

Minutes of:	THE CABINET
Date of Meeting:	27 November 2013
Present:	Councillor M Connolly (in the Chair) Councillors G Campbell, I Gartside, A Isherwood, T Pickstone and J Smith
Also present:	Councillors J Black (Deputy Cabinet Member – Adult Care and Wellbeing and S Southworth (Deputy Cabinet Member – Environment)
Apologies:	Councillors J Lewis, R Shori and S Walmsley
Public attendance:	1 member of the public was in attendance

CA.561 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Connolly declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the fact that his partner is employed by Adult Care Services.

Councillor Gartside declared a personal interest in respect of Minute number CA.543 for the reason that he is employed by the RBS group.

CA.562 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A period of thirty minutes was allocated for members of the public present at the meeting to ask questions about the work or performance of the Council or Council services.

No questions were asked.

CA.563 MINUTES

Delegated decision:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 November 2013 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

CA.564 BURY TOBACCO CONTROL STRATEGY

The Deputy Cabinet Member – Adult Care and Wellbeing submitted a report seeking approval to the Bury Tobacco Control Strategy 2013-2018. The Strategy was developed by the Bury Tobacco Alliance in response to the new public health responsibilities of local authorities as described in the Public Health Outcomes Framework.

The Strategy has three key aims:

1. Enabling smokers in Bury who want to stop smoking, to stop with the right support.
2. Tackling the accessibility of tobacco products for young people, particularly in relation to illegal tobacco, underage sales and niche products.
3. Protecting children, families and communities from the effects of second hand smoke.

The Strategy will be monitored and reviewed on a quarterly basis and refreshed annually by the Bury Tobacco Alliance.

Delegated decision:

That approval be given to the Bury Tobacco Control Strategy 2013-2018.

Reasons for the decision:

The Strategy will help the Council fulfil its responsibility to reduce levels of smoking in the adult (18+) population, 15 year olds and pregnant women at time of delivery.

Other option considered and rejected:

To reject the recommendation.

CA.565 CORPORATE FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT – APRIL TO SEPTEMBER 2013

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member – Finance and Corporate Affairs submitted a report which informed members of the Council's financial position for the period April to September 2013 and projected the likely outturn at the end of 2013/2014.

The report also included Prudential Indicators in accordance with CIPFA's Prudential Code.

Delegated decisions:

1. That the Council's financial position as at 30 September 2013 be noted.
2. That approval be given to the s151 Officer's assessment of the minimum level of balances.

Reasons for the decision:

The Council has a statutory duty to undertake budget monitoring.

Other option considered and rejected:

To reject the recommendation.

CA.566 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY – MID YEAR REVIEW 2013/2014

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Finance and Corporate Affairs submitted a report prepared in compliance with CIPFA's Code of Practice to inform Cabinet members on the following areas:

- An economic update for the 2013/2014 financial year to 30 September 2013;
- A review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual;
- Investment Strategy;
- The Council's capital expenditure (prudential indicators);
- A review of the Council's investment portfolio for 2013/2014;
- A review of the Council's borrowing strategy for 2013/2014;
- A review of any debt rescheduling undertaken during 2013/2014;

- A review of compliance with Treasury and Prudential Limits for 2013/2014.

Delegated decision:

That the report be noted.

Reason for the decision:

In accordance with CIPFA's Code of Practice on Treasury Management, the Council is required to note the report.

Other option considered and rejected:

To reject the recommendation.

CA.567 CORPORATE PLAN PROGRESS REPORT – QUARTER 2 2013-2014

The Leader of the Council submitted a report setting out progress on the Corporate Plan quarter two 2013/2014.

Delegated decisions:

1. That the report submitted and the actions being taken to address areas of under achievement against targets be noted.
2. That future Corporate Plan Progress reports be submitted to meetings of Cabinet on a bi-annual basis.

Reason for the decision:

The Council publishes a Corporate Plan each year with progress updates reported to Cabinet.

Other option considered and rejected:

To reject the recommendations.

CA.568 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

Delegated decision:

That in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as they involve the likely disclosure of information as detailed in the conditions of category 3.

CA.569 PARKING ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT

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The Cabinet Member – Environment submitted a report regarding Bury Council's involvement with other Greater Manchester authorities to produce a framework agreement for future parking enforcement contracts.

Delegated decision:

That approval be given to the Council actively contributing to the content of the framework and having involvement with the evaluation and award to successful contractors.

Reason for the decision:

The collaboration and partnership approach being taken will allow Bury Council to benefit from a robust and competitively priced framework.

Other option considered and rejected:

The Council does not sign up to the Framework and carries out an independent Tender process in isolation.

CA.570 IT NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE

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The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Affairs submitted a report setting out a proposal to up-grade the Council's IT communications network.

Delegated decision:

That approval be given to accept the tender received to up-grade the Council's IT communications network as detailed in the report submitted.

Reasons for the decision:

The proposal will remove dependency on any one council building to service the wide area network allowing assets to be managed without extra IT costs. This will achieve an annual saving of £55,000.

Other option considered and rejected:

To reject the recommendation.

COUNCILLOR M CONNOLLY
Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6:25 pm)