

EXECUTIVE

24 FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT

Executive Member for Finance (Councillor S. Anstee) (in the Chair),
Executive Member for Community Health and Wellbeing (Councillor Dr. K. Barclay),
Executive Member for Supporting Children and Families (Councillor Miss L. Blackburn),
Executive Member for Education (Councillor M. Cornes),
Executive Member for Safe and Strong Communities (Councillor J. Coupe),
Executive Member for Economic Growth and Prosperity (Councillor M. Hyman),
Executive Member for Highways and Environment (Councillor A. Mitchell),
Executive Member for Transformation and Resources (Councillor A. Williams),
Executive Member for Adult Social Services (Councillor M. Young).

Also present: Councillors Acton, Adshead, Baugh, Bowker, Brotherton, Cordingley, Lloyd, Procter, John Reilly, Rigby, Sharp, Shaw and A. Western.

In attendance:

Chief Executive (Ms.T. Grant),
Corporate Director, Children & Young People's Service (Ms. D. Brownlee),
Corporate Director, Economic Growth and Prosperity (Mrs. H. Jones),
Corporate Director, Transformation and Resources (Mrs. W. Marston),
Director of Finance (Mr. I. Duncan),
Director of Legal & Democratic Services (Ms. J. Le Fevre),
Senior Democratic Services Officer (Mr. J.M.J. Maloney).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Colledge.

90. COUNCILLOR MATTHEW COLLEDGE

It was reported that Councillor College was unavoidably unable to attend this meeting, which would have been his final Executive Meeting as Leader of the Council. On his behalf, the Deputy Leader passed on Councillor Colledge's thanks to Members of the Executive, Council, Corporate Management Team and officers for their engagement with him during his time as Leader.

91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made by Members.

92. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27th January, 2014 be approved as a correct record.

93. MATTERS FROM COUNCIL OR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

There were no matters to be reported.

94. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - REVISED POLICY ON PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY MEASURES

The Executive Member for Education submitted a report proposing a revised policy following on from a review of the Council's approach as a result of revised statutory guidance.

RESOLVED: That approval be given to the proposals to amend the Council's policy set out in Section 4 of the report and implement the new policy (Appendix 1 to the report) from 1st April 2014.

95. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2013/14 THIRD QUARTER PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Executive Member for Transformation and Resources and Corporate Director, Transformation and Resources submitted a report which provided a summary of performance, at the end of the third quarter, against the Council's Annual Delivery Plan 2013/14.

RESOLVED: That the content of the Annual Delivery Plan Third Quarter Performance Report be noted.

96. SIX MONTH CORPORATE REPORT ON HEALTH AND SAFETY - 1ST APRIL 2013 TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2013

The Executive Member for Transformation and Resources submitted a report which provided information on Council-wide health and safety performance and trends in workplace accidents, and other key developments in health and safety for the six months ending on 30th September 2013.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the content of the report be noted.

(2) That the report be referred to Council at its meeting on 26th March, 2014.

97. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 - PERIOD 9 (APRIL TO DECEMBER 2013)

The Executive Member for Finance and Director of Finance submitted a report setting out the outcomes of the Council's monitoring of the revenue budget to the end of Period 9 (December 2013).

RESOLVED: That the latest forecast and planned actions be noted and agreed.

*Executive (24.2.14)***98. CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME MONITORING 2013/14 3RD QUARTER (APRIL - DECEMBER)**

The Executive Member for Finance and Director of Finance submitted a report setting out the outcomes of the Council's monitoring of the Capital Investment Programme to the end of the third quarter (December 2013).

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the amendments to the 2013/14 Capital Investment Programme be approved.
- (2) That the content of the monitoring report be noted.

99. DECISIONS MADE BY THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND AGMA EXECUTIVE BOARD 31/1/14

The Executive received for information details of decisions made by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and AGMA Executive Board at their meetings held on 31st January, 2014.

RESOLVED: That the content of the decision summaries be noted.

100. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items of business because of the likelihood of disclosure of "exempt information" which falls within Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

101. RISK-BASED VERIFICATION FOR HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT

The Executive Member for Finance and Director of Finance submitted a report proposing changes to the verification of Housing Benefit (HB) and Council Tax Support (CTS) claims, by introducing a risk-based verification scheme.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Council adopt a policy of requiring different levels of evidence in support of claims for HB and CTS according to their risk, as set out in the report.
- (2) That a new process be adopted for new online HB / CTS applications so that a customer is required to tick an online declaration form rather than a signed paper version.

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The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.03 pm.