

**Minutes of:** THE EXECUTIVE

**Date of Meeting:** 4 April 2012

**Present:** Councillor M Connolly (in the Chair);  
Councillors RCA Brown, T Holt, T Isherwood, J Lewis,  
T Pickstone, J Smith, R Shori and S Walmsley

**Also in attendance:** -

**Apologies:** Councillor N Parnell

**Public attendance:** 8 members of the public were in attendance

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#### **EX.770 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Connolly declared a personal interest in any matters likely to impact on the fact that his partner is employed by Adult Care Services and made this with reference minute number EX.738 Modernisation of Short Term Care Services.

#### **EX.771 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 submitted under this item.

#### **EX.772 MINUTES**

##### **Delegated decision:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2012 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **EX.773 EQUALITY STRATEGY AND OBJECTIVES FOR BURY COUNCIL**

The Executive Member for Human Resources and Performance submitted a report providing the Executive with details of the Council's proposed Equality Strategy. The Equality Strategy includes the Council's equality vision, objectives, and policy and sets out a framework and decision making structure in relation to equality matters.

##### **Delegated decisions:**

1. That approval be given to the Equality Strategy and Equality Objectives.
2. That the Equality Strategy be introduced for four years as set out in the Public Sector Equality Duty, but consideration be given in due course to reviewing it earlier in line with the Plan for Change.

**Reasons for the decision:**

The Strategy is in line with the Council's legal obligations under the Equality Act 2010 and associated Public Sector Equality Duty. The Equality Strategy would replace the existing Single Equality Scheme and Comprehensive Equality Policy.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendations.

(Note: Councillor Brown abstained on this matter).

**EX.774 THE PEOPLE STRATEGY**

The Executive Member for Human Resources and Performance submitted a report on a proposed introduction of a People Strategy for 2012 to 2015. The Strategy would be aligned with the Council's Plan for Change and recognises the challenges faced by the Council over the next three years. The implementation of the Strategy would ensure a smaller, high performing and engaged workforce that better reflects the demographics of Bury by 2015.

**Delegated decisions:**

1. That approval be given to the People Strategy as detailed in the report submitted.
2. That approval be given to the vision for the workforce for 2015.
3. That it be noted that the People Strategy is one of the strands feeding into the Corporate Plan.

**Reasons for the decision:**

The People Strategy replaces the previous strategy which also spanned a three year period and will run simultaneously with the Plan for Change.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendations.

(Note: Councillor Brown abstained on this matter).

**EX.775 MODERNISATION OF SHORT TERM CARE SERVICES AND REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO DEVELOP SHORT STAY FACILITIES AT ELMHURST**

The Executive Member for Adult Care, Housing and Health submitted a report which outlined a proposal and business case to develop Elmhurst as a specialist hotel-model short term care facility. The proposal comprises of a generic short stay facility of 29 beds and a distinct specialist learning disability facility with 4 beds.

The proposal has been made in response to the need to develop services for the future which maximise independence and help people to stay at home for as long as possible. It also supports the people who provide care to continue in their caring role by providing valuable respite opportunities.

**Delegated decisions:**

1. That approval be given to retain in-house services and consolidate sites and invest in development. It is proposed to consolidate services in phase 1 from Woodbury to Elmhurst, releasing the Woodbury site. Short term care would be provided at Elmhurst for people with a learning disability (4 beds) from an attached but distinctly separate part of the building. There would be a generic service for older people and people with a disability (29 beds) in the main part of the building. The site would be developed to improve the facilities and accommodation which would in turn improve marketability and accessibility giving improved occupancy levels and efficiency. In addition, Spurr House would continue to provide additional generic beds for short term care and this would be reviewed following the development of Elmhurst in order to determine demand levels and identify whether a business case to improve accommodation at Spurr House is required in the longer term.
2. That approval be given to undertake consultation and involve stakeholders to finalise design and specifications.
3. That approval be given to the expenditure, as outlined, up to £1.603 million.
4. That a project team be established to take forward the work on this project.

**Reasons for the decision:**

The proposal is made on the basis of invest to save and has been structured to maximise the existing available assets in a more efficient way, whilst also addressing the increasing demand for social care services which help people to remain independent and promote self care.

**Other options considered and rejected:**

- Retain all 3 in-house services but do not invest in their development.
- Retain all 3 in-house services and invest in development of all 3.
- Consolidate older people's short term care to one unit and find a separate location for LD supported accommodation.
- Outsource short term care to alternative providers.

**EX.776 BURY COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN 2012 TO 2015**

The Leader of the Council and the Executive Member for Human Resources and Performance submitted a report regarding the Bury Council Corporate Plan. The report explained that although it is no longer a statutory document, the Corporate Plan is still a very important planning and delivery document. The Corporate Plan is also a key document within the council's Policy Framework, reflecting on the past year's performance, setting out the Council's priorities for the next three years and providing a solid foundation for departmental plans and service delivery.

