

APPENDIX 1

Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Environment and Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 16th November 2017

EXB71 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

- 1) Whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- 2) Whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO AND RESOURCES
PORTFOLIO**

EXB72 FORMER CASTAWAY SITE - LAND DISPOSAL

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the disposal of the former Castaway Site, Widnes.

The Board was advised that, following negotiations, heads of terms had been agreed in principle for the Council to sell the land as indicated on the plan appended to the report. Details of the proposed use of the land were set out in the report.

RESOLVED: That disposal of part of the former Castaway Site, as shown edged blue on the plan attached to the report, for the sum stated in the report, be approved.

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Resources

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14th December 2017

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB75 HALTON HOUSING TRUST (HHT) ANNUAL REPORT

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, which provided an update on the progress of Halton Housing Trust (HHT) for the past twelve months.

The Board received a verbal update from Nick Atkin, Chief Executive of HHT, and Ingrid Fife, Chair of HHT Board. They reported on progress to date in delivering some key achievements, partnerships and strategic priorities.

The Board noted some of the key organisational achievements which included the construction of 152 new homes; secured additional grant funding of £1.9m to deliver 62 new homes under the 2016-21 Shared Ownership and Affordable Homes Programme; continued the Implementation of the Digital First Programme which transformed the way services were accessed; re-housed Syrian families as part of a joint project with Halton Borough Council and Refugee Action; and secured Disability Confident Employer status, amongst other achievements which were detailed in the report.

Members had the opportunity to ask questions and clarify information contained in the presentation before Mr Atkin and Ms Fife were thanked for attending.

RESOLVED: That the progress report be noted.

**PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO AND
TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO**

EXB84 RUNCORN DE-LINKING OF THE SILVER JUBILEE
BRIDGE - KEY DECISION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on options for the delivery of the de-linking of the Silver Jubilee Bridge (SJB) in Runcorn and the allocation of associated financial resources.

The opening of the new Mersey Gateway Bridge and temporary closure of the SJB provided a unique opportunity to redefine the existing road infrastructure in the area of the Town close to Runcorn main-line station. It was reported that changes to the road layout and removal of certain structures would improve the visibility of the Town Centre and its connectivity to and from Runcorn Station. It would also make it easier to create and release sites for future development.

Members noted that the Council had commissioned a de-linking report setting out two key options for promoting positive access and movement to the SJB, the Expressway and the Station Quarter. After consideration of the de-linking report, a preferred option had been identified, based on the assessment of costs, technical feasibility and future proofing of the development.

Reason(s) for Decision

To unlock sites for development in and around the Runcorn Station Quarter.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

The options considered and rejected were outlined in section 5 of the report.

Implementation Date

March 2018.

RESOLVED: That

Strategic Director
- Enterprise,

- 1) the development of the option as outlined in Section 5.2 of the report be agreed;
- 2) Full Council be recommended to approve a variation to the Capital Programme to cover the costs as outlined in Section 5.3 of the report; and
- 3) the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources be authorised, in conjunction with the Portfolio holders for Physical Environment and Transportation, to take the necessary steps to ensure value for money through the appropriate procurement processes.

Community and Resources

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB85 RESPONSE TO WARRINGTON LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought endorsement of a response on Warrington's Local Plan Consultation.

Warrington Borough Council had published a 'Preferred Development Options' document for a period of public consultation. The document contained summary information about the level of housing and employment development Warrington would plan for, together with diagrammatic representations and conceptual masterplans for the key development areas.

Details of the proposals and the proposed development areas were set out in the report and appendices. It was reported that Halton's principal concerns were the 'Port Warrington' element and the South West Urban Extension, which would see Warrington extend across the Green Belt to join Halton's boundary. It was noted that two further consultations were planned for 2018 before submission of a document to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for examination.

RESOLVED: That the response (at Appendix A) to the Warrington Local Plan Preferred Development Options Consultation (at Appendix B) be endorsed.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD – 18th January 2018

TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

EXB98 HIGHWAYS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TERM CONTRACT TENDER

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which notified the Board of the approval given to proceed with a procurement process for the provision of a capital projects delivery contract for highway improvement works across the Borough.

The Board was advised that capital funded schemes had been delivered through the existing Highway Maintenance and Improvement Term Contract. It was proposed that the new arrangements would be set up for a three year period, with the option to award a one year extension. It was noted that this would be in line with current capital funding arrangements for Sustainable Transport Enhancement Package (STEP) schemes, which were funded via the Liverpool City Region. It was anticipated that the annual value of the contract in total would be in the region of £800k, making the value of a three year contract approximately £2.4m. As this figure was above the OJEU threshold, the contract would be tendered using 'The Chest' procurement portal.

RESOLVED: That Members note a procurement process will be entered into via The Chest, with the purpose of securing a capital projects delivery contract for the implementation of projects to deliver sustainable highway improvement works across the Borough.

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EXB99 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and

- 4) Whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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EXB100 LAND DISPOSAL OF EMPLOYMENT LAND AT JOHNSON'S LANE, WIDNES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the disposal of employment land at Johnson's Lane, Widnes.

The Board was advised that, following negotiations, heads of terms had been provisionally agreed for the sale of land at Johnsons Way, Widnes. It was noted that the disposal was subject to planning permission being forthcoming. The proposal would result in a capital receipt from the sale of land and generate future rates income from the occupation of the site.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the disposal of land shown edged red on the plan attached to the report, to the company and for the value named in the recommendation, both subject to planning permission and subject to contract, be

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Resources

approved; and

- 2) the Operational Director, Economy, Enterprise and Property, be authorised to arrange all required documentation to be completed to the satisfaction of the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services.

EXB101 LAKESIDE PHASE 3 CASTLEFIELDS LAND DISPOSAL

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the disposal of land known as Lakeside Phase 3, Castlefields, Runcorn.

The Board was advised that the Lakeside area in Castlefields had been identified for residential development within the Castlefields Masterplan since 2003. It was reported that the Authority had been approached with a proposal to acquire the final phase 3 site. It was noted that the proposal also supported, and was consistent with, Council policy to build more new homes in Halton and dispose of land assets in an economically effective way.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) disposal of the site to the company and for the value named in the recommendation, subject to contract, be approved; and
- 2) the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, be authorised to arrange for all required documentation to be completed to the satisfaction of the Operational Director, Legal and Democratic Services.

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TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

EXB103 JOINT INTELLIGENT TRANSPORT SYSTEMS CONTRACT FOR THE LIVERPOOL CITY REGION

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on the procurement of a Joint Intelligent Transport Systems Control for the Liverpool City Region (LCR).

The Board was advised that, in order to achieve savings and efficiencies in the operation of highways and traffic functions within the LCR, investigations had taken place to identify opportunities for joint working. One of the first opportunities identified had been a joint contract for the supply, installation and maintenance of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS). The report set out details of the procurement process and the benefits of a joint contract.

RESOLVED: That the Board approves Halton joining the Joint ITS Contract for the Liverpool City Region and awarding the contract to the Contractor detailed in paragraph 1.3.

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