

EXECUTIVE BOARD

At a meeting of the Executive Board on Wednesday, 14 May 2008 in the Marketing Suite, Municipal Building

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Nelson

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: L. Cairns, G. Cook, M. Reaney, S. Eastwood, D. Johnson, I. Leivesley, G. Meehan and D. Sutton

Also in attendance: None

ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD

	<i>Action</i>
EXB130 MINUTES	
The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 th April 2008 were taken as read and signed as correct record.	
EXB131 APPOINTMENT OF LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	
RESOLVED: That the Council be recommended	Strategic Director - Corporate and Policy
(1) to appoint Councillor McDermott as Leader of the Council for the 2008-2009 Municipal Year; and	
(2) to appoint Councillor Polhill as Deputy Leader of the Council for the 2008-2009 Municipal Year.	
EXB132 APPOINTMENT TO BOARDS, COMMITTEES, APPEAL PANEL, WORKING PARTY AND SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR	
The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy regarding appointments to the Council’s Boards, Committees, Appeals Panel, Working Party and Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the forthcoming	

Municipal Year. A list of Committee Memberships received so far was tabled for information.

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to agree the appointments to the Council's Boards, Committees, Appeals Panel, Working Party and Scrutiny Co-ordinator for the 2008/2009 Municipal Year with the representation put forward by each of the political groups.

Strategic Director
- Corporate and
Policy

COMMUNITY PORTFOLIO

EXB133 INVITATION TO TENDER FOR A COMMUNITY BASED DRUGS SERVICES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Health and Community seeking authority to carry out all necessary steps in relation to the open tendering and commissioning of a community based drug service.

It was noted that reducing harms caused by drugs was a key driver at both a national and local level, with drug misuse being one of the key strategic priorities of the Safer Halton Partnership. The provision of effective drug treatment would also play an important role in the delivery of other designated indicators associated with worklessness and health improvement.

The Board was advised that, in its move to Foundation Trust Status, the 5 Boroughs Partnership Trust had identified that substance misuse was not a part of its future core business and as such was seeking to disengage from providing drug and alcohol services. With three service providers currently in-situ there were also on-going issues around organisational barriers to change, workforce and value for money that had proved difficult to resolve. In addition, the new national drug strategy required that treatment service should work with a number of key partner agencies and organisations to address issues such as employment and training, family support and health improvement in order that individuals were supported back into community life.

In order to achieve a model of service delivery that both addressed the key requirements of the national drug strategy, the challenges identified in the current model of delivery and the needs of individual service users, the Safer Halton Partnership was now seeking to tender and commission for one new drug service provider.

It was advised that the new service provider would be

selected through an Open Tendering arrangement under 2.3 of Procurement Standing Orders: the estimated contract value for 2009/10 was £1.2 million, and in the region of £3.6 million over a three year period. Details of the selection panel and the tendering process to be undertaken were outlined for the Board's consideration. It was advised that the contract would be for three years with an option to extend for a further two years dependent on performance, revenue and national/local policy.

Financial implications were also outlined for Members. In particular, it was noted that Ashley House was currently rented by the 5 Boroughs Partnership Trust from a private landlord. Discussions had taken place between the Trust and Halton and St Helens Primary Care Trust (PCT) with regards to transferring this capital asset to the PCT. The new provider would deliver services from Ashley House from April 2009.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Strategic Director – Health and Community, in conjunction with the Community Portfolio Holder, proceed with the open tendering and procurement of a community based drug service and proceed with the award of the necessary contract; and
- (2) the Strategic Director – Health and Community be authorised to take such actions as are necessary to give effect to the above decision.

Strategic Director
- Health and
Community

CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO

EXB134 ANNUAL REVIEW OF CONSTITUTION - MAYORAL COMMITTEE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Corporate and Policy outlining a further proposal, to be incorporated into the annual review of the Council's Constitution, to establish a Mayoral Committee with the powers and duties as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED: That Council be recommended to approve the further changes outlined in the appendix to the report as part of the annual review of the Council's Constitution.

Strategic Director
- Corporate and
Policy

MINUTES ISSUED: 21st May 2008

CALL IN: 29th May 2008

Any matter decided by the Executive Board may be

called in no later than 29th May 2008

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Meeting ended at 2.15 p.m.