

EXECUTIVE BOARD

19TH APRIL 2006

PRESENT Councillor A Carter in the Chair
Councillors D Blackburn, J L Carter, Harker,
Harrand, Harris, J Procter, Smith and Wakefield

Councillor Blake – Non-Voting Advisory Member

249 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendix C to the report referred to in minute 265 and during consideration of the item referred to in minute 266 on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt or confidential information, defined in Access to Procedure Rules as indicated in the minutes.

250 Late Items

The Chair reported that he had admitted a late report to the agenda with regard to a request by a member to be provided with a document in connection with the Leeds UDP Review (minute 266 refers).

251 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Blake declared a personal interest in the item relating to the Neighbourhood Renewal fund 2006/07 (minute 255 refers) as a Board member of South Leeds Health for All.

Councillor J L Carter declared personal interests in the items relating to the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2006/07 (minute 255 refers) as a member of a body that has involvement with an organisation that has made a bid to the Fund, and the Eastgate and Harewood Quarter minute (265 refers) as a member of the West Yorkshire Police Authority.

Councillor Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the item relating to the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2006/07 (minute 255 refers) as his clients have made a bid to the fund.

Councillor D Blackburn indicated his intention to leave the room during the discussion on the item relating to the Eastgate and Harewood Quarter (minute 265 refers) in order to avoid any perception of predetermination at such time as the matter may be considered by the Plans Panel (City Centre) of which he was a member.

Councillors D Blackburn, J L Carter, Smith and Wakefield indicated their intention to leave the meeting during the discussion on the item relating to the request by a member to be provided with documentation (minute 266 refers) to avoid any perception of predetermination at such time as the matter may be considered by an Access to Information Appeals Panel on which they may be a member

252 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2006 be approved subject to a correction to minute 231 to show that Councillor Wakefield voted against the decision.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

253 Young People's Scrutiny Forum

Further to Minute 128 of the meeting held on 16th November 2005 the Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report presenting the report produced by the Young People's Scrutiny forum into Fairtrade in Schools.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Board (Children and Young People) presented the report to the Board.

RESOLVED – That the report of the Young People's Scrutiny Forum be received and that Education Leeds be requested to give careful consideration to the Forum's recommendations

SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

254 Eastmoor Secure Children's Centre

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report on the outcomes from the Licensing Inspection of Eastmoor Secure Children's Centre completed by the Commission of Social Care Inspection (CSCI) and the Office for Standards in Education between 6th and 9th September 2005.

Two Inspectors from the CSCI gave a brief overview of the inspection and improvements made since that time.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the content and views of the inspectors contained within this report be approved and agreed in principle subject to the publication of the final report.
- (b) That, subject to agreement from OFSTED approval in principle be given in relation to the "Education Action Plan" completed as a response to an inspection recommendation.
- (c) That a progress report be submitted in July 2006 by the Director of Children's Services in relation to the recommendations made by the CSCI contained within the draft inspection report of East Moor Secure Children's Centre.
- (d) That formal discussions commence regarding the recommended increase in basic grade staffing.

NARROWING THE GAP

255 Neighbourhood Renewal Fund 2006/07

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund grant allocations for Leeds for 2006/07 and 2007/08, on the process undertaken with partners to develop a forward programme to meet funding criteria focused on the achievement of PSA floor

targets and on the 2006/07 programme recommended by the Narrowing the Gap Executive of Leeds Initiative.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the recommended NRF 2006/07 programme be approved.
- (b) That the proposed review of the 2006/07 NRF programme to align funding available in 2007/08 to priority activities that will contribute to the achievement of outcomes in the Leeds Local Area Agreement be noted.

(Councillors Blake and J L Carter declared personal interests in this item)

(Councillor Smith having declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item left the meeting during consideration of this item)

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

256 Seventh Implementing Electronic Government Statement (IEG6)

The Chief Customer Services Officer submitted a report on the latest IEG statement to demonstrate the Council's progress on electronic service delivery.

