

# EXECUTIVE BOARD

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

### PRESENT

#### **COUNCILLOR:**

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

#### **PORTFOLIO:**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

Councillor John Slater

#### **NON PORTFOLIO**

Leader of the Conservative Group

#### **ALL IN ATTENDANCE:**

Zara Hayat  
Muhammed Bapu

Youth MP  
Deputy Youth MP

	Item	Action
1	<b><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></b>  The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Khan, welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Mustafa Desai and Deputy Youth MP Zainab Dassu.	
2	<b><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></b>  The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2021 were agreed as a correct record.	<b>Agreed</b>
3	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>  There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.	
4	<b><u>Equality Implications</u></b>  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.	<b>Confirmed</b>
5	<b><u>Public Forum</u></b>  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	
Rick Moore, Lindsay Nuttall, Fee Fleming and Heidi Nuttall	Questions relating to Appropriation of Land and Disposal of Open Space of Land and Communal Gardens and Land off Old Gates Drive, Blackburn (the land) Agenda Item 8.5	Phil Riley, Growth and Development	
<p>Councillor Riley gave a response to the question from Rick Moore, and advised that answers to the other questions received would be provided together with the response to Councillor Russell's question in the next agenda item.</p> <p>In terms of the question from Rick Moore, Councillor Riley gave details of the Section 106 funding received and how it would be used. Councillor Riley's full response would be sent to Mr Moore who was not able to attend the meeting.</p>			
<p><b>6      <u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u></b></p> <p>In accordance with Part 4 of the Executive Board Procedure Rules for questions/statements by Non-Executive Members, the following questions/statements had been received, details of which are set out below:-</p>			

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	Name of Non-Executive Member asking the Question	Subject Area	Executive Member and Portfolio	
	Councillor Mark Russell	Question relating to Appropriation of Land and Disposal of Open Space of Land and Communal Gardens and Land off Old Gates Drive, Blackburn (the land) Agenda Item 8.5	Councillor Phil Riley, Growth and Development	
	<p>Councillor Riley's previous response under Agenda Item 5 was referred to and he gave a joint response to the remaining public questions and the question from Cllr Russell, advising of the legal position and the purpose for the appropriation of the land.</p> <p>Following a supplementary question from Councillor Russell in relation to proposed covenants relating to the land transaction, Councillor Riley confirmed that this would be in place and he would speak to officers to ensure this happened, and agreed to a request for the wording of the covenant to be provided to Councillor Russell and Councillor John Slater.</p> <p>Councillor Riley's responses to the questions received would be sent to the people who had submitted questions, who had been unable to attend the meeting.</p>			
7	<p><b><u>Youth MPs Update</u></b></p> <p>The Youth MP and Deputy Youth MP verbally reported on recent events and activities including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing work relating to a mental health first aid course for young people.</li> <li>• Attendance at a child poverty stakeholders meeting .</li> <li>• Updating of the YPS website.</li> <li>• Attendance at Civic Sunday on 6<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>• Attendance at the Lancashire Youth Commission to discuss mental health.</li> <li>• A recent meeting with Head Teachers about the impact of the pandemic on young people.</li> <li>• Continuing work with the National Young Inspectors.</li> <li>• Attendance at the Covid Community Champions Meeting and work to highlight and encourage take up of the vaccine availability by young people.</li> </ul> <p>Executive Board Members reflected on the excellent work of the Youth MPs and Youth Forum.</p>			<b>Noted</b>

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	<p><b><u>Executive Member Reports.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>BwD ongoing response to Covid-19</u></b></p> <p>Members received a report which gave an update on the Council's response to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic.</p> <p><b>8.1</b> The Council had implemented strong governance and democratic oversight of its response to Covid-19 and a number of internal groups and cells were established.</p> <p>The Council had worked within the framework and structure of the Lancashire Local Resilience Forum (LRF) and from April 2021, the Council's Chief Executive had been Chair of the LRF's Recovery Co-ordinating Group (RCG).</p> <p>The new Coronavirus Act 2020 became law in March last year, and provided public sector bodies, and the Government, additional duties and powers to react quickly to the pandemic.</p> <p>With support from Elected Members, the Council's Senior Management Team had taken swift and decisive action within the regulations of the Act and statutory responsibilities of the Civil Contingencies Act, to keep residents safe and ensure they, and local businesses, received the support needed.</p> <p>The report outlined some of the key resource requirements to support the Council's ongoing Covid-19 response and moving into recovery, ensuring that our plans remained flexible to adapt the approach to the pandemic as and when needed over the course of 2021/22.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED –</b></p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>a) note the content of this report.</p> <p>b) acknowledge the significant council resource and capacity that has been prioritised to respond to the pandemic to date.</p> <p>c) agree that the Council will continue to resource activity related to the Covid-19 continuing response and local recovery, utilising funding allocated for this purpose</p> <p>d) agree that further updates be provided to elected members during the year.</p>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p>
<b>8.2</b>	<p><b><u>Year-end Corporate Plan Performance</u></b></p> <p>A report was submitted which provided the Executive Board the with the opportunity to review progress against the Council's strategic priorities documented within the Corporate Plan (2019-23) and to provide assurance that appropriate actions were being taken to address key areas of concern.</p>	

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	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> - That the Executive Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the overall performance against the delivery of the Council's strategic objectives as illustrated in Appendix One Performance</li> <li>2. Note the remedial action to improve delivery against the 2019-2023 Corporate priorities which are giving cause for concern, as outlined in Appendix Two Exception Reports</li> </ol>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>
8.3	<p><b><u>School Holiday Pattern for Community and Controlled Schools for 2022/23</u></b></p> <p>Members were reminded that the school holiday pattern for 2021/2022 was agreed by the Executive Board in June 2020 and the dates were agreed and circulated to schools.</p> <p>In November 2020 the Government announced that the Spring Bank Holiday in 2022 would be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June would see a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Since these dates fell within the previously determined published dates for the 2022 Summer Half Term break, the Community and Controlled schools would already be closed for half-term during that whole week, so no amendment was required to the already agreed school holiday pattern. However, the DfE had confirmed its firm intention to reduce both the number of days that children were required to be in attendance during the 2021-22 academic year (from 190 to 189) and the number of days teachers are required to work (from 195 to 194).</p> <p>The report set out the necessary process for schools to select an additional holiday date in 2021/22.</p> <p>A draft School Term and Holiday pattern for Community and Controlled Schools for 2022/2023 was also submitted with the report.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED-</b> That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notes the anticipated changes to normal attendance requirements for both pupils and staff in the 2021/2022 academic year, as a result of the additional bank holiday which will result in children attending for 189 days and teachers being available for work for 194 days in that academic year;</li> <li>• Agrees that once the necessary legislation has been published, the Governing Board of each Community and Voluntary controlled school will select a date within the previously determined term dates for the 2021-22 School year (based on their school priorities) which will then be</li> </ul>	<p><b>Noted</b></p> <p><b>Noted</b></p>

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	<p>taken as a holiday by the staff and pupils of that school in lieu of the additional bank holiday;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agrees the school term and holiday pattern for Community and Controlled schools for 2022/2023 (as set out in Appendix 1 ' Draft School Term and Holiday Pattern 2022/2023)</li> </ul>	Approved
8.4	<p><b><u>Local Transport Plan 2021-22</u></b></p> <p>The Executive Board received a report seeking approval for the detailed Local Transport Plan programme for the financial year 2021/22.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED –</b> The Executive Board:</p> <p>1) Approves the Local Transport Plan detailed programme for 2021/22;</p> <p>2) Delegates authority to the Strategic Director of Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development, to amend, seek and accept tenders subject to adequate budget provision</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
8.5	<p><b><u>Appropriation of Land and Disposal of Open Space of Land and Communal Gardens and Land off Old Gates Drive, Blackburn (the land)</u></b></p> <p>Members received report outlining proposals for disposal of a public open space and the appropriation of land for planning purposes and inviting the Executive Board to consider the objections received to the proposed appropriation of Council owned land at Lomond Gardens and land off Old Gates Drive for disposal.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED -</b></p> <p>The Executive Board:</p> <p>1) Acknowledges and considers the objections received for the appropriation of land at Lomond Gardens and land off Old Gates Drive.</p> <p>2) Acknowledges and considers the objections received for the disposal of open space at Lomond Gardens and land off Old Gates Drive.</p> <p>3) Having considered the objections, approve the proposed appropriation of land and disposal of open space of land at Lomond Gardens and land off Old Gates Drive for the reasons set out in this report.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>

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9.1	<p><b><u>Disposal of Residential Plots on Milking Lane, Blackburn</u></b></p> <p>A report was submitted seeking approval to proceed with the sale of residential development parcels off Milking Lane, Blackburn, as shown in Appendix A via Barnfield Blackburn Ltd, a company in which the Council was part shareholder.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED –</b></p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>2.1 Approve that the Council as shareholder of Barnfield Blackburn Ltd authorises the nominated directors to sign off the sale of residential development parcels off Milking Lane as shown in Appendix A to an identified developer.</p> <p>2.2 Authorise the nominated Council Directors to finalise and complete the terms of the disposal.</p> <p><b>AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING.</b></p>	<p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p>
11.1	<p><b><u>Local Transport Plan 2021-22</u></b></p> <p>Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 8.4, an additional report was submitted, containing commercially sensitive information.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED –</b> The Executive Board:</p> <p>1) Approves the Local Transport Plan detailed programme for 2021/22;</p> <p>2) Delegates authority to the Strategic Director of Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development, to amend, seek and accept tenders subject to adequate budget provision.</p>	<p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p>
11.2	<p><b><u>Disposal of Residential Plots off Milking Lane, Lower Darwen, Blackburn</u></b></p> <p>Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 9.1, an additional report was submitted, containing commercially sensitive information.</p>	

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	<p><b>RESOLVED –</b></p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>2.1 Approve that the Council as shareholder of Barnfield Blackburn Ltd authorises the nominated directors to sign off the sale of residential development parcels off Milking Lane as shown in Appendix A to an identified developer.</p> <p>2.2 Authorise the nominated Council Directors to finalise and complete the terms of the disposal.</p>	<p><b>Approved</b></p> <p><b>Approved</b></p>
	<p>Signed at a meeting of the Board</p> <p>on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021</p> <p>(being the ensuing meeting on the Board)</p> <p>Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed</p>	