

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

*At a meeting of the Executive Board on Thursday, 26 June 2008 in the Marketing Suite, Municipal Building*

Present: Councillors Polhill (In the Chair), D. Cargill, Gerrard, Harris, McInerney, Swain and Wright

Apologies for Absence: Councillors McDermott, Nelson and Wharton

Absence declared on Council business: None

Officers present: M. Allen, L. Cairns, B. Dodd, D. Johnson, I. Leivesley, A. McIntyre, G. Meehan, M. Reaney and D. Tregoe

Also in attendance: None

### ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE BOARD

#### CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE PORTFOLIO

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##### EXB24 BSF STRATEGY FOR CHANGE (PART 1)

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Children and Young People providing a summary of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Strategy for Change (Part 1), seeking approval for its submission to Partnership for Schools (PfS) by 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2008.

It was noted that the Strategy for Change was divided into two parts with Part 1 outlining the vision for BSF in Halton. Part 2 was a more detailed document that described how the Authority, with its key stakeholders, intended to achieve its vision: Part 2 was to be completed and submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> November 2008.

The requirements for the Strategy for Change Part 1 document were outlined for Members' consideration and it was noted that, following work with secondary and secondary special headteachers, a draft document had been submitted to PfS prior to Wave entry on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2008. This document had also been circulated to all key stakeholders as part of the consultation including Diocesan Authorities;

Alliance Board Members; all schools; and the BSF Strategic Board.

As a result of the consultation, and following a further meeting with headteachers on 20<sup>th</sup> June and feedback from the PfS Adviser, the Strategy and chart had been further amended and an updated document was tabled for the Board's consideration. It was noted that some further work on this document was needed, for example to reduce it to the required 12 pages in length. It was confirmed that the Council's partners had agreed to any minor changes required by either the Board or PfS.

The Board considered the need for the Chair of the Sports Partnership to be included in the PE, Sports and Culture Stakeholder Group. In addition, it was noted that a specialist workstream had been established to look at the ICT requirements as almost one fifth of the money received would be for technology: external consultants had been appointed to assist in this process.

Members thanked all those involved in the production of this excellent document.

RESOLVED: That the Strategic Director – Children and Young People be authorised, in consultation with the Executive Board Member for Children and Young People, to make any necessary minor amendments following this meeting prior to the submission of the Strategy for Change Part 1.

Strategic Director-  
Children & Young  
People

## **HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PORTFOLIO**

### **EXB25 AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE HOST BODY FOR LOCAL INVOLVEMENT NETWORKS (LINKS)**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Health and Community regarding the outcome of the open tender process carried out to secure a host body for LINKs (Local Involvement Networks).

It was noted that the establishment of LINKs had arisen from the White Paper "Our health, Our care, Our say: a new direction for community services" and subsequently "A stronger local voice", which set out government policy on the future development of the patient, user and public involvement system. Originally to come into place by April 2008, the Government had since announced amendments to the timetable permitting "transitional" arrangements to be established if contractual arrangements for LINKs were not

in place by March 2008. This enabled the relevant powers to be transferred to a local authority until September 2008.

The report outlined the form and function of LINKs and it was noted that this was extensive. Monies allocated to the Council for its establishment amounted to £111,000 and an open tender process had been followed resulting in two organisations submitting full tenders. The results of the full evaluation process for the two organisations invited to interview were outlined for the Board's consideration, and Members noted that permission was sought to award the contract to St Helens CVS on the basis that this organisation offered value for money in terms of both cost and quality.

The Board considered the reporting arrangements for this contract and was advised that any concerns would be communicated to the Portfolio Holder in the first instance followed by the Executive Board if so required. In addition, there would be a reporting mechanism to the Healthy Halton Policy and Performance Board (PPB) and consideration could be given to co-opting a member of the new LINKs onto that PPB.

RESOLVED: That the Strategic Director – Health and Community be authorised to award the three year contract to St Helens CVS.

Strategic Director  
- Health and  
Community

**MINUTES ISSUED: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**CALL IN: 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

**Any matter decided by the Executive Board called in no later than 11<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

*Meeting ended at 2.25 p.m.*