

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday, 14th February, 2019

PRESENT

COUNCILLOR:

Councillor Maureen Bateson MBE
Councillor Shaukat Hussain

Councillor Andy Kay
Councillor Mohammed Khan
Councillor Phil Riley
Councillor Jim Smith
Councillor Damian Talbot
Councillor Brian Taylor

PORTFOLIO:

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

EXECUTIVE MEMBER:

Councillor John Slater

NON-PORTFOLIO:

Leader of the Conservative Group

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Uday Akram
A'Aishah Patel
Corey McPartland
Ailyah Shah
Sameer Ali

Youth MP
Deputy Youth MP
Deputy Youth MP
Outgoing Deputy Youth MP
Outgoing Deputy Youth MP

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1	<p><u>Welcome and Apologies</u></p> <p>The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mohammed Khan, welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular, the newly elected Youth MPs. Apologies were received from Elle Walsh, Outgoing Youth MP.</p>	
2	<p><u>Minutes of the Previous Meeting</u></p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>	Approved
3	<p><u>Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>Councillor Damian Talbot declared an interest in Agenda Items 9.1 and 11 (Disposal of Council Land at Tower Road).</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> <p>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:-</p>	

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	<table><tr><th>Name of Person asking the Question</th><th>Subject Area</th><th>Response by</th></tr><tr><td>Shelagh and Jack Ellison</td><td>Land at Tower Road, Blackburn</td><td>Councillor Phil Riley – Executive Member for Regeneration</td></tr><tr><td>Leigh Keen, Chair of Fenisccliffe Bank Residents Association</td><td>Land at Tower Road, Blackburn</td><td>Councillor Phil Riley – Executive Member for Regeneration</td></tr></table>			Name of Person asking the Question	Subject Area	Response by	Shelagh and Jack Ellison	Land at Tower Road, Blackburn	Councillor Phil Riley – Executive Member for Regeneration	Leigh Keen, Chair of Fenisccliffe Bank Residents Association	Land at Tower Road, Blackburn	Councillor Phil Riley – Executive Member for Regeneration	
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	Councillor Phil Riley provided responses to the questions and supplementary questions arising.												
6	<u>Questions by Non-Executive Members</u>												
	No questions were received from Non-Executive Members.												
7	<u>Youth MPs Update</u>												
	The Deputy Youth MPs verbally updated the Executive Board, with the key points being as follows:			Noted									
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">In November, attendance at the annual UK Youth Parliament House of Commons sitting. The top 5 national issues of the Make Your Mark Campaign were debated throughout the day these were:<ol style="list-style-type: none">Mental HealthEqual Pay for Equal WorkVotes at 16End Knife CrimeTackling HomelessnessHosting of the BwD Youth Forum’s 5th annual Takeover Challenge in November at King Georges Hall. Councillor Bateson officially opened the event. Two workshops on Food Poverty & Period Poverty with support from Food Power and Femcura were delivered.11 new Youth MP candidates participated in a 3 day residential to Kentmere in early January. They participated in team building activities along with their manifesto campaigns and video campaigns.On Monday the new Youth MP’s were announced who were in attendance today: Uday Akram Youth MP, A’Aishah Patel Deputy Youth MP & Corey McPartland Deputy Youth MP. A record number of young people voted in BwD Youth												

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	<p>Elections (9,368). The BwD Youth forum would be attending a residential at the end of March where they will be supported by YPS and the Integration team in some training regarding upcoming commissioning bids.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting would be held with Public Health next week to consult on a website called 'Kooth', an on-line counselling and emotional well-being platform for children and young people. This was a suggestion by young people at the Takeover Challenge on Mental Health hosted in 2017. Thanks were passed to all who had supported the Youth MPs and best wishes were passed to the new Youth MPs. <p>Members of the Executive Board thanked the Youth MPs for their contribution, and the Chief Executive, Harry Catherall presented Aliyah with an award in recognition of her contribution as a Deputy Youth MP.</p>	
8	<u>Executive Member Reports</u>	
LEADER		
8.1	<p><u>Social Integration Programme</u></p> <p>It was reported that working in partnership with the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG), Blackburn with Darwen Council had submitted a 3 year programme of activity to better understand and overcome barriers to social integration in the Borough.</p> <p>In the Autumn, funding from MHCLG was approved for Year 1, and this had left a significant time pressure to deliver the agreed programme for Year 1 (2018/19).</p> <p>Confirmation of Year 2 funding was expected by the end of the financial year, March 2019, with an expectation that the Council would demonstrate funds committed by March 2019. Because taking the usual route of seeking approval from Executive Board following the completion of the commissioning process would increase the length of the process beyond the end of March 2019, we are seeking to gain approval for a delegated officer decision. With a delegated officer decision, contract awards can be made and financial commitments demonstrated to MHCLG.</p> <p>The Council was looking to commission the following programmes for delivery to start as soon as possible and complete by March 2020 with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Voices (£70,000) Community Ambassadors (£140,000) Youth Voices (£25,000) 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Ambassadors (£120,000) Workforce Integration Ambassadors (£15,000) Work Placements and Apprenticeships (£150,000) <p>The total value of the above commissions was £520k, utilising the 2018/19 allocation and a proportion of the 2019/20 allocation subject to MHCLG being able to allocate against committed expenditure.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>2.1 Approves the delegation of authority to the Director of Adult Services and Prevention in conjunction with the Director of Finance and Customer Services, in consultation with Leader of the Council, to award contracts to partner organisations to deliver elements of the Social Integration Programme following a competitive commissioning process led by the Social Integration Programme Team.</p> <p>2.2 Notes that the Local Integration Partnership Board will continue to provide programme Governance to ensure monitoring and evaluation of contracts commissioned in the delivery plan.</p> <p>2.3 Notes that further reports and presentations will be made to the Executive Board to report on the overall progress of the Social Integration Strategy at a frequency that is able to capture meaningful progress.</p>	<p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>

HEALTH AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE

Children, Young People and Education

The Executive Member, Councillor Maureen Bateson, verbally reported that the 'Make a Noise' event, involving young people in our care would be held on 26th February and she invited the Youth MPs to attend.

