

Minutes of a meeting of the Executive held on Tuesday, 4 April 2017 in City Hall Bradford

Commenced 10.35 am
Concluded 11.35 am

Members of the Executive – Councillors

LABOUR
Hinchcliffe
V Slater
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Ross-Shaw
Ferriby
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Councillor Hinchcliffe in the Chair

114. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

115. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

116. RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE

The following recommendation to the Executive was received:

IMPROVING SUPPORT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN CARE - Corporate Parenting Panel - Wednesday 8 March 2017

Resolved –

- (1) That the findings and recommendations set out in the document ‘Improving the Support for Young People in Care/Care Leavers’ (Appendix to Document “M”) be adopted.



- (2) That the report be referred to the Executive for information and with a recommendation that Recommendation 7:

That a new section be included in Bradford Council's Report template called 'Implications for Corporate Parenting',

be implemented.

- (3) That the Deputy Director (Children's Social Care) submit a progress report in six months time to allow the Panel to monitor the implementation of the recommendations.

*ACTION: Deputy Director (Children's Social Care)
City Solicitor*

Note: in receiving the above recommendation, it was agreed that the City Solicitor will undertake a review of the report template and guidance and report the outcomes of the review to the Leader of Council.

ACTION: City Solicitor

117. CALLED-IN ITEMS

- (i) **CALLED-IN DECISION - REVIEW OF THE OPERATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE 12 MONTH TRIAL BAN OF PAVEMENT OBSTRUCTIONS** - Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Thursday 23 March 2017

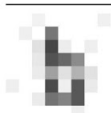
Resolved –

That the decision of the Executive be referred to full Council for consideration.

Action: Strategic Director, Place

NOTE: The Executive noted the referral of the Call-in to Full Council.

- (ii) **BRADFORD CITY CENTRE – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ON-STREET VEHICLE CHARGES AND CHANGES TO SOME DESIGNATED PAY AND DISPLAY AND LIMITED WAITING BAYS –** Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Tuesday 28 March 2017



The Environment and Waste Management Overview and Scrutiny on 28 March 2017 considered the call-in regarding proposed amendments to on-street vehicle charges and changes, where it resolved:

That the decision be referred to the Executive with a request that the comments expressed at this meeting by businesses about the impact of the parking charges on their future commercial viability be taken into account.

A proprietor was present at the meeting and stated that in considering the call-in, the Scrutiny Committee had picked up some of the issues they had previously raised at the Executive meeting in March, adding that businesses located in the market were already struggling and that parking was a very pertinent issue, therefore the proposed charges would only make things worse for the traders. He stressed that car parking should be looked at as part of the overall “top of town” development proposals rather than on this piecemeal basis. In terms of the Sunday parking concessions, the other two Council car parks in the vicinity should also be included within these proposals.

The Regeneration, Planning and Transportation Portfolio Holder stressed that the proposals only related to on street parking and not the aforementioned Council car parks, adding that the feedback received from traders and from the Scrutiny Committee had been taken on board, however the changes were deemed necessary.

The Leader stated that the matter had been thoroughly discussed and some concessions had been made regards Sunday parking, however in the context of a reduced Council budget, the proposals would raise much needed income and therefore it was:

Resolved –

That the Executive reaffirms the decision it took on the matter at its meeting on 7 March 2017, namely:

- (1) That the introduction of the revised on-street parking charges as described in Document “BP” be approved, with the exception of the implementation of a £1 Sunday flat rate charge to some “top of town” streets, namely North Parade, Northgate, Rawson Road, Godwin Street and Darley Street, where regeneration proposals may affect on-street parking provision, as referred to in section 2.5 of Document “BP”. The proposed bus bay on Upper Piccadilly be approved.**
- (2) That all objectors be notified of the Executive’s decision.**

ACTION: Strategic Director, Place



LEADER OF COUNCIL & CORPORATE

(Councillor Hinchcliffe)

118. QTR 4 FINANCIAL POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2016-17

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document “BR”**) which provided Members with an overview of the forecast financial position of the Council for 2016-17.

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

The Strategic Director stated that the statement was a pre-audit assessment showing a balanced position for the fiscal year. He alluded to the significant departmental budget pressures facing Adults and Children's Services. He added that the Finance and Performance Outturn report that will be published in June would provide a detailed commentary on the financial and service performance of all Council Services.

The Leader welcomed the balanced financial position in the context of the reported overspend some months ago. She acknowledged the hard work done by Strategic Directors to bring the budget back into balance. In relation to the overspend position within Adults and Children's, the Leader stressed the these Services were demand driven and action had to be taken where children were deemed to be at risk.

Resolved –

- (1) That the report and the actions to be taken to manage the closure of the Council's financial position for 2016-17 be noted.**
- (2) That in preparing the Final Accounts the Strategic Director Corporate Services 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 2017 being in line with that reported, the deferred expenditure (Better use of budget requests) as set out in section 3.2. to Document “BR” be approved.**
- (4) That the £2m Property Programme Essential Maintenance Programme be approved, to be funded from Reserves and Contingencies.**

ACTION: Director of Corporate Services

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate



119. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROPERTY PROGRAMME AND COUNCIL'S PROPOSED PROPERTY INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Strategic Director Corporate Services submitted a report (**Document “BS”**) which set out the overall progress made by the Property Programme (formerly b-works) to date and on the 2016/17 projects. The report also highlighted the future direction of the Property Programme outlining the work plan, investment requirement for 2017/2018 and sought Executive approval to commence with those plans and to the implementation of the proposed Council's Property Investment Strategy.

