

**Minutes of: CABINET**

**Date of Meeting:** 12 April 2017

**Present:** Councillor R Shori (in the Chair)  
Councillors K S Briggs, J Daly, T Holt, A Quinn,  
T Pickstone, T Tariq and S Walmsley

**Public Attendance:** 1 member of the public was in attendance.

**Apologies for  
Absence:** -

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**CA.663 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor R Shori declared a personal interest that his partner is employed by the Council.

**CA.664 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A period of thirty minutes was allocated for any 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.665 MINUTES**

**Delegated decision:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**CA.666 HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE STRATEGY**

The Cabinet Member (Strategic Housing and Support Services) and Cabinet Member (Environment) submitted a report presenting the proposal to invest £10 million into the Highway Network within Bury over a three year period. The funding announcement was made at Council (Budget meeting) on 22 February 2017.

**Delegated decisions:**

1. That approval be given to an additional capital allocation of £10m being made to the Council's Highways planned maintenance budget over the three financial years 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020.
2. That the funding be allocated on the basis of a programme of identified works drawn up in accordance with the principles and methodology as explained in the report submitted and that existing annual Department of Transport funding be used to undertake cost effective interventions to prevent lengths of the network condition from dropping into the red band\* (\*requiring interventions such as road resurfacing).

**Reasons for the decision:**

The Council as a Highway Authority must meet its statutory duty under the Highways Act 1980 to maintain the highway in a fit state to accommodate the 'ordinary traffic which passes or maybe expected to pass' along them.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

That no increase be made to the Highways planned maintenance budget.

(Note: Councillor Daly voted against the recommendation and Councillor Pickstone abstained from voting on the recommendation.)

**CA.667      DISESTABLISHMENT OF SIXTH FORM PROVISION AT ST MONICA'S RC HIGH SCHOOL**

The Cabinet Member (Children and Families) submitted a report setting out the proposal for Cabinet to approve a decision for the disestablishment of the sixth form provision at St Monica's RC High School. The proposal resulted from the decision made by the Governing Body of St Monica's RC High School on 27 February 2017 to publish a notice of a proposal of its intention to close the sixth form provision. The notice set out arrangements for those affected by the proposal to submit their views and details of the responses received were appended to the report submitted.

The Governing Body had determined that the sixth form provision at St Monica's had failed to recruit strongly and was operating significantly below capacity. Based on current and projected student numbers the sixth form provision at the school was not financially sustainable.

The Governing Body met on 4 April 2017 to consider the fourteen responses received from the consultation process. Five of the responses were opposed to the closure with the remainder in favour of the proposal. The Governing Body had agreed to all reasonable measures to find alternative provision for those students that would be affected by the proposed closure. The Governing Body consulted with unions and efforts had been made to redeploy and support those staff affected. Salford Diocese was also consulted and had accepted that the Sixth Form provision at the school was no longer sustainable. The Governing Body decided to reaffirm its decision to close the sixth form with effect from 31 August 2017.

The report specified that in considering the school's Governing Body decision for closure of the sixth form provision, Cabinet would need to be satisfied that the consultation process was appropriate, fair and open. Consideration should also be given to the views of those affected by a proposal or who have an interest in it, giving weight to those most directly affected.

**Delegated decision:**

That the published proposal to disestablish the sixth form provision at St Monica's RC High School taken by the school's Governing Body, with effect from 31 August 2017, be approved.

**Reasons for the decision:**

Cabinet accepts that the case set out by the Governing Body in its proposal, satisfies the requirements as stated within the statutory guidance. In addition adequate arrangements have been made for displaced students affected by the proposal.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To not make a decision and refer consideration to the Schools Adjudicator.

(Note: The report Appendix 1 was made exempt from the public domain for the reason that it identified individuals.)

**CA.668**

**PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK IN BURY INCLUDING A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR INVESTING GRANT FUNDING IN NEIGHBOURHOODS**

The Cabinet Member (Communities and Safer Neighbourhoods) submitted a report introducing a proposal for a new Neighbourhood Engagement framework for Bury including a new framework for investing grant funding in Neighbourhoods. The proposal was developed to support Neighbourhood Working which will mobilise the whole scale system wide transformation required as part of Greater Manchester Devolution between now and 2020 (and beyond).

