

EXECUTIVE BOARD

At a meeting of the Executive Board on Thursday, 18 October 2007 in the Marketing Suite, Municipal Building

Present: Councillors Polhill (Chairman), D. Cargill, Gerrard, Harris, Nelson, Swain, Wright and Wharton

Apologies for Absence: Councillors McDermott

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor McInerney

Officers present: D. Parr, D. Johnson, I. Leivesley, M Reaney, D Tregaea and L. Derbyshire

Also in attendance: Councillor E Cargill, J Bennett and R Burke-Sharples (Primary Care Trust)

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD

Action

EXB41 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th September 2007 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PORTFOLIO

EXB42 HALTON HOSPITAL HEALTH CAMPUS CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Health and Community outlining the proposals for consultation on the use of Halton Hospital Health Campus by Halton and St. Helens Primary Care Trust (PCT), and the proposals to fully involve the Council in this process.

It was noted that this consultation was in line with a recommendation in a report that had been commissioned by Halton Borough Council in June 2006: the PCT was recommending a five-stage process, which was outlined for Members' consideration.

The Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board had received a presentation from the PCT on 8th September 2007 and had raised a number of issues. Whilst the process

had been endorsed, the Board was seeking to ensure that all Members were fully involved in the process and that each phase was robustly scrutinised by it. The possibility of a seminar for all Members of the Council, to inform them of the PCT's proposals and offer an opportunity to contribute to the consultation process, was also explored. This would be arranged for 2008.

In this respect, the Board received a verbal presentation from representatives of the Primary Care Trust, Rebecca Burkes-Sharples and John Bennett.

The Board was advised that the PCT, in order to enhance health services in the community, would be consulting on the major priorities in the Borough; urgent and transitional care; lifestyle issues; cancer/coronary heart disease, social care/supported care; dentistry and sexual health. There would be a new approach to consultation – enquiring by designing which would help to build a sustainable future for Halton Hospital and bring health services together, which were designed by the population for the population. The enquire and design process (consultation) would take place over a twenty week period. A fact based analysis would also be undertaken on the current operating model.

The Board was further advised that the next stage of the process would be to consider who would deliver the services and how they would be delivered. A more detailed development of the start up plan was available to the Members.

Arising from the discussion, the importance of good media management and raising awareness in the Borough of the quality and services that were currently available at Halton Hospital was noted. The importance of the process clearly outlining what services could and could not be available on the site was also noted.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the contents of the report be noted; and
- (2) the proposal to consult, and the involvement of the Council within the consultation process, be agreed.

PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION, REGENERATION AND RENEWAL PORTFOLIO

Strategic Director
– Health &
Community

PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Environment, which sought approval for the formal adoption of Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): Provision of Open Space as part of the Halton Local Development Framework.

It was noted that the Provision of Open Space SPD was to complement the Halton Unitary Development Plan, other corporate policy documents and the wider aims and objectives of partner agencies in recognising the importance of public open space within the Borough. The document ensured that, where appropriate, new residential developments made a financial contribution towards the establishment and enhancement of different types of public open space in Halton. In addition, the SPD provided practice advice to developers and their agents about how best to design open space. This was for those circumstances when new public open space was required to be provided as part of the development.

As required by statutory procedures, the SPD had been subject to a number of consultation stages, both with internal and external stakeholders and the public, as part of its production: Appendix B provided a record of the representations received and how they had been taken into account. In addition, the report outlined actions taken in respect of a Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): Provision of Open Space be formally adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document and part of the Halton Local Development Framework;
- (2) the responses to the representations received at the public participation stages, as set out in the statement of consultation, be agreed; and
- (3) further editorial and technical changes that do not affect the content or intended purpose of the SPD be agreed by the Operational Director – Environmental and Regulatory Services in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Planning, Transportation, Regeneration and Renewal, if necessary, before the document is published.

Strategic Director
- Environment

Minutes Issued: 22nd October 2007

Call in: 26th October 2007

Any matter decided by the Executive Board may be called in no later than 26th October 2007

Meeting ended at 2.50 p.m.