

EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – 17 November 2016

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB65 ENVIRONMENTAL FUND MANAGEMENT BOARD

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval for delegated authority to determine future requests by the Environmental Fund Management Board, and to endorse their first set of proposals.

The Board was advised that planning permission was granted for the Runcorn Energy From Waste Plant in September 2008. The Plant was subject to a legal agreement, containing a provision that the owner agreed to pay the Council a lump sum payment annually for every tonne of fuel received and processed. In addition, the agreement also stated that the Council would convene a Management Board to be charged with the task of identifying environmental matters proposed within the Borough of Halton.

The report set out a number of projects supported by the Management Board, and sought Executive Board endorsement of the initial seven projects it supported. In addition, delegated authority was sought to streamline the process for future schemes, by allowing the Operational Director, Policy, Planning and Transportation, to authorise expenditure, in consultation with the members of the Management Board, and to report such decisions through the Development Control Committee agenda.

RESOLVED: That Executive Board agrees

- 1) The initial projects, outlined below, that have been approved by the Management Board:-
 - £160,000 – towards improvements at Runcorn Hill Park;
 - £2,500 – for clearance of Dukesfield Garage on behalf of the Runcorn Locks Restoration Society;
 - £193,746 – 5 Year contribution towards the community payback team to provide additional cleaning or environmental maintenance and support community clean-up initiatives;

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- £12,000 – to close the layby on the Weston Point Expressway following complaints from residents;
 - £24,000 – 2 year programme to support the Community Garden in Runcorn Town Centre;
 - £7,239.60 – the creation of a running/walking route around Runcorn Hill Park, this includes boards and signing; and
 - £27,600 – Air Quality Monitoring for a 12 month period.
- 2) that the Operational Director, Policy, Planning and Transportation, be given delegated authority in consultation with the members of the Management Board, to authorise future expenditure; and
 - 3) decisions made via this delegation be published in the “Miscellaneous Issues” report contained in future Development Control Committee agendas.

EXB66 TENANCY STRATEGY 2016 - 2019

The Board considered a report of the Director of Adult Social Services, on the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Tenancy Strategy (the Strategy).

The Board was advised that it was a statutory requirement for local authorities to publish a Tenancy Strategy. Halton first published its Strategy in 2013, and there was a need to regularly keep it under review. It was reported that other LCR authorities were in a similar position and it was therefore considered appropriate to produce a single Sub Regional Tenancy Strategy.

The Strategy had been informed and developed through consultation with all LCR local authorities, the Sub Regional Property Pool Plus Steering Group and all registered providers with housing stock in the LCR. Open public consultation took place in July 2016. Details of the outcome of consultation were set out in the report. It was noted that the proposed LCR Tenancy Strategy built on the existing local authority strategies by maintaining a presumption in favour of lifetime tenancies. The Strategy had received agreement from the LCR Spatial Planning Co-ordination Group in August 2016. Once approved, the Strategy would be subject to annual review and amended to

reflect economic and legislative changes. An annual update report would be submitted to each of the Sub Regional Authorities.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the report be noted; and
- 2) the Liverpool City Region Tenancy Strategy 2016/19 be approved, subject to the unanimous agreement of each Liverpool City Region Local Authority, through their corresponding approval processes.

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EXB70 HALTON HOUSING TRUST (HHT) ANNUAL REPORT

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, which provided an update on the progress of Halton Housing Trust (HHT) for the past twelve months.

The Board received a verbal update from Nick Atkin, Chief Executive of HHT, and Ingrid Fife, Chair of the HHT Board. They reported on progress to date in delivering some key achievements, partnerships and strategic priorities.

The Board noted some of the key organisational achievements which included the construction of 146 new homes; continued investment in homes and neighbourhoods; the purchase of land and sites for future development; continuation with the implementation of the Digital First Programme to change the way customers accessed services, which provided more intensive support to those customers who really needed it; and secured value for money savings totalling £1.3 million.

