowner setting out the terms of withdrawal of objections to the Order (including the power to defer implementation post confirmation). In consultation with the Director of HR, Legal and Governance to make deletions from and/or minor amendments and modifications to the proposed Order and Order plans.	Approved
9.1	<p><u>Schools Capital Programme variation to support the creation of new school places</u></p> <p>The Executive Board received a report requesting approval of a variation to the capital programme for Schools and Education for the 2020-2021 academic year and a request to enter into an extended premises lease arrangement for the purpose of pupil place growth.</p> <p>To ensure that the Council was able to meet its statutory requirements, both for normal school admissions rounds and ongoing significant In Year admissions, there was a need to create new pupil places across the primary, secondary and specialist phases of education in both Blackburn and Darwen. The analysis of required places was based on historical birth-cohort effects that were working through the school-age population, in combination with the effects that planned housing development may have on the size and distribution of the school-age population in Blackburn with Darwen.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>1: Approves the following financial variations to the Schools and Education capital programme for the 2020-2021 academic year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £550,000 from Schools Basic Need Funding for the planned expansion programme at Lammack Community Primary School • £660,000 for the planned relocation of Longshaw Nursery School, of which £265,000 is requested from Schools Basic Need Funding • £380,000 from Schools Basic Need Funding to undertake lease ready works and support a planned refurbishment programme at The Sunnyhurst Centre. <p>2: Delegates authority to Director of Children's Services & Education and the Director of Growth and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Children, Young</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>

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	<p data-bbox="336 136 1283 241">People and Education, to negotiate terms and enter into a 30-year lease with The Champion Academy Trust for The Sunnyhurst Centre.</p> <p data-bbox="580 356 1050 392">Signed at a meeting of the Board</p> <p data-bbox="655 427 973 463">on 11th February 2021</p> <p data-bbox="518 575 1110 611">(being the ensuing meeting on the Board)</p> <p data-bbox="403 649 1225 685">Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed</p>	