EXECUTIVE BOARD

18TH JANUARY 2006

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

Councillor Blake – Non-voting advisory member

183 Declarations of Interest

Councillors Wakefield and Smith declared personal interests in the item relating to Adult Social Care Services (minute 186) as non-executive members of the East and South Leeds PCTs respectively and Councillor Smith in the matter referred to in minute 192 for the same reason.

184 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 14th and 23rd December 2005 be approved.

185 Call In

RESOLVED – That it be noted that the decision referred to in minute 149 of 14th December 'Primary Review – Far Headingley' was Called In and considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4th January 2006 and that the Committee resolved to release the decision for implementation.

SOCIAL CARE AND HEALTH

186 Annual Review of Adult Social Care Services Performance and Star Rating

The Director of Social Services submitted a report on the annual assessment of Adult Social Care Services Performance in Leeds.

RESOLVED – That the report and the attached Performance Review Report from the Commission for Social Care Inspection for adult social care services be noted.

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

187 Investors in People Review

(a) Outcomes of the Review

(b) Outcomes of the Leadership and Management Model Assessment The Director of Corporate Services submitted reports on the reports of the External Managing Assessor following a year-long review of the Council's Investors in People arrangements.

RESOLVED – That the findings and outcomes of both the review and the assessment be welcomed.

188 Scrutiny Report – Inquiry into the Streetscene Grounds Maintenance Contract

The Chief Democratic Services Officer submitted a report presenting the final report and recommendations of Scrutiny Board (Environmental and Community Safety) following the Inquiry into the Streetscene Grounds Maintenance Contact.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Board attended the meeting and presented the report of his Board.

RESOLVED – That the report and the recommendations of the Scrutiny Board be noted, and that recommendation 20 of the report relating to Ward Member access to the service provider be the subject of a further report to this Committee as to the manner in which it will be implemented.

DEVELOPMENT

189 A6120 Outer Ring Road Route Strategy

The Director of Development submitted a report on the consultant's final recommendations following a study of the A6120 Ring Road.

The report identified options in relation to three strategy and investment scenarios.

Scenario 1 – Best Use (Low investment). Maximising use of the existing highway with targeted improvements to major junctions, improvements for other users and a public transport package comprising interchanges and park and ride. Estimated cost £41m.

Scenario 2 – Balanced Package (Medium investment). Similar to (1) but including a single carriageway bypass to Seacroft and Cross Gates and a link road to the airport. Estimated cost £94m.

Scenario 3 – Highway investment (High investment). Upgrading of the full A6120 route to dual carriageway with associated junction improvements, dual carriageway bypass to Seacroft and Cross Gates and airport link. Estimated cost £165m.

The report indicated that the consultants had recommended Scenario 3 and the Chair drew attention to the fact that currently no funding was in place to meet the capital costs of implementing a strategy for the A6120.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the contents of the Director's report and the findings of the consultant's study of the A6120 Ring Road be noted.
- (b) That approval be given to the continued development of a strategy for the A6120 Ring Road, to consider in detail the scope and extent of future proposals, their value for money and business case and the options for prioritising and phasing implementation of the potential measures.

- (c) That detailed work be undertaken separately with Leeds Bradford International Airport to develop proposals for an airport link road.
- (d) That a further report be brought to this Board when the necessary detailed work has been completed.

CITY SERVICES

190 Civic Hall Portland Crescent Entrance

The Director of City Services submitted a report on proposals to remodel and refurbish the Portland Crescent entrance at Leeds Civic Hall to provide new reception and security arrangements.

RESOLVED – That the scheme design and proposals as set out in the report be approved, that approval be given to the injection of £260,000 into the Capital Programme and that authority be given for expenditure in the same amount.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

191 The Future of ALMOs in Leeds

The Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing submitted a report on progress made in the review of Arms Length Management Organisations in Leeds and on a proposed ballot on future options in accordance with public commitments in support of such a ballot given by the leadership of the administration.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the progress made in the review of ALMOs in Leeds be noted and that updates be brought to this Board as appropriate.
- (b) That a ballot of tenants be undertaken on the future options for ALMOs in the City.

192 Provision for Older Men with Enduring Alcohol Problems

RESOLVED – That the report of the Director of Neighbourhoods and Housing on the proposed development of a hostel for older men with alcohol problems in Leeds be withdrawn.

LEARNING

193 The Charging Policy for Early Years Services

The Director of Learning and Leisure submitted a report on proposed changes to the charging policy for Early Years Services with effect from 3rd April 2006.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the proposed changes to the Charging Policy for Early Years Services as set out in section 3 of the report and as detailed in appendix 1 thereto with effect from 3rd April 2006.

194 Implementing the Ten Year Strategy: New Statutory Duties and Phase 2 of the Children's Centre Plan

The Director of Learning and Leisure submitted a report on the content and implications of the Childcare Bill, on the proposed children's centre phase 2 plan and advising on the further development of extended services.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the content and implications of the proposed Childcare Bill be noted.
- (b) That the impact of the new statutory duties on Comprehensive Performance Assessment and Judgement Assessment Recording statements be noted.
- (c) That the proposals for the children's centre phase 2 roll out programme and childcare on school sites as part of extended schools be approved subject to an amendment in appendix 1 to the report to read in the 'consultation recommendation' column of the table "inconclusive – additional consultation" in relation to the Farnley/Wortley community.
- (d) That a further report be brought to this Board on the localities where the first consultation process proved inconclusive.

195 Primary Review – Headingley Planning Area

Further to minute 95 of the meeting held on 21st October 2005 the Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on the outcome of the statutory representation period for the reorganisation of primary provision in Headingley.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the proposal to close Headingley Primary School and St Michael's Church of England (Aided) Primary School on 31st August 2006 be progressed.
- (b) That this Board notes that these proposals are linked to a proposal by the Church of England Diocese to establish a new one form entry voluntary controlled Church of England school on the St Michael's site in September 2006 and that this is reflected in the publication of a joint notice with the Diocese.
- (c) That this Board also notes that under current regulations, any proposal for structural change to provision promoted by the Diocese has to be determined by the School Organisation Committee and that consequently the determination of the linked notice falls to the School Organisation Committee.

196 Building Schools for the Future: Secondary Provision in Inner West Leeds

Further to minute 96 of the meeting held on 21st October 2005 the Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on the outcomes of consultation on the proposal to amalgamate West Leeds and Wortley High Schools to form a new high school on the West Leeds site from September 2007 and to expand Farnley High School.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given to publish statutory notices:
 - (i) to discontinue West Leeds and Wortley High Schools in August 2009
 - to establish a new high school on the West Leeds site in September 2009, in a new school building through Building Schools for the Future
 - (iii) to expand Farnley Park High School to an admission number of 210
- (b) That it be noted that Education Leeds will support the establishment of a Federation between West Leeds and Wortley High Schools during the next academic year (2006/07).

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(Scrutiny Support will notify relevant Directors of any items Called In by 12.00 noon on 30th January 2006)