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

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 16 September 2021

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EXB30 DEVELOPMENT OF PRIORY MEADOW, RUNCORN FOR HOUSING

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which requested approval to market Priory Meadow for housing on a gifted homes bases.

The report outlined some background and historical information in respect of the site and gave details of the tender opportunity that presented itself. It was noted that the site was one of the last pieces of the Castlefields Masterplan and would make an important contribution to meeting the housing needs of the Borough.

RESOLVED: That Executive Board

- 1) approves the marketing of Priory Meadow;
- 2) agrees to Officers testing the market for gifted homes and entering into legal agreements on this basis; and
- 3) authorises the Operational Director for Economy, Enterprise and Property, and the Operational Director for Legal and Democratic Services to ensure full legal compliance in relation to the project.

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EXB31 PLAYING PITCH STRATEGY

The Board received a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which sought approval of Halton's Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) 2021 – 2037.

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Halton's Playing Pitch Strategy set out the Council's strategy for identifying and meeting the playing pitch and associated facility needs of the Borough from now, through to 2037. It considered how well the existing playing pitch provision and associated facilities met the needs of communities in terms of supply and demand throughout this time period.

It was noted that the Strategy had been produced in accordance with national planning guidance using the Sport England Playing Pitch Strategy Guidance, which was very rigid in its approach and provided robust and objective justification for future playing pitch provision throughout Halton.

Appended to the report was the Halton Borough Council Strategy and Action Plan (appendix 1) which set out a series of initial recommendations for further consideration; and the Halton Borough Council Playing Pitch Strategy Draft Assessment Report (appendix 2) which set out the latest background information for each sport.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Assessment Report and the accompanying Strategy and Action Plan be approved;
- 2) the Assessment Report and the accompanying Strategy and Action Plan be published on the Council's website; and
- the Halton Playing Pitch Strategy 2021 2037 be the basis for making strategic decisions on future playing pitch provision and associated facilities across the Borough.

EXB32 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

 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 Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be

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considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 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 the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A 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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EXB33 FOUNDRY LANE RESIDENTIAL

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which provided an update on proposals for residential development at Foundry Lane, Widnes and sought approval to enter into a contractual Development Agreement with an appointed partner.

RESOLVED: That the list of recommendations from 2.1 to 2.5 in the report be approved.

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EXB37 PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR LIQUID ROAD FUEL CONTRACTS - SUPPLY OF DIESEL, KEROSENE, HVO AND AD BLUE

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources, which

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sought approval for the Council to be included in a national procurement exercise, in order to award contracts for the supply of Liquid Road Fuels to Council sites.

It was reported that the Council currently had a Liquid Road Fuel contract and a contract for the provision of Ad Blue in place, with a total expenditure in the region of £488,000 per annum. These contracts supplied Council sites with diesel and Ad Blue and were due to expire on 31 March 2022.

The business case in support of the request was presented to Members in the report. On the subject of climate change, it was noted that the Council was currently developing a Climate Change Action Plan, which would be published in the autumn of 2021. Part of this Action Plan would include plans to transition the Council's fleet from petrol and diesel to lower emission vehicles. As this would take some time to complete, it was important to ensure ongoing service delivery in the meantime, so award of the above contracts was needed.

RESOLVED: That the Board approves the use of Procurement Standing Order 1.4.1, to allow the Council to use a Framework Agreement procured by a Central Purchasing Body (Crown Commercial Services) in compliance with the Public Contracts Regulation 2015, or order to award contracts for the supply of Liquid Road Fuels to Council sites.

EXB38 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

- 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 Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A 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 paragraph 3 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 the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business, in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A 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.

DEPUTY LEADER'S PORTFOLIO

EXB39 PROPOSED LEISURE CENTRE, MOOR LANE, WIDNES - UPDATE REPORT

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director – Enterprise, Communities and Resources, which gave an update on progress in respect of the proposed Leisure Centre on Moor Lane.

Approval was sought in respect of investing in air source heat pump technology, in order to help maximise the benefit of connection to the Council owned solar farm at St Michael's Golf Course, to help reduce carbon emissions that would be associated with the facility.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the report is noted; and
- 2) approval be given for the installation of air source heat pumps run on electricity, in order to provide heat and hot water and to connect the building to the solar farm at St Michael's Golf Course, in order to generate maximum benefit in respect of reducing carbon emissions associated with the facility.

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