

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday 8th July 2021

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

Councillor Mohammed Khan CBE
Councillor Julie Gunn
Councillor Mustafa Desai
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
Adult Services and Prevention
Environmental Services
Finance and Governance
Growth and Development
Public Health and Wellbeing
Digital and Customer Services

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Zara Hayat
Muhammed Bapu
Zainab Dassu

Youth MP
Deputy 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. Apologies were received from Councillor John Slater.	
2	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 th June 2021 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> No questions had been received from members of the public.	
6	<u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u> No questions had been received from Non-Executive Members.	
7	<u>Youth MPs Update</u>	

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	<p>The Youth MP and Deputy Youth MPs verbally reported on recent events and activities including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to the YPS Website. • Zara had been volunteering at the Foodbank and noted its important role in helping alleviate food poverty, • The need to work with Schools on promotion and visibility of the Youth Forum, and the production of a promotional video was also ongoing. • Promotion of the Covid Testing and the importance of following the guidelines for young people. • Ongoing work on the Mental Health First Aid Course for Young People. • Muhammed had recently received a Mayor's Award in recognition of his work, which was also a recognition of the work of the Youth Forum. <p>Members of the Executive Board thanked the Youth MPs for their update and ongoing positive work, and outlined the ways that Councillors, as School Governors, could work with schools to help promote the Youth Forum.</p> <p><u>Executive Member Reports</u></p> <p>.</p>	Noted
8.1	<p><u>Safer Streets Funding</u></p> <p>Members received a report on the Safer Streets Fund (2), a second round of funding made available to Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and Local Authorities in England and Wales in 2021/22 to help support areas with higher crime rates. Following a successful bid, Blackburn with Darwen had been awarded £432,000 from the Home Office for a scheme in the Whalley Banks and Bank Top area. The scheme included Capital spend, and as such required Executive Board approval.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board: Gives approval for the Council to spend in line with grant funding requirements.</p>	Approved
8.2	<p><u>Anti-Terrorism Traffic Restriction Order (ATTRO)</u></p> <p>Members were advised that this item had been deferred until the next meeting.</p>	Noted
8.3	<p><u>Q4 Quarterly Fostering Report</u></p> <p>A report was submitted providing information on the management</p>	

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	<p>and performance of the Local Authority's Fostering Service and is revised each quarter. The report, alongside Appendix 1, provided analysis of the period January to 31st March 2021, and reflected upon data and any patterns within the Service to determine development and progress. The report also outlined how the Service had responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Report also referenced comparisons with Quarters 1-2 of 2020.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Executive Board notes this Quarter 4 end of year 2020/21 report, alongside Appendix 1 with service development updates and recommendations.</p>	Noted
8.4	<p><u>Digitally Connected – Microsoft 365 and Unified Comms</u></p> <p>The Executive Board received a report seeking approval to upgrade the Council's Microsoft licences from E3 licences to M365 E5 licences and introduce a new Unified Communications telephony solution from June 2022.</p> <p>The report outlined the reasons for the upgrades, in particular, as as a result of the pandemic, the Council's operating model and reliance on technology had changed significantly and there would be a requirement to access the full capability of the Microsoft toolset, including Business Intelligence capabilities and external sharing/collaboration with multiple agencies.</p> <p>The transition of telephony from Skype to Teams was also being accelerated due to the age and instability of the legacy platform. The proposal to have a Unified Communications solution would offer a consistent set of products to manage all of the Council's requirements.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <p>Further to the Capital Programme at Finance Council in March 2021, the Executive Board is asked to approve the reallocation of £625,000 from the earmarked ICT Capital Reserves to fund the programme.</p> <p>Approves the potential revenue increase to the portfolio as detailed below;</p> <p>2022/23 Financial year - £178,000 2023/24 Financial year - £274,000 2024/25 Financial year - £330,000 2025/26 Financial year onwards - £345,000</p>	Approved
8.5	<p><u>Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation responses and amended Local Development Scheme Timetable</u></p> <p>Members received a report advising that the Council was currently preparing a new Local Plan which will set out the land use</p>	

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	<p>planning strategy for the Borough up to 2037. A Public Consultation exercise on a draft version of the new Local Plan was approved by the Council's Executive Board on 10th December 2020. Consultation then commenced on Friday 8th January 2021 and concluded on Friday 19th February 2021. A Consultation Statement (Background Paper 1) set out who had been consulted, how they were consulted and provided a brief summary of the main issues raised and outlines the next steps in Plan preparation.</p> <p>During the six week consultation period the Council received a total of 1,796 valid representations to policies and sites from 776 separate respondents (either individuals or organisations). A summary of each representation had been prepared along with a proposed Council response and this is included as Appendix H of the Consultation Statement (Background Paper 1).</p> <p>The proposed Strategic Housing Site at North East Blackburn (Site Ref: S195) and the proposed Strategic Employment Site at Junction 5 of the M65 (Site Ref: S179) both received a large number of representations. As a result, the proposed Council response to these representations was provided separately in Appendices I and J (of the Consultation Statement) respectively.</p> <p>A number of other representations referred to additional areas to be considered as potential future Growth sites (i.e. allocations to consider for significant new development). These were discussed further in Section 5 of the Consultation Statement and proposed Council Responses to each were provided in Appendix K. A summary was also provided in the Background section of this report below.</p> <p>A timetable setting out the next stages of work on the new Local Plan through to its adoption was also contained in a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) as Background Paper 2.</p> <p>An Addendum Report had been published prior to the meeting, which can be accessed from the link below,</p> <p>Agenda for Executive Board on Thursday, 8th July, 2021, 6.00 pm (blackburn.gov.uk)</p> <p>which clarified an error and its implications, which was in relation to Appendix H of Background Paper 1, (page 106). The report asked that Members note the error and its implications and that the Consultation Statement would be updated to reflect this new site following Executive Board approval.</p> <p>In coming to their decision the Board confirmed that they had read and considered the reports and associated appendices.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p>	

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Notes the outcomes of the Consultation Draft Local Plan Reg18 public consultation process as set out in this report and the Consultation Statement (see Background Paper 1); Approves the proposed Council responses to representations (set out in Appendices H-K of the Consultation Statement); Approves the updated Local Development Scheme (LDS) and agrees to the updated timescales included to prepare the new Local Plan (see Background Paper 2). 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
	<p>AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING.</p>	
11	<p><u>Digitally Connected – Microsoft 365 and Unified Comms</u></p> <p>Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 8.4, an additional report was submitted, containing commercially sensitive information.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board:</p> <p>Further to the Capital Programme at Finance Council in March 2021, the Executive Board is asked to approve the reallocation of £625,000 from the earmarked ICT Capital Reserves to fund the programme.</p> <p>Approves the potential revenue increase to the portfolio as detailed below;</p> <p>2022/23 Financial year - £178,000 2023/24 Financial year - £274,000 2024/25 Financial year - £330,000 2025/26 Financial year onwards - £345,000</p> <p>Signed at a meeting of the Board</p> <p>on 12th August 2021</p> <p>(being the ensuing meeting on the Board)</p> <p>Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed</p>	<p>Approved</p>