

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday, 10th January, 2019

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

Councillor Mohammed Khan
Councillor Shaukat Hussain

Councillor Andy Kay
Councillor Maureen Bateson
Councillor Phil Riley
Councillor Jim Smith
Councillor Damian Talbot
Councillor Brian Taylor

PORTFOLIO:

Leader
Neighbourhood and Prevention
Services
Resources
Children Young People and Education
Regeneration
Environment
Leisure and Culture
Health and Adult Social Care.

EXECUTIVE MEMBER:

Councillor John Slater

NON-PORTFOLIO:

Leader of the Conservative Group

	Item	Action						
1	<u>Welcome and Apologies</u> The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Khan, welcomed all present to the meeting. Apologies were received from the Youth MPs.							
2	<u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u> The Minutes of the meeting held on 8 th November 2018 were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair.	Approved						
3	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> There were no declarations of interest made.							
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> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Person asking the Question</th><th>Subject Area</th><th>Response by</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Keith Murray</td><td>House Building Targets in the Borough</td><td>Councillor Phil Riley</td></tr> </tbody> </table> Councillor Phil Riley provided a response to the question and the supplementary question arising.	Name of Person asking the Question	Subject Area	Response by	Keith Murray	House Building Targets in the Borough	Councillor Phil Riley	
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6	<u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u>							

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	No questions were received from Non-Executive Members	
7	<p><u>Youth MPs Update</u></p> <p>The Chair informed the meeting that the Youth MP and Deputy had been unable to attend the meeting.</p>	
8	<p><u>Quarter 2 Fostering Report</u></p> <p>A report was submitted which provided information on the management and performance of the Local Authority's Fostering Service for the quarter of 2018/19.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board note the report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the Quarterly report is available on the Council's website. 	Noted
9	<p><u>Six Monthly Adoption Report</u></p> <p>A report was submitted that provided information on the management and performance of the Local Authority's Adoption Service for the first half of 2018/19.</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the Executive Board note the report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the report is available on the Council's website. 	Noted
10	<p><u>Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation</u></p> <p>The Committee were informed that the Authority currently had a Local Plan Core Strategy and Local Plan Part 2: Site Allocations and Development Management Policies which set out the land use planning strategy for the Borough up to 2026.</p> <p>New planning regulations were published by Government in late 2017 that required local authorities to review Local Plans at least every five years from the date of their adoption. In response to the new regulations, an assessment of the two adopted local plans had been undertaken.</p> <p>The Council approved a new Local Development Scheme in February 2018 that set out the intention to develop a single Local Plan to replace the Core Strategy and Local Plan Part 2. The consultation on "Issues and Options" marked the first stage towards the development of a new local plan. The intention was to consult on the Issues and Options document in February and March 2019 for a period of six weeks.</p> <p>The Issues and Options consultation document set out the main points to consider in producing a new local plan and covered the following matters:</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision and Strategic Objectives • Growth Options • Spatial Issues • Thematic Issues covering employment, housing, public facilities, environment, quality of place, and access to jobs and services. <p>The key risks revolved around the need to update the existing adopted local plan and address the proposed growth options that feature in the Issues and Options document. The consultation on Issues and Options addressed both of these risks by demonstrating the Council's intention to develop a new local plan; and sought consultation responses on potential growth options.</p> <p>RESOLVED-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Issues and Options Document be approved for consultation; 2. That the Director of Growth & Development (in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration) be delegated authority to any make editorial amendments to the Issues and Options Document prior to its final publication for consultation. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
11	<p><u>Approval of the Lancashire Bid to become a 75% Business Rates Retention (BRR) Pilot for 2019/20</u></p> <p>The Board were informed that the Lancashire wide bid to become a 75% Business Rates Retention pilot area for the 2019/20 financial year was one of 15 successful bids announced in the Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement on 13th December 2018.</p> <p>RESOLVED- That the Executive Board noted that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council (BwD), will become a member of the Lancashire Business Rates Pool Member for the 2019/20 financial year following confirmation of the success of the bid to become a 75% Business Rates Retention pilot area, that was submitted in September 2018; 2. Within the bid, the first 5% of any additional growth in Business Rates in Lancashire (i.e. in the move from 50% to 75% BRR), would be used to create a 'resilience reserve' to mitigate against any associated, additional loss for a council as a result of them being a pilot member. If funds were remaining in this reserve at the end of the pilot, this would be used to further compensate individual councils facing a loss; 3. Within the bid, a further 25% of the additional growth would be set aside to create a Lancashire wide fund to be used to target strategic economic growth and sustainability. This investment fund would be allocated on the basis of unanimous 	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

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	<p>decision by members of the Lancashire Leaders Business Rates Pilot Group;</p> <p>4. Within the bid, the remaining retained growth would be apportioned according to the new tier splits i.e. Districts 56% (currently 40%); County Council 17.5% (currently 9%); Unitaries 73.5% (currently 49%); Fire 1.5% (currently 1%) to promote local economic growth and to enable the financial sustainability of pool members;</p> <p>5. That responsibility for finalising the arrangements for the pilot be delegated to the Director of Finance and Customer Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources.; and,</p> <p>6. That once further information is released by Government on this, as part of the final Local Government Finance Settlement; this would be included in the 2019/20 Budget Reports presented to Finance Council in February 2019.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p>
12	<p><u>Corporate Complaints Report 2017/18</u></p> <p>The Board received monitoring information setting out the complaints and compliments received by the Council for the period 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. The information had been compared to data collected from previous years to allow reasonable comparison.</p> <p>RESOLVED- That the Executive Board note the report.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
13	<p><u>Council Office Accommodation Strategy Update</u></p> <p>Further to the report to Executive Board on 8th February 2018, the Board were updated on the implementation plans for the next stage of the Council's Office Accommodation Strategy.</p> <p>Since the funding reductions started in 2010 the Council had made budget cuts each year and downsized its workforce, and as a consequence of this, had routinely reviewed its core office accommodation sites to rationalise property and reduce costs.</p> <p>Modernisation of Blackburn Town Hall, would increase capacity, improve service provision, reduce operational and backlog maintenance costs. The remodelling of the internal cellular spaces into flexible office accommodation would encourage and promote future agile and digital working practices</p> <p>The refurbishment of the Davyfield Road bungalow site was now complete which provided staff accommodation and emergency/civil contingency facilities in the event of a town centre buildings failure.</p> <p>RESOLVED- That the Executive Board notes: 1. Further to the Executive Board report of February 2018, the</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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	level of refurbishment planned for Blackburn Town Hall is being scaled back in line with the Council's ongoing budget constraints. 2. The proposed reduced refurbishment works will be funded from the existing accommodation strategy capital programme fund. 3. That a further report will be brought on the future options for the Tower Block.	Noted Noted
14	<p><u>Matters referred to the Executive Board</u></p> <p>There were no matters referred to the Executive Board.</p> <p>Signed at a meeting of the Board</p> <p>on Thursday, 14 February 2019</p> <p>(being the ensuing meeting on the Board)</p> <p>Chair of the meeting at which the Minutes were confirmed</p>	