

Extract of Executive Board and Executive Board-Sub Minutes Relevant to the Employment, Learning and Skills Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 27TH JANUARY 2011

EXB88 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

- (1) whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- (2) whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information will be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

EXB89 CONNEXIONS UPDATE

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Young People which provided an update on the current contractual arrangements between the six Greater Merseyside Local Authorities and Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership, along with an outline of the national policy direction and the recommended approach for each of the Liverpool City Region authorities.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the current position in response of the Connexions Service, including the contract deadlines be noted;
- 2) officers be authorised on behalf of the Council to continue to negotiate with Greater Merseyside Partnership in respect of the 2011/2012 contact and service specification, together with the five Local Authority areas in the Liverpool City Region;
- 3) a further report be presented to the Board in March 2011 providing details on the outcome of the contractual negotiations; and
- 4) officers be authorised to seek Counsel's advice, as required, as set out in the report.

EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB MEETING HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2011

ES73 ACCEPTANCE OF PANTOMIME TENDER FOR THE BRINDLEY

The Sub-Committee was advised that a tendering exercise was carried out to procure a seasonal pantomime for the Brindley for a period of up to three years. Following a selection process only two companies declared their intention to tender. These were Pele Productions Limited and New Pantomime Productions Limited. Both companies were suitable and were invited to tender.

RESOLVED: That the acceptance of the pantomime tender from Pele Productions Limited of £258,900 for a period of three years be noted.

ES74 HALTON BASEBALL CLUB

The Sub-Committee considered a request from Halton Baseball Club for a long term lease on their current playing venue at Halton Sports. The Halton Baseball Club had an opportunity to further develop with Baseball Softball UK (BSUK) indicating their plans to create a new centre of excellence in the North and had identified Halton as a possible location. If this were to happen BSUK would grant fund development of the site up to £100k, with extra funding also being available from the Football Foundation Dual Sports Grants.

However, since the publication of the report, the Council had been advised that BSUK had experienced a reduction in funding from Central Government and the opportunity to develop a centre of excellence appeared to be on hold for the near future.

RESOLVED: That Halton Baseball Club be advised that in light of the reduction in funding experienced by BSUK, the request for a long term lease at Halton Sports be declined.