Following the Plan for Change and Programme of Savings consultations in 2011, key priorities have been identified for the future. Corporate performance indicators linked to each of the Plan for Change outcomes will enable monitoring of progress on a quarterly basis. Monitoring of the plan will

continue with regular reporting of the results to Executive and Internal Scrutiny Committee.

**Delegated decision:**

That the Bury Council Corporate Plan be endorsed for approval by Council at its meeting on 16 May 2012.

**Reasons for the decision:**

The Bury Council Corporate Plan is an important part of the Council's Policy Framework informing future policy and service development as well as advising partners and the community of the Council's plans.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendation.

(Note: Councillor Brown abstained on this matter).

**EX.777 DRAFT ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance submitted a report setting out a draft of the up-dated Asset Management Plan.

**Delegated decision:**

That approval be given to the report and draft plan.

**Reasons for the decision:**

The Draft Asset Plan suggests more efficient ways of managing property budgets and forms part of a wider resource strategy to help the Council achieve £300,000 savings contained in the Plan for Change in respect of property efficiency.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendation.

(Note: Councillor Brown abstained on this matter).

**EX.778 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND 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 paragraph 3.

**EX.779  
E CAPITAL PROJECT STAGE 2 BRIEF - BRIDGE STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME 2012 TO 2013**

The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance and the Executive Member for Environment and Economy submitted a report setting out, in

financial terms, details of the 2012/13 Bridge Strengthening Programme and the method of financing the expenditure.

**Delegated decisions:**

1. That approval be given to capital expenditure details for the 2012/13 Bridge Strengthening Programme as set out in the report submitted.
2. That it be noted that the expenditure is approved as part of the third Local Transport Plan for Greater Manchester Highways Capital Maintenance Programme for 2012/13 and 2013/14.
3. That the method of financing the programme be noted.

**Reason for the decision:**

The works are identified within the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 3 2011/12 – 2014/15.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendation.

(Note: Councillor Brown abstained on this matter).

**EX.780 CAPITAL PROJECT STAGE 2 HIGHWAYS CAPITAL MAINTENANCE  
E PROGRAMME 2012 TO 2013**

The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance and the Executive Member for Environment and Economy submitted a report setting out, in financial terms, details of the 2012/13 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme and the method of financing the expenditure.

**Delegated decisions:**

1. That approval be given to the capital expenditure details for the 2012/13 Highways Capital Maintenance Programme as detailed in the report submitted.
2. That it be noted that the expenditure is approved as part of the third Local Transport for Greater Manchester Highways Capital Maintenance Programme for 2012/2013 and 2013/2014.
3. That the method of financing the programme be noted.

**Reason for the decision:**

The works are identified within the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 3 Bury Local Implementation Plan.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendation.

(Note: Councillor Brown abstained on this matter).

**EX.781 CAPITAL PROJECT STAGE 2 BRIEFS - HIGHWAYS CAPITAL  
E MAINTENANCE AND BRIDGE STRENGTHENING PROGRAMMES 2012 TO  
2013**

The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Finance and the Executive Member for Environment and Economy submitted a report setting out, in financial terms, details of Highways Capital Maintenance and Bridge Strengthening Programmes approved by Council within the 2012/13 Capital Programme.

**Delegated decisions:**

1. That approval be given to the capital expenditure details for the 2012/2013 Highways Capital Maintenance and Bridge Strengthening Programmes as set out in the report submitted.
2. That it be noted that the expenditure is approved as part of the Local Transport Plan – Highways Capital Maintenance Programme for 2012/13 and 2013/14.
3. That the method of financing the programme be noted.

**Reasons for the decision:**

The works are identified within the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan 3 Bury Local Implementation Plan.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendation.

(Note: Councillor Brown abstained on this matter).

**EX.782 MANCHESTER AIRPORT GROUP DECISION TO DISPOSE OF SHARES IN  
E HUMBERSIDE AIRPORT**

The Leader submitted a report seeking approval to vote in favour of the disposal of Manchester Airport PLC's (MAPLC) shares in Humberside International Airport Limited. The vote would take place at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the MAPLC Shareholders' Committee on 16 April 2012.

**Delegated decisions:**

That approval be given to authorise the Leader of the Council as the Council's representative on Manchester Airport PLC Shareholders' Committee to vote in favour of the disposal of Manchester Airport PLC's shares in Humberside International Airport Limited at the Extraordinary General Meeting on 16 April 2012.

**Reasons for the decision:**

This represents best value and fits in with the strategic review of MAPLC.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendation.

(The Chair indicated that he had agreed to the submission of this item as urgent business for the reason that a decision was required before the date of the next scheduled meeting of the Executive).

(Note: Councillor Brown abstained on this matter).

**COUNCILLOR M CONNOLLY**  
**Chair**

(Note: The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.50pm)