**Recommendations to Council:**

1. That the proposed framework for Neighbourhood Engagement and new framework for investing grant funding in Neighbourhoods in Bury be adopted.
2. That it be noted that the governance of the new framework would sit within Team Bury Wider Leadership Group, although annual reporting to Full Council would continue.

**Reason for the decision:**

The decision will introduce a framework to make best use of assets in the community, work in partnership with local businesses and embrace social value.

**Other options considered and rejected:**

1. To keep the existing model of community Engagement model and existing community grant process in Bury.
2. To adopt the proposed framework of Neighbourhood Engagement and new framework for investing grant funding in Neighbourhoods in Bury. The governance of the new model would be kept within the Councils Constitution.

(Note: Councillors Daly and Pickstone voted against the recommendations.)

**CA.669**

**SOCIAL VALUE POLICY 2017 - 2020**

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member (Business Engagement and Regeneration) submitted a report presenting a draft Social Value Policy 2017-2020 for the Council.

The Social Value Policy has been produced to communicate the Council's approach to social value both internally and externally. It will be used for external organisations and service providers to explain what the Council expects from them when they work with the Council. This policy is to be used across the council.

**Delegated decision:**

That approval be given to the Social Value Policy 2017-2020.

**Reasons for the decision:**

To ensure the Council's approach to social value is communicated in a clear and consistent manner and that opportunities to deliver social value through commissioning, procurement and service redesign are maximised to benefit the people of Bury.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendation.

**CA.670 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE - 2016/2017 QUARTER 3**

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet member (Business Engagement and Regeneration) submitted a report providing an update on performance in line with the Single Outcomes Framework for Team Bury. The report detailed a series of indicators and performance measures under each outcome, with the most recent data provided for each.

**Delegated decision:**

That the report be noted.

**Reason for the decision:**

The use of a robust performance management framework enables the Council to measure the effectiveness and value for money of the services it delivers.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendation.

**CA.671 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 it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information, as detailed in the conditions of category 3.

**CA.672 (E) WHITEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL - REMODELLING WORK TO SUPPORT THE INCREASE IN PUPIL NUMBER AT THE SCHOOL - CAPITAL PROJECT STAGE TWO APPROVAL**

The Cabinet Member (Finance and Resource) and the Cabinet Member (Children and Families) submitted a report presenting, in financial terms, the details of a project at Whitefield Primary School.

The project is contained within the Council's agreed Capital Programme for 2017/18 and 2018/19 and the proposed funding arrangements are set out in the report submitted.

**Delegated decisions:**

1. That approval be given to the financial details set out in the report submitted.
2. That delegated authority be given to the Executive Director for Children and Young People and Culture, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Children and Young People), to approve the tender report prior to the release of the contract.

**Reason for the decision:**

This decision will address an increase in demand for pupil places.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendation.

**CA.673 (E) FORMER GM POLICE HEADQUARTERS, IRWELL STREET, BURY - DEMOLITION OF BUILDINGS**

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet member (Business Engagement and Regeneration) submitted a report advising Cabinet of the progress made to demolish the former GM Police headquarters at Irwell Street, Bury and provided details of the tenders received to complete the demolition work.

**Delegated decision:**

That approval be given to capital expenditure required to complete the demolition of the remaining buildings of the former GM Police headquarters at Irwell Street, Bury.

**Reason for the decision:**

The decision will enable to completion of the demolition of the former GM Police Headquarters and for the site to be cleared.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendation.

**CA.674 (E) LAND OFF BURY NEW ROAD, WHITEFIELD**

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet member (Business Engagement and Regeneration) submitted a report on proposals to develop land off Bury New Road, Whitefield.

**Delegated decisions:**

1. That approval be given to the main terms of the proposed agreement for sale as detailed in the report submitted.

2. That delegated authority be given to the Head of Property and Asset Management and the Council Solicitor for the agreement of the detailed terms of the sale.

**Reason for the decision:**

The decision will contribute to the regeneration of Whitefield.

**Other option considered and rejected:**

To reject the recommendations.

**COUNCILLOR**

**Chair**

**(Note: The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6:50pm)**