

## **Decisions of the Executive held on Tuesday, 10 July 2018**

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CALL IN PERIOD ENDS ON TUESDAY 17 JULY 2018 AT 17.00

**Notes:**

- (a) Decisions may be called in by the Chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee, or by the Chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee when requested to do so by one member of the Committee or a member of another committee or by the Committee member representing the third largest group on the Council.***
- (b) The request to call in must be in writing and be signed by a Member, give a reason for the request and sent to the Chair of the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee, who will deliver the request to Committee Secretariat, Room 111, City Hall by the date and time specified.***
- (c) Decisions which are subject to call in cannot be acted upon until the call in period expires.***
- (d) Decisions marked \* may not be called in under Paragraph 8.7 of Part 3E of the Constitution.***

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To:

\*1. **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE**

**Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday, 3 July 2018 - UPDATE OF THE PREVIOUS 12 MONTH REVIEW OF THE DISTRICT'S CASUALTY REDUCTION WORK**

Resolved –

- (1) That the Committee recognises the positive impact of Operation Steerside and urges the Executive to liaise with the Police Service to identify funding to ensure the continuance of this operation.
- (2) That the Committee receives an update report in 12 months to include details of the development of shared services.

***ACTION: Strategic Director, Place***

**Note:** In noting the above recommendation the Leader stated that the Executive shared the views of the Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee in that Operation Streerside had been a beneficial initiative, which had contributed to making the district's roads safer, and she hoped that work with the Police will continue to identify funding, in order to continue with Operation Steerside.

***ACTION: Strategic Director Place***

<p><b>LEADER OF COUNCIL &amp; CORPORATE</b></p> <p><i>(Councillor Hinchcliffe)</i></p>
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2. **2017-18 ANNUAL FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Resolved –

- (1) That the financial position of the Council reported for the year ended 31 March 2018 be noted.
- (2) That £1.6m of better use of budget requests be approved as outlined in Section 2.1 of Appendix A to Document "D".
- (3) That the performance position be noted and that the new KPI measures and targets as outlined in Appendix B to Document "D" be endorsed.

***ACTION: Interim Strategic Director Corporate Resources***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

(Andrew Cross – 01274 436823 / Philip Witcherley - 01274 431241)

3. **QTR. 1 FINANCE POSITION STATEMENT FOR 2018-19**

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the contents of Document “E” and the actions taken to manage the forecast overspend be noted.**
- (2) That the following capital expenditure schemes be approved:**
  - (i) £0.5m for Thornton Road / Toller Lane Junction Improvements. The scheme seeks temporary short term funding to secure the purchase of properties that can be successfully acquired by agreement in advance of full scheme funding through the West Yorkshire Transport Fund.**
  - (ii) £0.3m additional funding to complete works to St Georges Hall.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director Finance and Procurement***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

(Andrew Cross - 01274 436823)

\*4. **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2019/20 TO 2021/22 AND BEYOND**

**Resolved –**

- (1) That Executive considered the Medium Term Financial Strategy as an assessment of the Council’s financial outlook to 2021/22 and beyond, and a framework for it to remain financially viable and deliver sustainable public services in line with its priorities and the principles set out in Appendix 1 to Document “F”.**
- (2) That Executive recommends the updated and revised Medium Term Financial Strategy at Appendix 1 to Document “F” be forwarded to Council for approval.**
- (3) That the Executive also recommends that the tabled document which sets out the Outline Submission to the 2019/20 National Budget be forwarded to Council for approval.**

***ACTION: Assistant Director Finance and Procurement***

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

(Tom Caselton - 01274 434472)

**\*5. 2017-18 MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY UPDATE**

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the contents of Document “G” and the proposed changes to the MRP Policy be noted.**
- (2) The Executive recommends to Council that:**
  - a) The 2018-19 MRP policy for PFI assets is brought in line with the main MRP Policy and the charge of the principal to the revenue account is over the life of the school building assets.**
  - b) For 2017-18 calculate the MRP on Supported Borrowing for 2008 to 2016 on a 2% straight line method. The overprovision of £52m will be included in a reserve and applied to reduce the annual MRP charge from 2017-18 onwards.**
- (3) That Executive also recommends to Council that the MRP Policy be amended to reflect the following conditions:**
  - i) Total MRP after applying previous overpayment will not be less than zero in any financial year.**
  - ii) The same amount of principal has to be repaid over time irrespective of the method, the recommendation will be to hold the £52m freed up from the change in policy in an earmarked reserve, and it will be used to reduce the annual MRP cost.**
  - iii) The changes to MRP are agreed, releasing the overprovision of £52m over the coming years. As the overprovision is released, and given our balanced financial plan, the cash saving is credited to a dedicated earmarked MRP Adjustment Reserve so that future usage can be appropriated and monitored.**
  - iv) The PFI budgetary saving is used to reduce the net reported cost pressure in 2018-19.**
  - v) That the following checkpoints are met, and the implications of each are understood, before future usage of the proposed MRP Adjustment Reserve is determined:**
    - a) Formal 2018-19 monitoring to determine likely outturn and further detailed understanding of structural cost pressures.**
    - b) Review of the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) to determine detailed anticipated budgetary gaps over the next three years.**
    - c) Clarity on future savings delivery, including the Demand Management strategy, for 2019-20 and 2020-21.**

- d) Finalising the 2019-20 and 2020-21 detailed budget process.
- vi) Subject to the outcomes noted above, consideration is given to a future voluntary repayment of outstanding capital debt using any residual amount set aside. This would therefore designate this move as a last resort insurance policy to protect against any negative consequences associated with the uncertainties outlined above.

