

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday 14th April 2022

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

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

PORTFOLIO:

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

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Councillor John Slater

NON PORTFOLIO

Leader of the Conservative Group

ALL IN ATTENDANCE:

Muhammed Bapu
Hasti Jahanghiri

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 Mustafa Desai and Isabelle Crawford, Deputy Youth MP.	
2	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 th March 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> 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 Question	Subject Area	Response By	
Amin Kapadia	Council Land, Sunnybower, Blackburn	Councillor Phil Riley, Growth & Development	
Rick Moore	Impact of Housing Growth on infrastructure	Councillor Phil Riley, Growth & Development	
Iain Sykes	Traffic calming measures, Sunnybower, Blackburn	Councillor Phil Riley, Growth & Development	
Lisa Quinn	Impact on wildlife of building on land on Whalley Old Road, Blackburn	Councillor Phil Riley, Growth & Development	
<p>Councillor Riley gave responses to Amin Kapadia and Rick Moore who were in attendance, advising that in terms of Amin Kapadia's question, investigations had been necessary into encroachments onto Council land following complaints from residents, and in terms of Rick Moore's question, gave details of highways improvements planned and advised that the provision of other key infrastructure such as GP services and open spaces and schools were considered within the published Infrastructure Delivery Plan.</p> <p>Written responses would be sent to Iain Sykes and Lisa Quinn who were unable to attend the meeting.</p>			
6	<u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u>		
	No questions had been submitted by Non-Executive Members.		
7	<u>Youth MPs Update</u>		
	<p>The Youth MP and Deputy Youth MP verbally reported on recent events and activities including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress of the Young Inspectors Project and Framework. • The latest Strategic Youth Alliance and Lancashire Youth Commission and Children's Partnership Board meetings. • Thanks were passed to retiring Councillor Maureen Bateson for all her invaluable work relating to Children and Young People, and also to the Leader, who was also retiring, for his support of the Youth MPs over many years on the Executive Board. 		Noted

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	<p>Executive Board Members thanked the Youth MPs for the update and for their ongoing positive impacts across several areas relating to Young People.</p> <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 details of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, which replaced former EU funding, detailing the funding allocation to the Council. Cllr Khan also referred to the end of a £100M national grant that tackled obesity, referred to the rise in inflation to 7% and rising interest rates on students loans.</p>	Noted
8.1	<p><u>Update on Children's Services ILAC Inspection</u></p> <p>Members received a report advising of the results of an Ofsted 'Inspection of Local Authority Children's Services' (ILACS) across the three week period 24 January 2022 and 4 February 2022. The report was published on the Ofsted website on 18th March 2022 with confirmed judgements across four categories and recommendations for improvement.</p> <p>The structure of the Ofsted ILACS Inspection comprised one week of off-site activity to consider Blackburn with Darwen data, strategies and plans. Additionally the quality of audit activity and the impact of audits on practice and outcomes for children and young people were used to determine key lines of enquiry. This was followed by 2 weeks of onsite activity by a team of four Social Care Ofsted Inspectors, one Education Inspector and a Quality Assurance Inspector. Additionally a virtual Regulatory Inspector considered Fostering and Adoption support and services.</p> <p>The judgements across the 4 categories were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The experiences and progress of children who need help and protection – 'requires improvement to be good' ○ The experiences and progress of children in care and care leavers – 'requires improvement to be good' ○ The impact of leaders on social work practice with children and families – 'requires improvement to be good' ○ Overall Effectiveness – 'requires improvement to be good' <p>The report was clear that the Council's response was timely and appropriate when children were at immediate risk of significant harm. Inspectors confirmed that children in local authority care needed to be in care, and that most children and their families received early help and support when they needed it.</p> <p>Additional areas of strength were highlighted in the report</p>	

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	Governance to complete the necessary legal formalities in the disposal process.	
	2.5 Authorises the Growth Director to finalise and complete the terms of the disposal.	Approved
	2.6 Delegates authority to the Growth Director, in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth & Development to:	Approved
	a) Consider any objections to the proposed disposal of 'open space' at Whalley Old Road; and if appropriate	
	b) Approve the proposed disposal of 'open space' at Whalley Old Road.	
	Before the meeting moved into 'Part 2' the Leader noted that this was his last Executive Board meeting, thanked everyone for their support over the years and passed on best wishes. All in attendance gave Councillor Khan a round of applause.	
	AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCEEDINGS THE PRESS AND PUBLIC WERE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING.	
11.1	<u>Land at Whalley Old Road, Blackburn</u>	
	Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 9.2, an additional report was submitted, containing commercially sensitive information.	
	RESOLVED –	
	The Executive Board:	
	2.1 Approves the sale of the Council owned land to Bidder A for the agreed purchase price and part deferred payment profile.	Approved
	2.2 Notes that Lea Hough & Co, representing the two private landowners, are in agreement to appoint Bidder A.	Noted
	2.3 Notes that the land conveyancing process will be coordinated by an external solicitor acting on behalf of all the landowners, including the Council.	Noted
	2.4 Authorises the Strategic Head of Service for Legal and Governance to complete the necessary legal formalities in the disposal process.	Approved
	2.5 Authorises the Growth Director to finalise and complete the terms of the disposal.	Approved
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	<p>a) Consider any objections to the proposed disposal of 'open space' at Whalley Old Road; and if appropriate</p> <p>b) Approve the proposed disposal of 'open space' at Whalley Old Road.</p> <p>Signed at a meeting of the Board on 9th June 2022</p> <p>(being the ensuing meeting on the Board)</p> <p>Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed</p>	