

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday 12th October 2023

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

Councillor Phil Riley
Councillor Julie Gunn
Councillor Mahfooz Hussain
Councillor Damian Talbot
Councillor Quesir Mahmood
Councillor Vicky McGurk
Councillor Mustafa Desai
Councillor Jim Smith

PORTFOLIO:

Leader of the Council
Children, Young People & Education
Digital & Customer Services
Public Health, Prevention & Wellbeing
Growth & Development
Finance & Governance
Adult Social Care
Environment & Operations

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Councillor John Slater

NON PORTFOLIO

Leader of the Conservative Group

YOUTH FORUM

REPRESENTATIVES:

Kasim Shah
Mo Kharbari
Faisal Ahmed

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1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>The Leader of the Council, Councillor Phil Riley, welcomed all to the meeting. No apologies were received.</p> <p>The Leader referred to recent world events, reflecting on the shock at the violence in Israel and Gaza, and the tragic loss of innocent lives. The Leader expressed that this was deeply distressing, with many people in the Borough personally affected, and that the Council stood in solidarity with all those who wanted peace. There then followed a minute's silence.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th September 2023 were agreed as a correct record.</p>	Agreed
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>No Declarations of Interest were received.</p>	
4	<p><u>Equality Implications</u></p> <p>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.</p>	Confirmed
5	<p><u>Public Forum</u></p>	

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6	<p>No questions from members of the public had been received.</p> <p><u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u></p> <p>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:-</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="339 501 1305 1003"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="339 501 587 636">Name of Non-Executive Member asking the Question</th> <th data-bbox="587 501 874 636">Subject Area</th> <th data-bbox="874 501 1305 636">Executive Member and Portfolio</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="339 636 587 1003">Councillor Denise Gee</td> <td data-bbox="587 636 874 1003">Home Match Day Parking – Blackburn Rovers</td> <td data-bbox="874 636 1305 1003">Councillor Quesir Mahmood, Growth & Development, and Councillor Jim Smith, Environment Operations.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Councillor Denise Gee asked a number of questions relating to Home Match Day parking for Blackburn Rovers, referencing the need for yellow lines to be repainted on Jack Walker way to assist enforcement, repainting of cycle lane markings to assist enforcement, the need for traffic warden enforcement and why was the Council not in discussions with the club about alternative arrangements, such as park and ride?</p> <p>Councillor Mahmood responded to the first two questions, advising that the Council had allocated significant additional funding in the past two years to undertake road lining works, with Jack Walker Way scheduled to be relined during 2023. In terms of the current double yellow lines on Jack Walker Way, the lines were visible and enforceable and Civil Enforcement officers would issue a PCN to anyone who parked on the double yellow lines on match days if they were not entitled to park there. Blue badge holders could legally park on double yellow lines for up to three hours as a condition of the national blue badge scheme.</p> <p>Councillor Jim Smith indicated that the cycle lane markings were installed when the housing estate was developed. They were merely advisory and are not covered by a Traffic Regulation Order therefore not enforceable. Civil Enforcement Officers (CEOs) were out on patrol on every match day. The match day parking scheme included areas in Infirmary, Mill Hill, Livesey and Lower Darwen, the CEOs also patrolled Jack Walker Way. Jack Walker Way had double yellow lines on one side from Bolton Road up to the housing estate and there is no lining on the other side of Jack Walker Way. The vast majority of cars parked on the double yellow</p>	Name of Non-Executive Member asking the Question	Subject Area	Executive Member and Portfolio	Councillor Denise Gee	Home Match Day Parking – Blackburn Rovers	Councillor Quesir Mahmood, Growth & Development, and Councillor Jim Smith, Environment Operations.	
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	<p>lines on match days were blue badge holders.</p> <p>Civil Enforcement Officers had issued 111 PCNs in the match day parking scheme in the four home matches played in August and September.</p> <p>Councillor Smith advised that the only football club in the Premiership which operates a park and ride scheme is Brighton and Hove Albion FC, the only club in the Championship which operates a park and ride scheme is Southampton FC who are trialling a park and ride scheme this season for nine home matches. Blackburn Rovers did provide parking options at the stadium, and Darwen Vale High School opened their car park for football supporters to park on match days. The Football Stadium was also on several bus routes.</p> <p>Councillor John Slater asked Cllr Smith for a breakdown of the figures for the 111 PCNs issued.</p>	
7	<p><u>Youth MPs Update</u></p> <p>The Youth Forum representatives verbally reported on recent events and activities including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation in the Summer Programme and residential visit. • Interview training for Young People. • Attendance at the recent Children and Young People OSC to present on the Young Inspectors Programme • Youthforia – which focussed this time on Black History Month and types of racism. • Forthcoming attendance at the Annual Sitting at the House of Commons, where the next campaigns would be voted on. • Involvement in consultation on the new Darwen Youth Centre. • Plans for the next Climate Change event in February. <p>Councillor Julie Gunn praised the work and involvement reported.</p>	Noted
	<p><u>Leader's Update</u></p> <p>Councillor Phil Riley verbally updated the Executive Board on the progress of devolution discussions for Lancashire, with the Deal document sent to the Government on 11th October and a meeting involving the Leaders of the three Unitary Councils with the Levelling Up Minister Jacob Young on Monday 16th October 2023.</p>	Noted
8.1	<p><u>Family Hubs Update</u></p> <p>A report was submitted, which reminded Members that in October 2021, the government announced £301.75 million would be</p>	

