EXECUTIVE BOARD Thursday 14th October 2021

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR: PORTFOLIO:

Councillor Mohammed Khan CBE Leader of the Council

Councillor Mustafa Desai Adult Services and Prevention

Councillor Julie Gunn Children, Young People and Education

Councillor Jim Smith Environmental Services
Councillor Vicky McGurk Finance and Governance
Councillor Phil Riley Growth and Development
Councillor Damian Talbot Public Health and Wellbeing
Councillor Quesir Mahmood Digital and Customer Services

EXECUTIVE MEMBER NON PORTFOLIO

Councillor John Slater Leader of the Conservative Group

ALL IN ATTENDANCE:

Zainab Dassu Deputy Youth MP Muhammed Bapu Deputy Youth MP

	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Apologies	
	The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Khan, welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from the Youth MP Zara Hyaat.	
2	Minutes of the Previous Meeting	
	The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 th September 2021 were agreed as a correct record.	Agreed
3	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>	
	There were no Declarations of Interest submitted.	
4	Equality Implications	
	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	Public Forum	
	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 P	erson	Subject Area	Response by		
asking the Q	uestion	-			
Linda	Forrest,	Council Policy	Damian Talbot, Public		
Chairperson,	East	relating to	Health & Wellbeing		
Lancashire	Against	fluoridation of			
Fluoridation		public water			
		supplies			
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Councillor Talbot gave a detailed response to the question, and supplementary question, highlighting that the Borough had amongst the worst standards of oral health in the country, and whilst the current Council policy was against fluoridation, the debate was ongoing and any change of policy would have to be agreed by Full Council. Cllr Talbot advised that if the current Health and Social Care Bill passed, that fluoridation would no longer be a direct local government responsibility.

Councillor Talbot advised that all sides of the debate would be explored and agreed with Mrs Forrest that it was very important to work on good oral health from the pregnant mothers onwards, as good habits at this stage would help develop positive behaviours going forwards.

6 Questions by Non-Executive Members

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:-

Item			Action
Name of Non- Executive Member asking the Question	Subject Area	Executive Member and Portfolio	
Councillor Paul Marrow	Local Plan House targets and impact on capacity in secondary school place in the Borough.	Councillor Julie Gunn, Children, Young People & Education	
Councillor Mark Russell	Adult Social Care Budget/Reserves	Councillor Vicky McGurk, Finance & Governance	

Councillor Gunn responded to the question and supplementary question from Councillor Marrow, giving details of the capacity across all year groups, and of pressure on secondary school provision, which would be closely monitored, and whilst there were current pressures, there was presently no need for a new build secondary school.

Councillor Slater advised that Councillor Russell had been delayed and would be unable to ask his question in person, and Councillor McGurk agreed to send her response to both Councillor Russell and Slater.

7 Youth MPs Update

The Deputy Youth MPs verbally reported on recent events and activities including :

Noted

- Progress on the Schools Voice Alliance
- Residentials for the Young Inspectors programme
- Muhammed being awarded the Young Person of the Year award at the annual One Voice dinner
- Concerns about sexual harassment of young people and possible points of action
- Advancement of the Well-being Champions project
- The forthcoming trip to London, including a visit to the House of Commons.

Further to above, Muhammed asked Councillor Gunn the following:

Are there currently any PSHE lessons or similar lessons to help young people understand how to deal with sexual harassment and how to report it, and would we be able to assist in an adjustment to the PSHE curriculum or similar to have youth led additions made (possibly holding focus groups or discussions)?

likely that as our collaborative delivery arrangements evolve and national guidance is received, further

