

APPENDIX 1

Extract of Executive Board, Executive Board Sub Committee and Executive (Transmodal Implementation) Sub Board Minutes Relevant to the Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 3RD NOVEMBER 2011

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB66 LAND DISPOSAL FOR LEISURE AND COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Policy and Resources on land disposal for leisure and commercial development.

The Board was advised that the site referred to was located within the Widnes Waterfront programme area, situated between Widnes Town Centre and the waterfront environment. The area had already seen significant improvements to its appearance and property on offer, through the new B & Q warehouse, the trade counter units, Turnstone and Heron Business Parks, Forward Point and the Hive leisure development.

The Council had advertised the development opportunity on the open market. Following a period of advertising, three formal tenders were received and submissions were assessed. The report provided details of the tenders received.

RESOLVED: That the disposal to Mossbank Developments LLP, a special purchase vehicle and part of the Patrick Group, of the c. 10 acres of land on the terms outlined in Appendix 2 of the report, subject to planning permission, be approved.

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Resources

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17TH NOVEMBER 2011

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB71 DESIGN OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - APPROVAL FOR PERIOD OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION- KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic

Director, Policy and Resources on the Design of Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)- Approval for Period of Public Consultation.

The Board was reminded that in 2009, public consultation was undertaken on a draft Design of New Residential Development SPD. Following the public consultation period, the SPD had been edited to take account of comments received. Members were advised that, as the comments had resulted in substantial changes to the 2009 draft, it would be prudent to carry out a further period of consultation before adoption by full Council. The new consultation draft was attached at Appendix A.

The Board noted that the purpose of the Design of Residential Development SPD was to provide additional practical guidance and support for those involved in the planning and design of residential development within Halton. It would also be used by the Council in the assessment of applications for planning permission for schemes of residential development or mixed use schemes containing a residential element.

Reason(s) for Decision

These were set out in Section 3 of the report.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

No alternative options had been considered at this stage.

Implementation Date

The SPD would be effective from the date of adoption by the Council's Executive Board.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the consultation draft Design of Residential Development SPD attached at Appendix A, for the purposes of public consultation for a six week period be approved; and
- 2) any minor drafting amendments which may be required to be made to the consultation draft Design of Residential Development SPD prior to public consultation, be delegated to the Operational Director –

Strategic Director
- Policy &
Resources

Policy, Planning and Transportation in
consultation with the Executive Board
Member, Physical Environment.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 17TH
NOVEMBER 2011**

**ES53 WASTE RECEPTION, RECYCLING AND TRANSFERS
TENDER**

The Sub Committee considered a report which detailed the tender exercise that had been carried out under EC procurement procedures for the provision of local Waste Reception, Recycling and Transfer Services.

The tender had been divided into 'lots' and expressions of interest were advertised through the OJEU procedure. The contract period would be 3 years commencing on 1st September 2011, with a possible extension of up to two years. Consequently of the three companies were invited to tender, one contractor returned completed tender documents (WSR Recycling Limited). The report outlined the detailed tender submission received and those 'lots' which had been accepted.

RESOLVED: That

1. the award of 'Lots' 2 to 5 inclusive from the above tender be noted;
2. the name of the successful tenderer be noted;
3. the reasons for not awarding 'Lots' 1,6,7,8 and 9 be noted; and
4. Officers, in consultation with the Portfolio holders for Resources and Environmental Sustainability, consider options for the lots in 3 above which may include re-tendering using advanced Requests for Quotes (RFQ's) as required.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 1ST
DECEMBER 2011**

TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

ES60 BLUE BADGES

The Sub Committee received a report of the Strategic

Director Communities which advised that on 14th February 2011 the Government had announced wide ranging reforms to improve the Blue Badge scheme. One of the most significant changes was the design of the Blue Badge itself so that it was harder to copy, forge and alter. Following a competitive tendering process the Department of Transport's (DfT) evaluation panel had selected Northgate Information Solutions to develop and introduce the new badge design. In addition Northgate would print and supply the new PVC badge, provide a central database, online application system and a single secure print service.

Members were advised that the Council had already signed an Access Agreement committing to the DfT's Blue Badge Improvement Service.

It was noted that the DfT was amending legislation to enable local authorities to charge badge holders a maximum of £10. As a minimum the Council needed to charge £6 to cover the cost of the badge. However, the report proposed that the Council charge the maximum of £10 for Blue Badges issued for a three year period from 1st January 2012. Any additional income over and above the cost of the Blue Badge could be used to cover the cost of administration, Occupation Therapy or GP assessments and for people with a terminal illness whose applications would be fast tracked by recorded delivery. A survey of other local authorities indicated that the majority were also considering a £10 charge.

RESOLVED: That

1. the increase in charges for Blue Badges from £2 to £10 be approved effective from 1st January 2012; and
2. the charge of £10 for any lost or stolen badges be approved.

Strategic Director
Communities