

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday 12 April 2016 at City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 10.00
Concluded 10.55

PRESENT – Councillors

LABOUR
Green (Chair)
Berry
Hinchcliffe
Arshad Hussain
I Khan
V Slater

Also present: Councillors Dunbar, Shafiq and Swallow

Councillor Green in the Chair

100 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

101 MINUTES

Resolved -

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23 February and 8 March be signed as a correct record.

102 INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.



103 FOURTH QUARTER FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2015-16

The report of the Director of Finance (**Document “BF”**) provided Members with an overview of the forecast pre-audit financial position of the Council at the 31st March 2016.

It examined the latest spend against revenue and capital budgets and forecast the financial position at the year end. It stated the Council’s current balances and reserves and forecast school balances for the year.

The Director of Finance advised members that no indication had been received either nationally or locally, regarding the intentions of NHS England relating to the Business Rates received as a result of appeals of rateable values on purpose built GP surgeries and Health Centres. The Leader requested that the Chief Executive write to the NHS England to ascertain whether it intended to re-invest this into the health sector in Bradford.

The Director of Finance confirmed that each of the £165.4m reserves at 29 February had a specific purpose for either, a known event, a specific liability or a timing issue. He reported that recurrent and non recurrent savings had been achieved in departments by managing vacancies, cutting costs and increasing income now ahead of next year’s budget process.

The Director of Finance noted that the potential cost to Bradford of academisation of schools could be broken down into, officer time organising the conversion to academy status which may or may not be affordable within existing resources, and liabilities that the Council would be exposed to on conversion when under the regulations the liability did not pass to successor bodies. In response to a question regarding covenants on land affected by the academisation of schools, it was noted that this would have to be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Resolved –

- (1) That the contents of Document “BF” and the actions to be taken to manage the closure of the Council’s financial position for 2015-16 be noted.**
- (2) That in preparing the Final Accounts the Director of Finance be empowered to take appropriate steps to secure the best advantage for the Council's financial position.**
- (3) That subject to the actual outturn position at the 31 March 2016 being in line with that reported in Table 2, the deferred expenditure (Better Use of Budget Requests) as set out in Table 2 of Document “BF” be approved.**
- (4) That the addition of the £7.265m Silsden School capital scheme to the Capital Investment Plan be approved. The scheme to be funded from a mixture of grant, developers contribution and capital receipts from the sale of the existing school sites.**



- (5) That the addition of the £0.227m Children's Homes refurbishment scheme to the Capital Investment Plan be approved. The scheme to be funded from the Capital Contingency
- (6) That the Chief Executive write to the NHS England to ascertain whether it intends to re-invest the Business Rates received as a result of appeals of rateable values on purpose built GP surgeries and Health Centres, into the health sector in Bradford.

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY: Corporate
ACTION: Director of Finance/Chief Executive

104 PERSONAL BUDGET FRAMEWORK FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SOCIAL CARE NEEDS ARISING FROM COMPLEX HEALTH OR DISABILITIES

The report of the Strategic Director of Children's Services (**Document "BG"**) set out a proposed framework for how the Council would allocate funding to meet the assessed social care needs of children and young people with complex health or disabilities.

Executive was asked to approve the proposed framework, including Resource Allocation processes and indicative funding offer. It was emphasised that the proposal to offer 15% protection for existing service users had been changed following consultation on this proposal.

The Strategic Director of Children's Services advised members that the impact on in-house services such as Clockhouse and Wedgewood would be closely monitored. He emphasised that implementation would be on a family by family basis.

The Health and Social Care portfolio holder stressed that the proposals put people in control of the provision of their own care and he emphasised the importance of providing them with the best possible advice. He believed the programme was well managed and that officers would ensure that service users were fully engaged during the transitional period.

The Strategic Director of Children's Services advised members that Bradford and Airedale Parent Forum had sessions booked in May and would ensure that information was widely cascaded. He added that research had shown that the best outcomes were achieved with people with the most complex needs.

The Leader requested that member training be provided in the new municipal year.

Resolved -

- (1) That the proposed Personal Budget Framework, Resource Allocation processes and indicative funding offer for children and young people with social care needs arising from complex health and disabilities, be approved as detailed in Document "BG".



- (2) That Officers ensure that all funding offers reasonably meet the assessed needs of individual children and their parent/carers.**
- (3) That Officers ensure that for re-assessments, moving children and families from the present system to the new RAS (Resource Allocation System), the new indicative offer will be a starting point for drafting a support plan.**
- (4) That Officers then agree a final annual budget which reflects the need for transition towards the new annual budget over the following 12 -months.**
- (5) That Officers undertake a briefing for all elected members following the May elections.**
- (6) That Officers produce a Plain English guide of the new framework.**

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY: Children's Services
ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services

Chair

Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Executive.

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