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	<p>available for 75 local authorities in England to deliver Start for Life and family services. The grant funding was over a three year term and the programme's core objective was to improve the universal Start for Life offer and transform delivery of family services in local authority areas with the highest levels of deprivation and disproportionately poor health and educational outcomes, to support the government's levelling up ambitions. Local authorities were expected to work with delivery partners (e.g. health, education, voluntary sector, and other partners) to design and implement their family hub model and Start for Life services.</p> <p>The report highlighted the significant progress made to date in terms of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transformation • Infant feeding • Early Language and Home Learning • Early Help • Parenting Support • Reducing Parental Conflict • Parent Carer Panels • Wider Services <p>Four localities were delivering a family hub model, and future plans were outlined and the four hubs had now been aligned with the neighbourhood model of working and linked with Primary Care networks. The integrated offer was now providing Health, Care and Education services across the full 0- 19 age groups (25 with SEND) and becoming the 'front door' for families in their neighbourhoods. This would ensure a neighbourhood model of service delivery, aligned to the four Primary Care Neighbourhoods improving outcomes in early years and beyond.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>Note the progress of the Family Hub development</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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8.2	<p data-bbox="336 136 973 170"><u>Climate Impacts Framework Consultation</u></p> <p data-bbox="336 212 1286 465">Members received a report which referenced that the Council had declared a Climate Emergency, and the Council's Corporate Plan included a mission to 'deliver our climate emergency action plan' (CEAP). The CEAP included an action to ensure that plans and strategies addressed climate change objectives, and that 'sound decisions' were made, ensuring that the Council would account for emissions in all decision making.</p> <p data-bbox="336 506 1286 902">The emerging new Local Plan (2021-2037), a key plan for the future of the Borough, contained a series of planning policies which sought to achieve sustainable development. The Local Plan included a specific policy, Policy CP5: Climate Change, which set out an expectation for new development to contribute to mitigating and adapting to climate change. To demonstrate the extent to which the design of new development addresses climatic (and other environmental) considerations, Policy CP5 confirmed a commitment to introduce a 'Climate Impacts Framework' (CIF) assessment tool which would act as both i) a design tool and ii) an assessment tool.</p> <p data-bbox="336 943 1286 1234">The Local Plan confirmed that the CIF tool, and its accompanying guidance, would form the basis of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which would carry material weight in decision making once adopted. As required by national legislation, an SPD must be publically consulted upon for a statutory period of 4 weeks. The SPD did not introduce new policy, it just clarified the implementation of existing policy set out in the emerging new Local Plan.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1274 1286 1458">The report sought approval to consult on a draft of this SPD. Consultation would commence by the end of October, and subject to successful adoption of the new Local Plan a final revised SPD was expected to be brought back to Executive Board in February 2024 to seek approval to adopt.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1498 1286 1603">Councillor John Slater advised that he felt the assessment tools were incomplete and some of the RAG ratings were incorrect, and he advised he would inform Cllr Mahmood of these.</p> <p data-bbox="336 1677 544 1711">RESOLVED –</p> <p data-bbox="336 1751 708 1785">That the Executive Board:</p> <ul data-bbox="384 1825 1241 1930" style="list-style-type: none"> • Approves the proposed Climate Impacts Framework Supplementary Planning Document (CIF SPD) for public consultation. 	<p data-bbox="1326 1825 1481 1859">Approved</p>

