

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday 10th February 2022

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

Councillor Mohammed Khan CBE
Councillor Julie Gunn
Councillor Mustafa Desai
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
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:

Zainab Dassu
Muhammed Bapu

Deputy Youth MP
Deputy Youth MP

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1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Khan, welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies were received from Councillor Jum Smith and the Youth MP Zara Hyatt.	
2	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 th January 2022 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 submitted by members of the public.	
6	<u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u> 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:-	

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	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Non-Executive Member asking the Question</th> <th>Subject Area</th> <th>Executive Member and Portfolio</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Councillor Jon Baldwin</td> <td>Council Budget costs and Covid Funding</td> <td>Councillor Vicky McGurk, Finance & Governance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Councillor Neil Slater</td> <td>Council Budget costs/debt and Covid Funding</td> <td>Councillor Vicky McGurk, Finance & Governance</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Councillor Vicky McGurk gave detailed answers to both questions.</p> <p>In response to the supplementary question from Councillor Jon Baldwin relating to value for money of the Council's interest payments and growth, Cllr McGurk advised that the Council had the 5th lowest interest payments compared to its statistical neighbours, and that this represented value for money, and also advised that in terms of growth, the Council Tax base was significantly increasing and the economy growing.</p> <p>In response to the supplementary question from Councillor Neil Slater relating to the total liability of the Council including pension contributions, Cllr McGurk advised that she would send this information via e-mail to Councillor Slater after the meeting.</p>	Name of Non-Executive Member asking the Question	Subject Area	Executive Member and Portfolio	Councillor Jon Baldwin	Council Budget costs and Covid Funding	Councillor Vicky McGurk, Finance & Governance	Councillor Neil Slater	Council Budget costs/debt and Covid Funding	Councillor Vicky McGurk, Finance & Governance	
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7	<p><u>Youth MPs Update</u></p> <p>The Deputy Youth MPs verbally reported on recent events and activities including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Wellbeing Champions training • Young Inspectors Programme update • Continued promotion of vaccination uptake amongst young people • The third SYA Forum meeting, which discussed Sexual Harassment and Covid-19 amongst other topics • The Youth MP Elections results would be declared on Monday 14th February and Executive Board Members were invited to attend. Muhammed and Zainab thanked Liz Clarkson and team for all their support over the past two years and thanked the Executive Board for all their support over the same period. <p>Executive Board Members reflected on the excellent work of the Youth MPs and Youth Forum over the past two years.</p>	Noted									

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	<p><u>Executive Member Reports.</u></p> <p><u>Leader's Update</u></p> <p>The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Khan, verbally reported on the recent publication of White Papers relating to Health and Social Care Integration and Levelling Up.</p>	Noted
8.1	<p><u>Corporate Revenue Budget Monitoring Report Quarter 3 2021/22</u></p> <p>Members received a report on the overall financial position of the Council, highlighting any significant issues and explaining variations in the third quarter of the financial year.</p> <p>In response to a request from Councillor John Slater relating to the progress against saving targets agreed at the last Finance Council, Cllr McGurk advised that she would provide this information to Cllr Slater.</p> <p>RESOLVED - That the Executive Board approve;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The portfolio cash limit adjustments outlined in Appendix 1 • The budget summary provided in Appendix 2 • The Earmarked reserves position shown in Appendix 3 	Approved Approved Approved
8.2	<p><u>Corporate Capital Budget and Balance Sheet Monitoring Report 2021/22 – Quarter 3 (9 months to 31st December 2021)</u></p> <p>A report was submitted on the overall financial position of the Council in respect of the capital programme as at 31st December 2021, highlighting key issues and explaining variations in the first 9 months of the financial year.</p> <p>RESOLVED- The Executive Board is asked;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the revised capital programme as per Appendix 1 • To approve the variations to the programme shown in Appendix 2 	Approved Approved
10.1	<p><u>Safer Roads Strategy 2022-2026</u></p> <p>The Executive Board was advised that the Blackburn with Darwen Safer Roads Strategy had been developed to create a local action</p>	

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	<p>plan to improve safety on our roads. The strategy dovetailed with that of the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership and recognised the importance of a coordinated regional response, whilst emphasising the value in locally devised action.</p> <p>The strategy emphasised safer but also healthier roads, to widen the remit of road safety to encompass road and traffic related actions that could improve population health. The primary aim of the strategy was to reduce casualties on BwD roads. Secondary aims included; increase the number of people who felt safe on BwD roads including when walking and cycling, reduce car use and increase active travel and take action to improve air quality.</p> <p>The ultimate vision of the BwD Safer Roads Strategy is a Towards Zero approach, with no fatalities on our roads. On our way to achieving this vision, targets have been set within the BwD Safer Roads Strategy period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target for a 30% reduction in fatal and serious casualties on BwD roads by 2026 from 2019 levels • Target for 30% reduction in fatal and serious casualties in those 15 years and under by 2026 from 2019 levels • Target to reduce the number of Air Quality Management Areas in the borough from four to one by 2026 • Target for an increase in walking and cycling in line with the BwD Walking and Cycling Plan <p>RESOLVED – The Executive Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the content of and approve the Blackburn with Darwen Safer Roads Strategy 2022-2026 • Support the priorities set out in the Blackburn with Darwen Safer Roads Strategy 2022-2026 	
10.2	<p><u>St John's Refurbishment</u></p> <p>Following the acceptance of the insurance settlement from Zurich for the St John's Church due to the unfortunate fire that occurred on 3rd April 2019, a report was submitted seeking approval to set up a capital project for the restoration of the former St John's Church.</p> <p>It was proposed the former St John's Church be repurposed and refurbished to create high quality flexible workspace to meet new agile working demands, which had been accelerated by the pandemic, and would form an early phase of the new Blackburn town centre masterplan.</p> <p>The report outlined the outcome of the tender process for procuring an architect to undertake the design for the</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p>

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11.1	<p>refurbishment project and sought approval to appoint the successful architect. Following the appointment of the architect the report also sought delegated approval to commence the procurement and appointment of the remaining design team. The design team would then prepare options for the refurbishment scheme which will help inform the Council as to the best use of the building set within its historic context.</p> <p>It was anticipated that a planning application would be submitted late 2022 with contractor procurement commencing early 2023. The report further also sought approval for the submission of all required consents and approvals for the works and approval to commence the contractor procurement.</p> <p>A further report would then be prepared for the Executive Board to appoint the contractor following a competitive tender process.</p> <p>RESOLVED -</p> <p>The Executive Board:</p> <p>a) Approves a capital allocation of £3.54 million to cover the design and refurbishment works for the project;</p> <p>b) Approves the appointment of Bidder A as architect for the project with the appointment of Bidder B as reserve bidder;</p> <p>c) Approves officers to proceed with the procurement and appointment of the design team and delegates authority to the Growth Director to agree the terms for their appointment;</p> <p>d) Delegates authority to the Growth Director in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development and the Executive Member for Finance and Governance to agree the scheme design proposals;</p> <p>e) Approves the submission of all required consents and approvals for the works including planning, listed building consent and building regulation approval; and</p> <p>f) Delegates authority to the Growth Director to agree the contractor procurement strategy.</p> <p>AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING.</p> <p><u>St John's Refurbishment</u></p> <p>Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 10.2, an additional</p>	<p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p></p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p></p> <p></p>

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