RESOLVED – That the IEG6 Statement be noted and its contents endorsed.

257 Progress Report on the PPP/PFI Programme in Leeds

Further to Minute 107 of the meeting held on the 13th October 2005 the Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report on progress of PPP/PFI projects and programmes and giving an update on PPP/PFI governance.

RESOLVED – That the current status of PPP/PFI projects and programmes and the implementation of the governance framework be noted.

258 Dissolution of Yorkshire and Humber Association of Local Authorities and Formation of Local Government Yorkshire and Humber

The Chief Executive submitted a report on a proposal to dissolve the Yorkshire and Humber Association of Local Authorities and to establish Local Government Yorkshire and Humber.

RESOLVED -

- (a) That the resolution to dissolve the Association of Local Authorities, and form Local Government Yorkshire and Humber be formally endorsed.
- (b) That the Leader of the Council be authorised to endorse the new constitution.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

259 Progress on Regeneration and Development Issues within Beeston Hill and Holbeck

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on a number of key issues relating to the regeneration of South Leeds and especially the Beeston Hill and Holbeck priority regeneration area.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the principle of developing a comprehensive South Leeds regeneration scheme and for a subsequent report to be submitted to the Board that identifies further detailed proposals for the scheme and the implications for the Council be agreed.
- (b) That the Vision for the regeneration of Beeston Hill and Holbeck be endorsed.
- (c) That the submission of the Expression of Interest proposal outlined in this report for Beeston Hill and Holbeck, relating to the ODPM's Housing PFI Fifth Bidding Round be approved.
- (d) That the inclusion of the following short-term development opportunities identified on the plan appended to the report as part of a portfolio of opportunities within a Development Agreement as part of the Round 5 Housing PFI scheme be approved:-
- Site 1 Matthew Murray High School++
 - Site 2 Holbeck Towers
 - Site 4 Cambrian Terrace
 - Site 6B Folly Lane
 - Site 8A Moor Road
 - Site 9 Rear of Dewsbury Road One Stop Centre
 - Site 10 The Beverley's Housing Clearance area
 - Site 12 Fairfax Road
- ++ Subject to the identification of £1.7 million of funding to be injected into the 2009/10 Capital Programme to support the Combined Secondary Schools
- (e) That the sites identified in Appendix 1 of this report with long-term potential for improvement/development be included within the PFI scheme at the Outline Business Case stage be agreed subject to further consultation and assessment of their development/regeneration potential.

LEARNING

260 Annual Consultation on Admission Arrangements

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on the consultation on proposed admission arrangements including the proposed admission numbers and admission policy.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the primary school coordinated admission scheme be approved as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.
- (b) That the secondary school coordinated admission scheme be approved as detailed in appendix 1 to the report.
- (c) That the admission policy be amended to allow distance to community and voluntary controlled mixed schools in other LEAs to be taken into account. That the wording in paragraph 2.17 be approved.
- (d) That priority 1 of the admission policy be simplified as stated in paragraph 2.27.

- (e) That priority 1b be deleted from the policy and replaced with a note as stated in paragraph 2.30.
- (f) That the proposed amendments for the admission numbers of five secondary schools as detailed in 2.34 of the report be accepted for 2007.
- (g) That the admission number of Bruntcliffe High School remain the same at 270.
- (h) That the proposed amendments for admission numbers of three primary schools as detailed in 2.38 of the report be approved.
- (i) That the temporary increase from 40 to 45 at Robin Hood Primary school remain for 2007/08.

261 Secondary Review – Outcome of Statutory Representations – Inner West Leeds

Further to Minute 196 of the meeting held on the 18th January 2006 the Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on representations received following the statutory notice period for proposals to rationalise secondary school provision in Inner West Leeds as part of the Building Schools for the Future programme.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That having considered the representations received, approval be given to proceed with the proposal to close West Leeds and Wortley High Schools and to establish a new secondary school on the West Leeds site in September 2009 and to expand Farnley Park High School from an admission number of 150 to 210.
- (b) That it be noted that the representations result in the determination of the notice falling to the School Organisation Committee.
- (c) That the comments prepared by Education Leeds and contained in this report be approved as the Local Education Authority's response to the representations on the proposal.

LEISURE

262 Replacement of Machinery: Parks and Countryside

The Director of Learning and Leisure submitted a report on the proposed purchase of replacement machinery in the Parks and Countryside Service to replace old machinery associated with Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome.

RESOLVED – That the spending of £584,600 from the 2006/07 Capital Programme for Replacement of Machinery be authorised.

263 Yorkshire Forward Leeds Cultural Infrastructure Programme – Phase 2

The Director of Learning and Leisure submitted a report on proposed expenditure under the Yorkshire Forward grant of £2.2m.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Project Brief and Scheme Design as detailed in the report be approved.
- (b) That a fully funded injection of £1.7m to the 2006/07 Capital Programme be approved and that expenditure be authorised in the sum of £2.5 m as detailed in the report.

- (c) That the funding plan as presented be approved.

DEVELOPMENT

264 Leeds Inner Ring Road, Stage 7

The Director of Development submitted a report on a proposal to proceed to phase 2 of the contract, the construction stage, to allow that construction commence in late April/May 2006 and be completed by late 2008.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of this report and the current position of the Leeds Inner Ring Road Stage 7 project be noted.
- (b) That the invoking of Phase 2 of the current Early Contractor Involvement Contract with Alfred McAlpine Capital Projects Ltd to complete the construction of Leeds Inner Ring Road Stage 7 and the incurring of further expenditure of £46.136m be approved
- (c) That the risks associated on works outside of the main contract be noted and the financial arrangements outlined in section 4 of this report be approved.

265 Eastgate/Harewood Quarters

The Director of Development submitted a report on proposed agreements to ensure that the development proceeds and on a proposed compulsory purchase order to facilitate the assembly of the site at Eastgate/Harewood Quarter.

Following consideration of Appendix C to the report designated as exempt under Access to information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) which was considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the Heads of Terms for the Development Agreement, the Indemnity Agreement and West Yorkshire Police Authority Co-operation Agreement be approved and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to complete these documents.
- (b) That the extension of the existing Co-operation Agreement with Hammersons and extended Development Agreement with Town Centre Securities Plc for a period of up to 6 months from the date of this Executive Board be approved.
- (c) That subject to the prior completion of appropriate indemnity and development agreements, the Council makes a Compulsory Purchase Order under the provisions of Section 226 (1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and Section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This will provide for the acquisition of land and new rights within the areas shown in appendix A on Plan No 1 attached to the report for the purpose of securing mixed use development including retail, residential, leisure and office accommodation.
- (d) That officers be authorised to take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Order including:

- (i) the publication and service of all notices and the presentations of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry;
- (ii) approving the acquisition of interest in land within the compulsory purchase order either by agreement or by way of compulsory powers.
- (iii) approving agreements with land owners setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order, including where appropriate seeking exclusion of land from the Order and/or making arrangements for relocation of occupiers;
- (iv) that regular updates are provided to Executive Board on progress of this scheme.

(Further to minute 251 above Councillor J L Carter declared a personal interest in this item)

(Further to minute 251 above Councillor D Blackburn left the meeting during consideration of this item)

266 Leeds UDP Review – Response to the Inspector's Report on Chapter 15 (East Leeds) – Counsel's Advice (10.4(5))

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services reported the circumstances of a request by a member to be provided with the above document.

RESOLVED –That the document be not so provided.

(Prior to consideration of this item Councillors D Blackburn, J L Carter, Smith and Wakefield left the meeting to avoid any perception of predetermination at such time as the matter may be considered by an Access to Information Appeals Panel on which they may be a member)

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(Scrutiny Support will notify relevant Directors of any items called in by 12.00 noon on 2nd May 2006).