amendments will be required

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	e)Endorse the Pennine Lancashire ICP Partnership Agreement 2021-22	Approved
	Public Health & Wellbeing Update	
	Councillor Talbot referenced the forthcoming retirement of the Director of Public Health, Dominic Harrison, who had done an amazing job and who had also recently received an award from One Voice in recognition of his contribution.	Noted
8.2	Investment in Health and Fitness Facilities	
	A report was submitted which advised that Witton Park Arena (WPA) opened in 2014 and Blackburn Sports and Leisure Centre (BSLC) opened in 2015. Both leisure centres still had their original gym equipment in place, which had become outdated and had reached the end of its practical life span.	
	The leisure centres were closed for extended periods of time in 2020 and 2021 due to national and local Covid-19 restrictions. The closures had a significant impact on health and fitness memberships and customer confidence.	
	In order to recover income to pre-Covid levels and achieve income targets, the leisure centres neededed to provide modern, fit for purpose health and fitness facilities which support membership retention and growth. To achieve this, it will be necessary to replace the gym equipment at both WPA and BSLC, and the report outlined the process to enable this.	
	Due to the urgency of replacing the equipment, as outlined in the report, it had been agreed that this decision was not subject to Call-in.	
	RESOLVED - That the Executive Board:	
	 Approves investment in health and fitness facilities at Witton Park Arena and Blackburn Sports and Leisure Centre for new gym equipment, new flooring and new lighting. 	Approved
	 Gives approval to the Director of Place in consultation with the Executive Member for Public Health and Wellbeing and the Head of Contract and Procurement to place an order with Precor (UK) through the ESPO framework. 	Approved
8.3	Blackburn with Darwen's Oral Health Improvement Strategy	
	Members received a report which advised that Blackburn with Darwen had the highest proportion of five year olds experiencing decay in England, with 51% of our five year olds having at least one decayed missing or filled teeth. (dmft). The rate for the North	

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West was 31.7% and for England in 2018/19.

Good oral health had an important role in positive general health and wellbeing for children, vulnerable adults and the elderly. Prevention was a multifaceted approach involving education, healthcare, dental services, young people's services, the community, voluntary and faith sector (CVF) and Public Health.

Vulnerable adults who misused substances or were homeless or those with a severe mental illness or learning disabilities required additional targeted oral health intervention, as identified in a recent PHE report.

The strategy also included elderly residents in care homes as a target group requiring improved oral health care support. The oral health strategy has been developed in consultation with partners such as NHS England (NHSE), PHE, the CVF sector, and the Food Resilience Alliance. The strategy included data showing the scale of the oral health problems in the Borough, effective evidence based interventions, best practice and recommendations for collective action to improve the oral health of our residents.

The main focus of the strategy was on prevention, with a key recommendation to deliver targeted preventative interventions in early years' settings as the best return on investment. With sustained investment and focussed resourcing, the impact of these interventions would be evident in the next two to five years, measured by the surveys of five year olds in 2023 and 2025 and evaluation of the recommended interventions.

RESOLVED- That the Executive Board:

- 2.1 Note the contents of this report;
- 2.2 Approve the Blackburn with Darwen Oral Health Improvement Partnership Strategy 2021 2026;
- 2.3 Approve and support the oral health recommendations and action plan for local implementation.
- 2.4 Approve the recommendation to tender for an Oral Health Improvement Service, commencing April 2022

Noted Approved

Approved

Approved

8.4 Procurement process for Substance Misuse Services

The Executive Board received a report which advised that to the provision of substance misuse services across Blackburn with Darwen needed to be retendered due to the current contract coming to an end. The substance misuse service (including alcohol) incorporated a range of service contracts, covering both young people's services through to adulthood and criminal justice. There was a need to ensure that the service was dynamic and innovative to respond to emerging challenges and trends, whilst becoming more efficient, value for money with improved quality and outcomes.

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	The new commissioning model would incorporate a more effective Recovery Orientated Integrated System (ROIS). This model went beyond the clinical and medical model to incorporate employment, training, education and support within family life, and took a life course approach.	
	The report highlighted the costs of alcohol and drug misuse, and advised that alcohol treatment reflected a return on investment of £3 for every pound invested. Drug treatment reflected a return on investment of £4 for every pound invested.	
	RESOLVED - The Executive Board:	
	 Notes the commencement of a tendering and procurement activity to offer this service to the wider market, with revised contractual and commissioning arrangements to be in place from 1st April 2022. This contract will encompass both adults and young peoples' services and provide advice, prevention, support and interventions across the life course. The contract will be procured for 3 years with an option to extend for up to 2 year's subject to satisfactory delivery which will be monitored via robust contract review processes. 	Noted
	Approves the strategy for the service as set out in this report. AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS THE PRESS AND	Approved
11	PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING. Investment in Health and Fitness Facilities	
	Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 8.2, an additional report was submitted, containing commercially sensitive information.	
	Due to the urgency of replacing the equipment, as outlined in the report, it had been agreed that this decision was not subject to Call-in.	
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Item	Action
Signed at a meeting of the Board	
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(being the ensuing meeting on the Board)	
Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed	