

EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 10TH MARCH, 2010

PRESENT: Councillor A Carter in the Chair

Councillors R Brett, J L Carter, R Finnigan,
S Golton, R Harker, P Harrand,
J Monaghan, J Procter and K Wakefield

Councillor R Lewis – Non-Voting Advisory Member

195 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as exempt information 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 information so designated as follows:-

- (a) Appendix 3 to the report referred to in minute 196 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose this information at this point in time as it could undermine the method of disposal, should that come about and affect the integrity of disposing of the property. Also it is considered that the release of such information would or would be likely to prejudice the Council's commercial interests in relation to this or other similar transactions in that prospective purchasers of this or other similar properties would have information about the nature and level of consideration which may prove acceptable to the Council. It is considered that whilst there may be a public interest in disclosure, much of this information will be publicly available from the Land Registry following completion of any transaction and consequently the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information at this point in time.
- (b) Appendices A and B to the report referred to in minute 202 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that it is considered that disclosure at this stage in the Large Casino licence application process would be prejudicial. The public interest in maintaining the exemption in relation to this document outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information by reason of the fact that it contains information relating to financial and business affairs of the Council which, if disclosed may prejudice the development of the Casino project and may adversely affect the business of the Council.

- 196 The Former Royal Park Primary School and The Strategic Review of Household Waste Sorting Sites and Bring Sites**
RESOLVED – That the two reports entered onto the agenda on the above subjects be withdrawn from consideration at this meeting.

- 197 Minutes**
RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2010 be approved.

DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION

- 198 Deputation to Council - Mayor for the Day - "You Don't Have to Spend a Fortune to Make a Difference"**

The Director of City Development submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council from Brigshaw High School and Language College regarding its 'Mayor for the Day' manifesto entitled, 'You don't have to spend a fortune to make a difference'.

RESOLVED – That the recommendations in response to the various elements of the deputation, as contained in appendix B to the submitted report, be approved.

- 199 Deputation to Council - Young People from the Miles Hill Estate requesting Traffic Calming Measures on the Estate**

The Director of City Development submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council from young people of the Miles Hill estate requesting traffic calming measures on the estate.

RESOLVED -

- a) That the report and the actions being taken to progress 20 mph zones within the city as described therein be noted.
- b) That the monitoring and review of potential 20 mph zones as the basis for determination of future priorities and the inclusion of the Miles Hill area within that process be endorsed.
- c) That the issues raised concerning the Miles Hill area shall be considered when reviewing 20 mph zone proposals as part of the development of investment proposals for the Local Transport Plan programme from April 2011 onwards.
- d) That the proposals to offer the Speed Information Device to the residents in the interim period be endorsed.

- 200 Deputation to Council - Moorland Road Residents regarding the Speed Limit on Moorland Road, Bramhope**

The Director of City Development submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council from residents of Moorland Road, Bramhope, regarding the speed limit on the road.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted and approval be given in principle to a Traffic Regulation Order for a speed limit of 30mph with repeater signs being progressed on Moorland Road and Occupation Lane with MICE (Members' Improvements in the Community and Environment) funding.

201 Revisions to the Local Development Scheme

The Director of City Development submitted a report outlining proposed changes to the current Local Development Scheme.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That, with reference to discussions held at the meeting of the Development Plan Panel on the day previous to this meeting and to comments now made, the Director of City Development be authorised to amend the scheme for submission in those respects, in consultation with the Executive Member (Development and Regeneration), subject to details of such amendments being provided to all members of the Board.
- (b) That the Director of City Development be authorised to make the appropriate revisions to the Council's Local Development Scheme to reflect the changes set out in section 4 of the report, and as referred to in (a) above, and to submit the revised LDS to the Secretary of State pursuant to section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Further, should a direction be received from the Secretary of State under section 15(4), the Director of City Development be authorised to make any necessary changes to the revised LDS prior to it coming into effect in order to comply with the direction.
- (c) That that the revised Local Development Scheme shall be brought into effect as from 1 May 2010 subject to one of the statutory requirements below having been met. Namely:
- Before the end of a 4 week period starting on the day on which the Council submit the revision to the Secretary of State, the Council receive notice from the Secretary of State that he does not intend to give a direction under section 15(4); or
 - The 4 week period has ended and the Council have not received either a direction under section 15(4) from the Secretary of State or notice that he requires more time to consider the revision; or
 - The Council have received a direction under section 15(4) and have either complied with it (as varied by any further direction), or have received a direction revoking it; or
 - The Council have received notice from the Secretary of State that he requires more time to consider the revision and either subsequently receive notice from the Secretary of State that he does not intend to give a direction under section 15(4) or

such a direction is received and the Council have complied with it (as varied by any further direction), or have received a direction revoking it.

- (d) That the formal withdrawal of the Easel, City Centre and West Leeds Gateway AAPs pursuant to section 22 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 be authorised.
- (e) That that the Director of City Development undertake further public consultation on the West Leeds Gateway proposals with a view to their eventual approval as a Supplementary Planning Document.

202 Large Casino Licence

The Director of City Development submitted a report providing an update on the process for the awarding of the large casino licence.

Following consideration of Appendices A and B to the report designated as exempt under Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) which were considered in private at the conclusion of the meeting it was

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that the Director of City Development and the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) be authorised to move forward with the process which will lead to the award of the Large Casino Licence; on the basis of the:

- (i) objectives detailed in the report and the exempt Appendix A
- (ii) the draft timetable presented and
- (iii) the resource implications identified in the exempt Appendix B.

(Under the provisions of Council Procedure Rule 16.5 Councillor Finnigan required it to be recorded that he voted against this decision and Councillor Brett required it to be recorded that he abstained).

203 Submission of the Transport and Works Act Order Application for the New Generation Scheme

The Director of City Development submitted a report providing an update on the current position on the proposals for a high quality public transport system in Leeds. The report also detailed the next stage of the project – the submission of the Transport and Works Act Order and associated applications to the Secretary of State for Transport proposed to be made in June 2010.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given for the submission of the required Transport and Works Act Order and associated applications for NGT to the Secretary of State for Transport. (These applications will set out the proposed route and works as detailed in section 3.3 and Appendix 1 of the submitted report).

- (b) That approval be given to the transfer of additional funding to meet the Council's share of the £3,820, 000 required to progress the Transport and Works Act Order application beyond the Programme Entry stage (assumed to be £1,910,000 as set out in section 5 of the report) from the Council's Strategic Development Fund.
- (c) That additional expenditure of £2,754,000 as shown in the Finance Table Paragraph 5.6 of the report be approved.

204 Request for Authorisation to Enter into a Joint Venture Agreement between Leeds City Council and Metro to Develop and Progress the New Generation Transport Scheme

The Director of City Development submitted a report on proposals to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement between the City Council and Metro to develop and progress the New Generation Transport Scheme.

RESOLVED – That authority be given for the signing of the Joint Venture Agreement between the City Council and Metro for developing and progressing the NGT scheme.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

205 Response to the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) Interim Statement into 'The Procurement of the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2011'

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report presenting a response to the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) Interim Statement entitled, 'The Procurement of the Grounds Maintenance Contract for 2011'.

RESOLVED – That the proposed responses to the Scrutiny Board (Environment and Neighbourhoods) recommendations, as contained in the submitted report, be approved.

(During the discussion of this matter Councillor Finnigan declared a personal interest as an ALMO Board member)

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

206 Interim Director of Children's Services

The Chair welcomed Eleanor Brazil, Interim Director of Children's Services to her first meeting of the Executive Board.

207 Children's Services Improvement Arrangements

The Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) submitted a report providing an update on the Children's Services Improvement Board's membership and proposed terms of reference, the Improvement Notice issued by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) and the Council's Improvement Plan for Children's Services.

RESOLVED – That the Terms of Reference for the Improvement Board be endorsed and that the Improvement Plan be approved.

208 Organisational Arrangements for the Provision of Children's Services in Leeds

The Chief Executive submitted a report providing an update on the organisational review being undertaken with respect to Children's Services. The strategic Review document appended to the report presented the following five options –

1. Retain current arrangements
2. A slimmed down company model
3. An enhanced company offer
4. Creation of Children Leeds Ltd
5. Creation of a Children's services Directorate.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That, building on the strengths of current arrangements and seeking to spread them across all areas of children's services, a new integrated Children's Services Directorate model be worked up along the lines detailed in Option 5 of the review attached to the report.
- (b) That officers be authorised to take all such steps as may reasonably be required (including the service of appropriate notices) to allow the Council's contract with Education Leeds to be terminated on 31st March 2011, and
- (c) That further reports detailing the revised arrangements (including any proposed transitional arrangements), and consultations thereon, be brought to the Board at regular intervals over the course of the coming year.
- (d) That, with reference to (b) above, the Board takes this opportunity to record its appreciation of the work of Education Leeds in supporting the transformation of education provision in the City, and to express the Board's thanks to Chris Edwards for the leadership he has displayed in his role as Chief Executive of the company.

209 Building Schools for the Future Phase 4 - Leeds West Academy

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report on proposals with respect to the new building project of Leeds West Academy (formerly Intake High School).

RESOLVED – That the Final Business Case for the Leeds West Academy Project be approved for submission to Partnerships for Schools.

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

210 Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-11 Refresh - Amendments to Partnership Agreed Indicators

The Assistant Chief Executive (Policy, Planning and Improvement) submitted a report on a number of proposed amendments to the partnership agreed targets contained within the Leeds Strategic Plan 2008-11.

RESOLVED – That Appendices 1 and 2 to the report be approved as the council's proposed revisions and additions to the agreed targets in the Leeds Strategic Plan.

DATE OF PUBLICATION: 12th March 2010
LAST DATE FOR CALL IN: 19th March 2010 (5.00 P.M.)

(Scrutiny Support will notify Directors of any items called in by 12:00 noon on 22nd March 2010)