

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday 11th November 2021

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

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

PORTFOLIO:

Leader of the Council
Children, Young People and Education
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 Hyaat
Zainab Dassu
Muhammed Bapu

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 Councillors Jim Smith and Mustafa Desai.	
2	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 th October 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 from members of the public had been received.	
6	<u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u> No questions from Non-Executive Members had been received.	

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7	<p><u>Youth MPs Update</u></p> <p>The Youth MPs verbally reported on recent events and activities including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at the 100 year anniversary of King George's Hall celebration • Work with officers on concerns relating to Mental Health and also the PHSE curriculum and Sexual Harrassment • Attendance on Sunday at Corporation Park for Remembrance Sunday • Youth Forum Engagement • The Knife Angel statue and event • Work with Nightsafe • Continuing work relating to the Young Inspectors Programme <p>Executive Board Members reflected on the excellent ongoing work of the Youth MPs and Youth Forum.</p>	Noted
8	<p><u>Executive Member Reports.</u></p> <p><u>Leader's Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Khan verbally reported on the excellent turnout at the Armistice Day two minute silence earlier in the day in both Blackburn and Darwen, and also reflected on the importance of people taking up Covid vaccinations and booster jabs.</p> <p>In terms of an update for Adult Services & Prevention, the Leader noted the recent announcements relating to Covid jabs for Care Workers and NHS staff and also noted the recent handover of Albion Mill site by the Contractors.</p> <p><u>Children, Young People & Education</u></p> <p>Councillor Julie Gunn verbally reported that the Council was participating in an Ofsted pilot relating to SEND inspection methodology and also reflected on continuing good attendance figures across the Borough's schools.</p>	
8.1	<p><u>Eat Well, Move More, Shape-Up Strategy Refresh 2022-2025</u></p> <p>Members received a report and associated appendices, providing the Executive Board with an update on the refresh of the 'Eat Well Move More Shape Up Strategy 2017-2020' which had made significant progress in embedding the three key work streams of the strategy through the development of the Active BwD Network, Blackburn with Darwen's Food Resilience Alliance and the Healthy Weight Declaration. The strategy brought together key people and organisations with a shared purpose of getting Blackburn with Darwen moving more, eating well and aiming for a healthy weight.</p>	

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	<p>With the refresh of the strategy, there was now an opportunity to shift from a delivery focussed approach to a strategic approach, which advocated for sustainable change across the whole system.</p> <p>The eleven 'Guiding Principles' within the refreshed strategy gave a framework for this and encouraged an evidence based, intelligence led and community focussed way of working to improve the health and wellbeing of residents and to tackle health inequalities.</p> <p>The refreshed and rebranded 'Eat Well Move More' strategy would support the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and build on the opportunities presented during this time and the partnerships developed during the last 18 months and there was an ambition to embed Eat Well Move More guiding principles through the Borough's recovery plans.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the key issues and challenges related to access to good food and physical activity across Blackburn with Darwen and acknowledge the opportunities to support COVID recovery and tackle health inequalities. • Acknowledge and support the need for wider system change and cross sector leadership buy in and continue to champion the collaborative work already in place. • Approve the refreshed, three year 'Eat Well Move More' Strategy. 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
8.2	<p><u>Transition to the Cloud</u></p> <p>A report was submitted which requested support for the funding required to deploy a Microsoft Azure Cloud Platform and Cloud backup solution which was needed to underpin the Council's new approach to Information Technology and Digital Strategy delivery.</p> <p>This investment would enable the Council to begin the process of replacing its ageing, inflexible, legacy systems and facilities with a next generation digital platform that will support the transformation of its public services, alleviating the current risks that the Council faced.</p> <p>Moving to a Cloud first model would allow staff and citizens to connect directly with services over the internet without reliance on BwD maintained datacentres or BwD broadband connections. Reliability and connection speed would therefore be improved, utilising the vast speed of Microsoft's network. This would also go a long way into helping troubleshoot end user issues whilst adopting the hybrid home/office working model.</p>	

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	<p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves for inclusion in the Council's Capital Programme for 2021/22, a capital budget of £248k to fund the transition costs of moving to the cloud to be funded through prudential borrowing. • Approves the use of the digital transformation programme contingent revenue reserves of £447k to fund one off non-recurrent revenue expenditure to cover dual running costs and post transition assistance. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>

Signed at a meeting of the Board

on 9th December 2021

(being the ensuing meeting on the Board)

Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed