

EXECUTIVE BOARD

WEDNESDAY, 16TH MAY, 2007

PRESENT: Councillor A Carter in the Chair

Councillors M Harris, R Brett, J L Carter, R Harker,
P Harrand, J Procter, S Smith, K Wakefield and J Blake

Councillor Blake – Non-voting Advisory Member

237 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 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 the exempt information so designated as follows:

- (a) Appendix 1 to the report referred to in minute 254 under the terms of Access to Information Procedure Rule 10.4(3) and on the grounds that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because publication could prejudice the Council's commercial interests as the appendix contains commercial information confidential to the Council.

238 Declaration of Interests

Councillor Wakefield declared a personal interest in the item relating to the review of 14-19 provision in Leeds as a member of the Learning and Skills Council.

239 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th April 2007 be approved.

ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

240 Response to Deputation from Parents and Carers Action Group for Terry Yorath House

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report in response to the Deputation before Council on 18th April and on issues relating to the future provision of service at Terry Yorath House.

RESOLVED – That consideration of this matter be deferred pending the submission of a further report.

LEISURE

241 River Safety Management at Wharfemeadows Park, Manor Park and Tittybottle Park, Otley

RESOLVED – That consideration of proposals to improve water safety at Wharfemeadows Park, Manor Park and Tittybottle Park, Otley be deferred to the June meeting of the Board excepting that the Chief Recreation Officer be requested to progress fencing proposals by the river in the vicinities of the weir and the children's play area.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

242 Review of 14 - 19 Provision in Leeds

Further to minute 151 of the meeting held on 24th January 2007 the Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on the Review of 14-19 Provision in Leeds and on the proposed next stage of development.

RESOLVED – That consideration of the vision and approach and the development of an implementation plan be deferred to the June meeting of the Board to allow consideration in the light of the proposals of the Learning and Skills Council.

ADULT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

243 Older People's Long Term Care Strategy - Reprovision for Greenlands Home for Older People

The Director of Adult Social Services submitted a report providing an update on progress on the strategy for Local Authority provision of long term care for older people and on a proposal to transfer a site in Guiseley to Anchor Trust at less than best consideration for an extra-care housing development to replace a Home for Older People.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That earlier approvals of the Board for the development of the extra-care housing scheme at Guiseley in partnership with Anchor Trust be confirmed.
- (b) That the land identified in the report be transferred to Anchor Trust on a 125 year lease at nil consideration as outlined in the report, subject to a clawback agreement to recover any excess development profit arising on completion of the scheme.
- (c) That further reports be brought to this Board as the long term care strategy is developed.

CENTRAL AND CORPORATE

244 Illegal Money Lending Project - Legal Authorisations

The Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) submitted a report on the authorisation given to Birmingham City Council and officers of the illegal Money Lending Team in partnership with West Yorkshire Trading Standards Service, to investigate and institute proceedings against illegal money lenders operating within the Leeds District.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That it be noted that the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance), under her delegated authority, has authorised Birmingham City Council and the Illegal Money Lending Team to investigate and institute proceedings against illegal money lenders operating within the district of Leeds.
- (b) That a further report be brought to the Board at such time that initial progress can be measured and on comparisons with the Birmingham initiative.

DEVELOPMENT

245 Procurement of a New Strategic Partnership for the Provision of Professional Highways and Transportation Services

The Director of City Development submitted a report on a proposal to commence the procurement of a contract to provide a new Strategic Partnership for the Council for the provision of professional highway and transportation services to replace the existing partnership contract which expires in September 2008.

RESOLVED – That the Director of City Development be authorised to procure a new strategic partnership contract for the provision of professional highways and transportation services to take effect from September 2008.

NEIGHBOURHOODS AND HOUSING

246 Extension of ALMO Management Agreements

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report setting out a proposal to extend the Management Agreements with the ALMOs until 2013.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to an extension in the term of contract for the ALMOs of five years, extending the existing agreement to 31st January 2013.

247 Neighbourhoods and Housing Lettings Policy Review

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on the proposal to implement a revised lettings policy from 4th June 2007.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the implementation of the lettings policy from 4th June 2007.

248 Food and Health Service Plan 2007/08

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report on the proposed Food and Health Team Service Plan 2007/08 prior to submission to full Council for approval as part of the Budget and Policy Framework in June 2007.

RESOLVED – That Council be recommended to approve the 2007/08 Food and Health Service Plan.

249 Area Delivery Plans and Area Function Schedules for 2007/08

The Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods submitted a report giving an overview of the Area Delivery Plans for 2007/08 recently agreed by Area Committees and presenting updated Area Function Schedules for 2007/08.

RESOLVED – That the ten Area Committee Action Plans and the updated Area Function Schedules for 2007/08 be endorsed.

250 Leeds Building Schools for the Future - Phase 1 - Financial Summary at Financial Close on 3rd April 2007.

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report summarising the financial position agreed by the parties at financial close and comparing this position to the various approvals and authority given by Executive Board on 24th January (Minute 53) and 14th March 2007 (Minute 205).

RESOLVED – That the report be noted and that staff involved in achieving this outcome be thanked for their contributions.

251 Amendments to the Home to School Transport Policy

The Chief Executive of Education Leeds submitted a report on proposed amendments to the Home to School Transport Policy to be implemented from September 2008 and on legislative changes for primary schools to be implemented in September 2007 in accordance with the Education and Inspections Act.

RESOLVED – That consideration of proposed amendments to the Home to School Transport Policy be deferred and that a revised report be brought to the June meeting of the Board.

LEISURE

252 Landscape Works to Sharp Lane Development, Middleton

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report on proposals to carry out landscaping works in accordance with the Section 106 agreement between the City Council and Cofton Limited at a cost of £2,661,890 from a fully funded injection to the 2007/10 Capital Programme.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That approval be given to the injection to the 2007/10 Capital Programme of £2,661,890 funded by Cofton Limited in accordance with the Section 106 agreement with the Council dated 10th February 2005

and that authority be given to spend £2,322,990 on construction cost and £338,900 on design fees.

253 Rothwell Sports Centre Changing Rooms Refurbishment

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report on a proposed scheme to refurbish the wet side changing rooms and sauna area of Rothwell Sports Centre to include new family/group changing facilities.

RESOLVED – That authority be given to spend £520,000 on the refurbishment of the wet side changing rooms at Rothwell Sports Centre.

254 Approval of the Affordability of the New Leaf Leisure Centres PFI Project and Progress Report

The Chief Recreation Officer submitted a report on the affordability of the New Leaf Leisure Centres PFI Project and on progress of the project.

Following consideration of the appendices 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 affordability of the New Leaf Leisure Centres Project as set out in the exempt appendix 1 to the report and its annex be approved.

255 Deputation to Council regarding St George's Day

The Head of Arts and Events submitted a report in response to the deputation to Council by the Royal Society of St George on 18th April 2007.

RESOLVED – That a further report be brought to this Board on proposals for the celebration of St George's Day in Leeds in 2008 and that the Royal Society of St George be informed of the Council's support for St George's Day.

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LAST DATE FOR CALL IN – 25TH MAY 2007

(Scrutiny Support will notify Directors of any items Called In by 12.00 noon on 30th May 2007).