

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes relevant to the Environment & Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2024**

<b>EXB100</b>	<b>PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR STREET LIGHTING ENERGY PROCUREMENT</b>
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director Environment and Regeneration, which sought approval for the Council to utilise Dukefield Energy (formerly Utilities Procurement Group UPG), as specialist Energy advisory for the Council's un-metered electricity supply contract for street lighting. The current un-metered electricity supply contract for street lighting with SSE Energy would expire on 31 March 2024, and it was proposed that Dukefield Energy would invite tenders for a period of 12 and 36 months as recommended.

The Board was advised that a preliminary recent market enquiry with the current supplier had suggested the new rates would represent an annual decrease of up to 18%/300k depending on the length of contract term chosen.

RESOLVED: That the Board endorse

- 1) the use of the National Public Sector Energy Framework for the purchase of un-metered energy in compliance with Procurement Standing Order 1.4.1;
- 2) that expenditure is anticipated to be in excess of £1.0m per annum; and
- 3) that Dukefield Energy continue to be used to manage the Council's street lighting energy provision.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2024**

<b>EXB109</b>	<b>PRODUCTION OF BOROUGH-WIDE HOUSING STRATEGY</b>
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The Board considered a report of the Executive Director Environment and Regeneration, which sought support for the commissioning and production of a new Borough wide Housing Strategy and approval to undertake stakeholder engagement and wider community consultation as an integral part of the production process.

The Council's previous Housing Strategy was adopted in 2013 and covered a period up to 2018. The Strategy was in need of comprehensive review and replacement and the production required the identification, gathering and analysis of any supporting evidence base gaps, including an up-to-date Housing Needs Assessment. This would be a specialist task and would be commissioned externally.

In order to guide the commissioning, production and consultation of the Housing Strategy an internal officer working group was set up in 2023, including representatives from Halton Housing Partnership (HHP). The key early messages from the group and HHP were set out at Appendix A.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the commissioning and production of a new Borough wide Housing Strategy and supporting evidence base be endorsed;
- 2) delegated authority be given to the Executive Director Environment and Regeneration, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Urban Renewal, to agree details of the Housing Strategy production, including draft documentation and activity for stakeholder engagement and wider community consultation; and
- 3) upon completion of the production and consultation process, the Board will receive a further report seeking a recommendation to Council that the new Borough wide Housing Strategy be approved.