**ACTION: Assistant Director Finance and Procurement**

(Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

(Lynsey Simenton - 01274 434232)

**EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS PORTFOLIO  
& DEPUTY LEADER**

*(Councillor I Khan)*

6. **CHANGE IN AGE RANGES OF CHILDREN AT HIRST WOOD NURSERY SCHOOL, LILYCROFT NURSERY SCHOOL AND STRONG CLOSE NURSERY SCHOOL**

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the lowering of the age range at Hirst Wood Nursery School from 3-5 years to 2-5 years as from September 2018 be approved.
- (2) That the lowering of the age range at Lilycroft Nursery School from 3-5 years to 2-5 years as from September 2018 be approved.
- (3) That the lowering of the age range at Strong Close Nursery School from 3-5 years to 2-5 years as from September 2018 be approved.

**ACTION: Strategic Director Children's Services**

(Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

(Lynn Donohue -01274 439606)

**REGENERATION, PLANNING & TRANSPORT  
PORTFOLIO**

*(Councillor Ross-Shaw)*

**7. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME UPDATE**

**Resolved –**

**That the LDS contained in Appendix 1 to Document “I” be approved and published on the Council’s web site.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Place***

(Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

(Andrew Marshall - 01274 434050)

**8. ONE CITY PARK**

**Resolved –**

**(1) That the issue of the requisite OJEU notice to commence the process to procure a preferred Development Partner for the One City Park scheme be approved using the Competitive Dialogue procurement process as outlined in Document “J” and to be conducted by the Director of Place in consultation with the Finance, Procurement and Legal Services.**

**(2) That the Strategic Director Place be instructed to provide a future report to the Executive to outline the outcome of the approved procurement process and to seek approval for the appointment of a preferred Development Partner and development/delivery proposals for the OCP scheme.**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Place***

(Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

(Simon Woodhurst - 01274 433789)

**9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**Resolved–**

**That the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the Not for Publication Appendices relating to the Bereavement Strategy and the Oastler Market proposals on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings, that if they were present, exempt information within paragraphs 3 and 5 (financial or business affairs and legal privilege)**

of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) would be disclosed and it is considered that, in all the circumstances, the public interest in allowing the public to remain is outweighed by the public interest in excluding public access to the relevant part of the proceedings for the following reasons:

It is in the public interest in maintaining these exemptions because it is in the overriding interest of proper administration that Members are made fully aware of the financial and legal implications of any decision.

10. **REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY CENTRE MARKETS**

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the progress to date be acknowledged and permission given to move to RIBA design stage 3.
- (2) That the budget be approved and the funding of the works from existing capital funding already set aside for markets, the markets revenue reserve, and prudential borrowing to be repaid from annual corporate revenue funding retained by markets for funding capital expenditure be endorsed.
- (3) That the planned works be noted and that the Portfolio Holder, Strategic Director of Place and the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources be authorised to approve variations within the agreed budget envelope.
- (4) As regards Not for Publication Appendix 2 to Document “K”, the Assistant Director, Estates and Property be authorised to
  - i) complete negotiations for the property interests referred to,
  - ii) serve the statutory notices referred to and;
  - iii) enter into negotiations for the property interest referred to.
- (5) That the exercise of Compulsory Purchase powers be approved as necessary to secure vacant possession of the freehold interest of the property referred to.

**ACTION:** *Strategic Director Place*

(Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

(Colin Wolstenholme -01274 432243)

**HEALTHY PEOPLE AND PLACES PORTFOLIO**

*(Councillor Ferriby)*

11. **THE BEREAVEMENT STRATEGY**

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the procurement of external specialist resources to complete the feasibility stage for all 5 identified sites and subject to further approval, deliver progress to RIBA stage 3 for the design and build of two new crematoria. (option 9.1.2 to Document “L”) be approved.**
- (2) That the Strategic Director Place be authorised to negotiate a revised lease with Bradford Council for Mosques by the end of 2018 (option 9.1.3 to Document “L”).**
- (3) Subject to the requirements of resolution 2 above being delivered, the Strategic Director Place be authorised to open negotiations with Bradford Council for Mosques to determine a lease/licence for the new burial space being developed at Scholemoor cemetery.**
- (4) The Strategic Director Place be given delegated approval of spend in consultation with the S151 officer for the extension of Scholemoor Cemetery to create additional burial space at the earliest opportunity.**
- (5) The Strategic Director Place be given delegated approval of spend in consultation with the S151 officer to upgrade the crematory at Oakworth Crematorium, to include mercury abatement, at the earliest opportunity (option 9.1.4 to Document “L”)**
- (6) As regards Not for Publication Appendix 3 to Document “L”, the relocation of the Coroner’s Service be approved in accordance with the details outlined and the Interim Strategic Director Corporate Resources be authorised in consultation with the Leader to take all necessary steps to implement the decision.**
- (7) As regards Not for Publication Appendix 4 to Document “L” the recommended course of action with regard to the service outlined be approved and the Interim Strategic Director Corporate Resources be authorised in consultation with the Leader to take all necessary steps to implement the decision (that decision to be exempted from call-in owing to the prejudice caused by delay).**

***ACTION: Strategic Director Place / Interim Strategic Director Corporate Resources***

(Regeneration and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

(Michael Bowness / Phil Barker – 01274 434928 / 2616)

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