

APPENDIX 1

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 20TH SEPTEMBER 2018

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

EXB31 VARIATION OF THE NON-STATUTORY FEES OF HALTON REGISTRATION SERVICE FOR 2020/21

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval to vary the non-statutory fees offered by Halton Registration Service for 2020/2021.

The Marriage Act 1995 and the Civil Partnership Act 2005 allowed local authorities to set fees for ceremonies in approved premises. In January 2011, the Executive Board Sub-Committee agreed to set the non-statutory fees outside of the usual timeframe for setting fees, due to ceremonies being planned up to two years in advance.

The proposed fee structure was set out in Appendix 1 for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED: That the variations to the non-statutory fees of Halton Registration Service, as set out in Appendix 1 attached to the report, be approved.

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EXB32 EUROPEAN REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUNDING (ERDF) RENEWABLE ENERGY SCHEME

The Board considered a report of the Chief Executive, which sought authority to invite tenders for the development of a Solar Farm on the former St Michael's Golf Course.

In October 2017, the Board approved proposals to develop a Solar Farm on part of the former St Michael's Golf Course. The initial proposal was to connect the Solar Farm by private wire to Halton Stadium, thereby making use of a brownfield site and a Council asset.

The report set out two options for the use of the electricity generated from the Solar Farm, and these were

noted as being either a Private Wire Arrangement whereby the Stadium would use 45% of the energy generated; or a Power Purchase Arrangement where the Council would be able to use all of the electricity generated.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) approval be granted to invite tenders for the Design, Build, Operation and Maintenance contract for the development of a Solar Farm on the former St Michael's Golf Course; and
- 2) the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, in consultation with the Environment Portfolio holder, be authorised to determine the most appropriate use for the electricity when the financial merits of the options highlighted in the report have been assessed and determine which is the most advantageous to the Council.

Chief Executive

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB35 PROHIBITION OF THE SALE OF FUR AT HALTON'S MARKETS

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which proposed the prohibition of the sale of fur at Halton Markets.

Members were advised that a proposed ban on the importation and sale of fur in the UK was debated in Parliament on 4 June 2018. It was noted that the motion received strong cross party support and that the probable next stage would be for Members of Parliament to encourage the relevant Secretary of State to bring forward a Bill for consideration.

It was reported that the National Association of British Markets Authorities (NABMA) had not yet confirmed its position on the matter, and so the decision whether to ban or prohibit the sale of fur would be left to individual local authorities. Members were asked to consider the introduction of such a ban and details of the possible impact on Halton's markets were set out in the report for consideration.

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RESOLVED: That Members agree to prohibit the sale of fur at Halton's Markets.

EXB36 PROCUREMENT OF FLOATING SUPPORT SERVICES

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, People, which sought approval for the invitation of tenders to provide a floating support service to deliver housing related support to people in their own homes.

In 2014, a procurement exercise was undertaken for floating support services to deliver housing related support to people in their own homes across all tenure, to maintain their accommodation and prevent homelessness. Two floating support services were procured at that time; one was for a generic housing support service and the other was for a service working with people with mental health problems. It was reported that the initial contracts were awarded for three years; an option to extend for a further year, which was taken up, will expire on 31 March 2019.

It was noted that both services were co-located within the Plus Dane Runcorn office. The report provided details of the numbers of people that had been helped through both services.

The Board was advised that in line with Procurement Standing Orders, approval was sought to commence a tender exercise for an integrated floating support service, which would offer a generic service across all client groups.

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the commencement of a procurement exercise for floating support services.

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EXB37 COMMUNITY SHOP

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on the Community Shop initiative.

Members had considered the development of a Community Shop at the Board meeting on 15 March 2018. Since then, Members had visited a Community Shop premises in Barnsley in order to gain an insight into the operation of such a facility. It was noted that, with the opening of a Community Shop store in St Helens, the infrastructure was now in place to support similar facilities in the Liverpool City Region.

It was reported that Officers had progressed the identification of potential premises for a Community Shop in Halton. Appendix 1 attached to the report provided details of the options identified for Members' consideration.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the options set out in the report be noted; and
- 2) a further report be presented to the Board in October to consider how best to proceed to deliver Community Shop in Halton, following the outcome of the options appraisal.

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TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO

EXB38 WIDNES LOOPS TO WEST BANK LINK ROAD

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on progress on the Widnes Loops Link Road and junction works.

The Board was reminded that, at its meeting on 22 February 2018, it had approved the outline development of a permanent road link between the Mersey Gateway Widnes Loops Roundabout and Victoria Road/ Waterloo Road/ Hutchinson Street junction. It was reported that during the summer, the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio holders used his emergency powers to agree the land transfer to the Council.

The report advised that the SCAPE Framework contract would be utilised to procure construction works and with Board approval, also used to deliver the project. An amendment to the Capital Programme had been approved subject to further reporting at detailed design stage.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the report be noted;
- 2) the Board notes the Chief Executive's use of his delegated powers, as outlined in paragraph 3 of

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the report;

- 3) Council be recommended to approve the increase of Capital Funding allocation to ensure the scheme progresses; and
- 4) the Board approves the use of the SCAPE contract to enable continued progress of the scheme.

EXB39 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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EXB40 SOUTHERN WIDNES KEY IMPACT AREA

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Enterprise, Community and Resources, on proposals for the development of the Southern Widnes Key Impact Area.

The Board was reminded that in March 2017, it had approved the Mersey Gateway Regeneration Plan *Plus*, which focused on a cohesive package of development opportunities in eight Regeneration Impact Areas. It was reported that the Southern Widnes area had become a significant 'gateway' to Widnes and the wider Borough, with increased connectivity to and from the area following the opening of the Mersey Gateway.

The report set out details of proposals to provide an attractive, high quality and sustainable mixed use gateway providing an environment that supported business growth, promoted an improved health and wellbeing offer for local residents and encouraged visitors to the Borough.

RESOLVED: That the Board approve the recommendations as tabled at the meeting.

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