ENVIRONMENT

LEISURE AND CULTURE

NEIGHBOURHOOD AND PREVENTION SERVICES

REGENERATION

RESOURCES

8.2

Revenue Budget Monitoring: Quarter 3

Members received a report on the overall revenue financial position of the Council, highlighting any significant issues and

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	<p>explaining variations in the third quarter of the financial year.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the portfolio budget adjustments outlined in Appendix 1. the Earmarked reserves position at 31st December 2018, as shown in Appendix 2; and the variations to revenue expenditure, as listed in Section 6, giving rise to a balance of £6.038 million in the unallocated General Fund revenue reserve at 31st December 2018. 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
8.3	<p><u>Capital Budget Monitoring: Quarter 3</u></p> <p>A report was submitted the overall financial position of the Council in respect of the capital programme as at 31st December 2018, highlighting key issues and explaining variations in the first 9 months of the financial year.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That 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 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>
9	<p><u>Corporate Issues</u></p>	
9.1	<p><u>Disposal of Council Land at Tower Road, Blackburn BB2 5LE</u></p> <p>The Executive Board received a report which outlined the outcome of the Informal tender for the Council owned land at Tower Road, Blackburn and sought approval to dispose of the site for housing development to the recommended preferred bidder.</p> <p>The report outlined the objections of the appropriation of land process and sought approval to conclude the appropriation of land at Tower Road for disposal.</p> <p>Additionally, the report outlined the process for the disposal of ‘open space’ and requested delegated authority for the consideration of any objections and if appropriate approval for the disposal of ‘open space’.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p>	

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	2.1 Approves the appointment of Bidder A as preferred bidder.	Approved
	2.2 Approves the appointment of Bidder B as reserve bidder.	Approved
	2.3 Acknowledges the objections received for the appropriation of land from Environment and Health & Adult Social Care portfolios to Regeneration & Growth at the Tower Road site.	Approved
	2.4 Approves the appropriation of land at the Tower Road site from Environment and Health & Adult Social Care portfolios to Regeneration & Growth.	Approved
	2.5 Delegates authority to the Director of Growth and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration and the Executive Member for Resources, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider any objections to the proposed disposal of 'open space' at Tower Road and if appropriate Approve the proposed disposal of 'open space' at Tower Road 	Approved
	2.6 Grants permission for Council officers to negotiate Heads of Terms to finalise the terms of the disposal.	Approved
	2.7 Delegates authority to conclude negotiations, including terms of any land sale and contracts to the Growth Programme Director and Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Executive Members for Resources and Regeneration to approve the final heads of terms; and	Approved
	2.8 Authorises the Director of HR, Legal and Governance to complete the necessary legal formalities.	Approved
9.2	<p><u>Peer Review</u></p> <p>The Local Government Association (LGA) undertook a Peer Review at the Council from 3rd to 6th December 2018 providing an external perspective on how well the Council was performing and on its future plans.</p> <p>As part of the challenge process the Peer Team had a series of meetings and focus groups with a range of people from across the council and its partners including elected members, senior officers, managers, supervisors, apprentices and frontline staff.</p> <p>Informal feedback from the Peer Team was shared with Policy Council in December and the formal written report had now been received and is appended. The Peer Team had outlined 11 recommendations in their report for the Council to consider.</p> <p>The comments and observations from the Peer Team were</p>	

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	<p>positive with particular reference to the deep understanding of place and the challenges and opportunities presented, the widely respected political and managerial leadership at the Council, partners having a real confidence in the Council as well as passionate staff who were committed to the area.</p> <p>The report also highlighted that the Council had helped to bring significant improvements in infrastructure attracting inward investment and indicated that the Council should consider further steps to ensure that more local people could benefit from the economic activity generated.</p> <p>A formal response to the recommendations and an action plan was being developed and will be brought to Council Forum in March 2019.</p> <p>RESOLVED –</p> <p>That the Executive Board note the report from the LGA Peer Team and that a formal response and action plan in relation to the recommendations was being developed for consideration at Council Forum in March 2019.</p>	Noted
10	<p><u>Matters referred to the Executive Board</u></p> <p>None</p>	
11	<p><u>Disposal of Council Land at Tower Road, Blackburn BB2 5LE</u></p> <p>Further to the report submitted at Agenda Item 9.1, a report was submitted containing commercially sensitive information.</p> <p>RESOLVED -</p> <p>That the Executive Board:</p> <p>2.1 Approves the appointment of Bidder A as preferred bidder.</p> <p>2.2 Approves the appointment of Bidder B as reserve bidder.</p> <p>2.3 Acknowledges the objections received for the appropriation of land from Environment and Health & Adult Social Care portfolios to Regeneration & Growth at the Tower Road site.</p> <p>2.4 Approves the appropriation of land at the Tower Road site from Environment and Health & Adult Social Care portfolios to Regeneration & Growth.</p> <p>2.5 Delegates authority to the Director of Growth and Development, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration and the Executive Member for Resources, to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider any objections to the proposed disposal of 'open 	<p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Approved</p>

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