A comprehensive overview of the Programme to date was given, which were also detailed in the report.

The Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder in welcoming the report, acknowledged the achievements made by the Property Programme over the last 5 years, which had resulted in a £50m reduction in building maintenance costs, over £7m per year gross revenue savings from vacating properties, resulting in overall savings of over £40m by the end of the Programme. He added that essential works to the Council's estate were necessary and that it showed the commitment to maintain assets wherever they were in the district.

In relation to the proposals for Jacobs Well, the Portfolio Holder explained that the proposal offered the most effective solution for this site, and that Community Asset Transfers afforded a great opportunity to work with community groups to realise the end goal.

The Leader stated that the Shipley Public Sector Hub had resulted in huge benefits as well as savings, enabling closer working with our partners.

Resolved –

- (1) That the progress of the Property Programme be noted.**
- (2) That the approval of the release of £2.0m of funds to allow the Essential Works to the Council's estate as shown in Appendix 1 to Document “BS” be noted.**
- (3) That the Future Direction of the Programme be noted.**
- (4) That £500k for the demolition of Jacobs Well be approved, to be funded from reserves and business rates savings. The final decision to demolish be delegated to the Strategic Director Corporate Services in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder.**



- (5) That the Investment Strategy as outlined in Section 6 and detailed in Appendix 2 to Document “BS” be approved, and in particular:
- (i) Approve in principle, the proposal to make strategic investments in commercial property for either the purpose of economic development/regeneration within the District, or for the purpose of long term income generation to support the council’s financial pressures, or a mixture of both in line with the property investment strategy.
 - (ii) That delegated authority be granted to the Strategic Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Leader to make investment acquisitions, on the basis that they are in line with the Investment Strategy.
- (6) That in order to build flexibility into the scheme, the Executive continue to grant the Strategic Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, powers to make alterations to the programme on the basis that the total spend is below the amount authorised and the work is in line with the objectives of the programme.

ACTION: Director of Corporate Services

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Corporate

HEALTH & WELLBEING PORTFOLIO & DEPUTY LEADER

(Councillor Val Slater)

120. HOME FIRST - A NEW VISION FOR WELLBEING AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN THE BRADFORD DISTRICT AND A NEW OPERATING MODEL FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & WELLBEING TO DELIVER THE AIMS SET OUT IN THE NEW VISION.

The Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing submitted a report (**Document “BT”**) which set out the rationale, key aims and ambitions for the new vision (Home First) for wellbeing in Bradford and the new operating model for the department of Health and Wellbeing.

The report also provided an overview of the development and consultation process, and requested the Executive to approve the approach set out in the documents, including the proposed implementation process.



The Strategic Director confirmed that in developing the vision document, extensive consultation had been undertaken with interested parties including health colleagues. She added that although more work was required regarding the implementation phase, the vision would help the service manage demand in the future and offer consistently good services in the process.

The Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder acknowledged that the vision document was an important milestone in how we do things and how we support people in their own homes; that it would assist us when looking at the budget and that the cost of placements will be reduced by maintaining care in peoples homes, and she therefore welcomed the vision document.

Resolved –

- (1) That the progress made towards the development of the vision (Home First) and the new ‘To be’ operating model for the Department of Health & Wellbeing be noted.**
- (2) That the approach set out in the vision (Home First) and the new ‘To be’ operating model be approved.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Health and Social Care

REGENERATION, PLANNING & TRANSPORT PORTFOLIO

(Councillor Ross-Shaw)

121. BRADFORD'S RESPONSE TO THE INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY GREEN PAPER

On 23 January 2017, the Government published ‘Britain’s Industrial Strategy’. The Green Paper set out the Government’s plans and strategy for increasing productivity and driving growth across the country. The paper identified 10 pillars that will drive future growth, drawing together in one place a range of largely existing policies and related funding streams alongside some new commitments.

The Strategic Director Place submitted a report (**Document “BU”**) which outlined the key features of the Green Paper, implications for Bradford and the proposed response by the Council and its partners to the paper that will be submitted by the consultation deadline of 17 April 2017. This response will help frame the district’s forthcoming economic growth strategy.



The Interim Policy Programmes and Change Manager explained the key messages arising from the Strategy from a Bradford district perspective around investment, Northern Powerhouse Rail, Education, supporting businesses and people to prosper and supporting productivity, which were detailed in the report.

In welcoming the Industrial Strategy and the importance of the Council's response, the Leader stated that Bradford was a major city, with a young population and that our key priorities around education, skills and transport were key messages that needed to be communicated.

The Education, Employment and Skills Portfolio Holder echoed the above sentiments adding that education was a key driver to social mobility, and that investment was needed to improve Bradford's education attainment levels.

The Regeneration, Planning and Transport Portfolio Holder stated that the Northern Powerhouse rail stop in Bradford city centre was crucial, and a key component of the Industrial Strategy in a Bradford context, as well as improving connectivity.

The Leader acknowledged the work done on the Strategy, adding that in submitting the response to Government the voice of Bradford was clearly conveyed.

Resolved –

- (1) That the key messages proposed for Bradford's response to the Industrial Strategy Green Paper, in advance of a formal submission by 17 April 2017 be supported.**
- (2) Highlight the key issues in the response to the Industrial Strategy that should frame the district's forthcoming economic growth strategy.**

ACTION: Strategic Director Place

Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Regeneration and Economy

Chair

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

THESE MINUTES HAVE BEEN PRODUCED, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON RECYCLED PAPER