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8.3	<p><u>Treasury Management Quarter 1 2023-24</u></p> <p>A report was submitted which gave monitoring information relating to Treasury Management for the period 1st April 2023 to 30th June 2023.</p> <p>RESOLVED-</p> <p>That the Executive Board note the Treasury Management position for the period.</p>	Noted
9.1	<p><u>Long Lease Disposal of Land at Shadsworth to Together Housing Group</u></p> <p>Members were advised that Together Housing Group (THG) through their subsidiary Newground-Together had bid for and secured Youth Investment Fund (YIF) grant to build a new Children’s Hub in the Shadsworth area.</p> <p>The project was supported by the Council and the location of the new building would be in a central area close to the existing Shadsworth Hub, local play area and open space. A condition of the YIF grant was that the land ownership should be in the name of the grant-receiving organisation. As such, THG had requested that the Council transfer the land to THG to allow the project to proceed in the form of a long lease disposal. In 2016, the Council transferred the site of the former Shadsworth community centre and adjacent land to THG, to develop the Shadsworth Hub for the provision of a new community centre facility and shops. The proposed new Children’s Hub building would be adjacent to the Shadsworth Hub. Officers from the Council and THG identified the best course of action would be to grant a long lease to THG for the parcel of land which includes the park and open space adjacent to the Shadsworth Hub. This would enable Newground-Together to draw down grant and commence the building of the new Childrens Hub and maintain the whole hub, park and open space for the term of the lease.</p> <p>RESOLVED -</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>2.1 Note that Newground-Together, a subsidiary of THG, has successfully secured YIF grant to build a new Childrens Hub.</p> <p>2.2 Note that since 2016, THG have provided a community centre facility on behalf of the Council on the Shadsworth Hub site (area C hatched grey on Appendix A).</p> <p>2.3 Note the Council’s proposal to grant a lease for the adjacent land (area B hatched purple in Appendix A), which contains the park and open space to THG to build a new Childrens Hub, carry out upgrades to the park and manage and maintain the whole area</p>	Noted Noted Noted

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	for the duration of a 99 year lease.	
	2.4 Authorise officers to finalise negotiations with THG and prepare the lease for the transfer.	Approved
	2.5 Delegate authority to conclude negotiations, including terms of any land transfer and contracts to the Growth Programme Director in consultation with the Executive Member for Growth and Development to approve the final heads of terms.	Approved
	2.6 Authorise the Deputy Director, Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer) to complete the necessary legal formalities.	Approved
	2.7 Authorise the Strategic Director Growth and Development to appropriate the land off Bute Road shown hatched purple, on the attached Appendix A, from the Environment and Operations portfolio to the Growth & Development department for planning purposes pursuant to s226 Town and Country Planning Act 1990.	Approved
	2.8 Noting that the land is construed as open space in character then such appropriation must also comply with s122(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 and hence authorise the Deputy Director, Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer) to advertise the proposal to appropriate accordingly.	Approved
	2.9 Authorise the Deputy Director, Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer) to advertise the proposal to dispose of 'open space' in accordance with the statutory process under Section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.	Approved
	2.10 Note that in authorising the commencement of the appropriation process of the land off Bute Road, the Council has considered the provisions of the Equalities Act 2010 and the Human Rights Act 1998 as set out in this report.	Noted
	2.11 Authorise the Strategic Director Growth and Development for the consideration of any objections to both the appropriation proposal and 'open space' disposal.	Approved
	2.12 Note the Council's powers under section 203 – 206 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 to override any third party rights and easements on the land once planning permission for the planning purpose has been obtained and so where necessary to enable the planning purpose to be achieved, authorise the Strategic Director of Growth & Development to override any said third party rights or easements.	Noted
	2.13 If the appropriation for planning purposes is approved and any third party rights and easements have been overridden, authorise the negotiation and payment of any compensation claims potentially emerging from the appropriation.	Approved
	<p>Signed at a meeting of the Board</p> <p>on 9th November 2023</p> <p>(being the ensuing meeting on the Board)</p> <p>Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed</p>	

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