Members had the opportunity to ask questions and clarify information contained in the presentation before Mr Atkin and Ms Fife were thanked for attending.

RESOLVED: That the progress report be noted.

TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

EXB72 INTRODUCTION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS TO PREVENT PARKING ADJACENT TO MOORE PRIMARY SCHOOL

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the introduction of waiting restrictions to prevent parking adjacent to Moore Primary School.

The Board was advised that In March 2014, a resident had raised the issue of car parking congestion in the area of Moore Primary School, associated with parents' and carers' vehicles parked on nearby junctions. Subsequently, Cheshire Police requested the introduction of waiting restrictions in the same area to help resolve these problems.

In November 2015, proposed waiting restrictions were the subject of public advertising and consultation, and the process was extended to Ward Councillors, Moore Parish Council and frontage properties. This was detailed in Appendix A, attached to the report.

It was noted that the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board (PPB) had considered the objections raised to the proposal and the representations made by the Parish Council, Cheshire Police and the Ward Councillors, at its meeting on 16 November 2016. The PPB recommended the proposal be supported and referred to Executive Board for determination.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the proposal to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce "At Any Time" waiting restrictions on parts of Lindfield Close, Runcorn Road and Beechmore in Moore, as shown in Appendix A and defined in Appendix C attached to the report, be approved; and
- 2) the objectors be informed of the decision.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES – 19TH JANUARY 2017

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

EXB84 WASTE TREATMENT SERVICES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on Waste Treatment Services.

The report set out details of contingency arrangements for dealing with Halton's residual waste. It was reported that, for a short period of time in November 2016, the Energy Recovery Facility was unable to accept Halton's residual waste. As a result, the Council was required to put in place alternative arrangements, and, in accordance with the Council's Procurement Standing Orders, it was necessary for the Chief Executive to approve the appointment of WSR Recycling Limited during this period. It was noted that the Portfolio holder for Environmental Services was also consulted on, and supported, the action taken.

It was further noted that the report set out the reasons for undertaking a procurement exercise to maintain the current waste transport arrangements to the Rail Transfer Loading Station, beyond 31 March 2017. A soft market testing exercise had revealed that a longer contract term would attract more competitive rates, and if approved, would result in a contract term of five years, with the option to extend in twelve month increments and the contractor would be selected through an 'open' tendering process based upon 80% price and 20% quality evaluation.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) Members note the waiver of Procurement Standing Orders by the Chief Executive, on the grounds of an emergency, and the subsequent appointment of WSR Recycling Limited to carry out a service for the treatment/disposal of Halton's residual household waste during the period 30 November 2016 to 9 December 2016;
- 2) the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Environmental Services, to determine all matters and take all steps necessary

to secure contingency arrangements for the treatment/disposal of Municipal Waste in the event that Halton is unable to deliver its waste to the Resource Recovery Contract, including any procurement arrangements and contract wind up to the value of £1m; and

- 3) in accordance with Procurement Standing Order 2.1.1, Executive Board approve that a Tendering Exercise be carried out for the provision of a service for the bulk transport of residual Municipal Waste to the Resource Recovery Contract, as set out in the report.

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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 items 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 outweighed 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 was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information

would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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EXB90 LAND DISPOSAL FOR EMPLOYMENT LAND AT JOHNSON'S LANE, WIDNES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the disposal of, and development on land at Johnson's Lane, Widnes.

The Board was advised of the proposals for the disposal of plots A and B on the site.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the sale of approximately 1.8 acres of land to S. Evans and Sons Limited for the amount stated in the recommendation and 1.8 acres of land to Philip Bannon Plant Hire Limited for the amount stated in the recommendation, both subject to planning permission and subject to contract, be approved; and
- 2) the Operational Director, Economy, Enterprise and Property, be authorised to arrange for all required documentation to be completed to the satisfaction of the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services.

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