

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Employment, Learning Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board**

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2013**

##### **EXB58 RUGBY LEAGUE WORLD CUP 2013**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Communities, which updated Members on the plans for the Rugby League World Cup 2013 (RLWC 2013).

The Board was advised that the RLWC 2013 would run between 26 October 2013 and 30 November 2013. Halton Stadium would host the USA team Training Base after their arrival in England. It was reported that a number of partner agencies (the Halton consortium), had prepared a delivery plan, which was attached to the report at Appendix A. The Halton consortium would prepare detailed plans for a Civic Reception, Coaching Master Class, Open Training Session and Community Engagement Activity. The Board noted that the delivery plan was intended to attract engagement across the age ranges in sport and cultural activities, with the opportunity to deliver further activity in other community settings.

Other opportunities for services to re-brand their activities during the tournament were detailed in the report, with the opportunity to link into a number of national initiatives such as Try Reading and Education Resource.

**RESOLVED:** That the contents of the report be noted and the Delivery Plan, attached at Appendix A, be approved.

##### **EXB59 WIDNES RECREATION SITE DEVELOPMENT**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Communities, which provided Members with an update on the re-development of the Widnes Recreation Site, Liverpool Road, Widnes.

The Board was advised that a business plan had been prepared which contained background detail, project outline and associated financial implications for the development of a sports facility at the former recreation site. It was noted that the new sports facilities would include new changing facilities, an indoor activity room, kitchen facilities, an external multi use games area, a new cricket pitch, reconfiguration of the outdoor sports pitches and improvements to the car park. The Board noted that the draft business plan

would be sent to Sport England for comments.

It was reported that the estimated £2.680m required to fund the scheme would be raised by the proposed sale of 3 acres of land at the Widnes Recreation site for housing development.

The report constituted a preliminary estimate report for the purposes of Procurement Standing Orders 2.1.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the proposals for the redevelopment of the former Widnes Recreation Site, Liverpool Road, Widnes, be approved;
- 2) Council be recommended to approve inclusion of the former Widnes Recreation Site development within the Council's Capital Programme;
- 3) the Strategic Director, Communities, the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community and Sport, be authorised to implement the project, provided planning permission is obtained and the indicative prices outlined in the report are not exceeded;
- 4) Officers be authorised to begin public consultation with Sport England on the sports facility proposed within the Business Plan, attached at Appendix A; and
- 5) Officers be authorised to proceed with planning applications and place the proposed housing land on the open market to obtain tendered prices for the build cost.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2013**

### **EXB93 THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION GROWTH GRANT**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Children and Enterprise, which updated Members on the Liverpool City Region (LCR) Business Growth Grant Programme.

The Board was reminded that at its meeting on 11 July 2013, it considered a progress report on the LCR Growth Grant Programme. It was

reported that the Growth Grant could support businesses which planned to invest in capital or equipment which would directly create or safeguard jobs and increase business output. It was noted that the LCR Growth Grant was designed to unlock private sector investment, with a leverage ratio of 5:1.

The report detailed the eligible costs for which funding could be given which included capital expenditure, investment in new technologies, systems and software and employment and training aid. The report further outlined how the scheme would operate in Halton and the key stages of the preferred Delivery Model, the latter supported by information in Appendices 1 and 2.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the proposed mechanism to be used to deliver funds to Halton businesses through The Liverpool City Region Growth Grant, detailed in Appendices 1 & 2, be agreed;
- 2) the partnership agreement between LCR Local Enterprise Partnership and Halton Borough Council for the delivery of The Liverpool City Region Growth Grant be accepted; and
- 3) the award of Liverpool City Region Growth Grant be delegated to the Operational Director Employment, Enterprise and Property in consultation with the Operational Director, Finance, the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services and the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development.