

The Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2010

Present: Councillor Leese – in the Chair
Councillors Ali, Amesbury, J Battle, Evans, N Murphy, S Murphy, S Newman, and Priest.

Also present as Members of the Standing Consultative Panel:
Councillors: Ankers, Ashley, R Battle, Grant, Hassan, A Khan, Longsdon, Pearcey, Ramsbottom, Shannon, Smith and Wheale.

Exe/10/80 Urgent Business (Councillor S Murphy in the Chair)

Decision

To note the Chair had agreed to receive as urgent business a report relating to the establishment of a Youth Zone facility in Harpurhey.

Exe/10/81 Minutes (Councillor S Murphy in the Chair)

Decision

To approve the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 28 July 2010 as a correct record.

Exe/10/82 Home Office Consultation: Policing in the 21st Century

The Government had published its intentions of reforming policing in England and Wales in the White Paper "Policing in the 21st Century: Reconnecting Police and the People." A report from the Chief Executive was submitted that informed us of the proposals in the White Paper, set out the basis of a response from the Council, and sought our views on the form that response should take.

The key areas covered in the White Paper were:

- Increasing democratic accountability
- Removing bureaucratic accountability
- A new national framework for efficient local policing
- Tackling crime together (including partnerships with local authorities)

Included with in the proposals for increasing democratic accountability was that all existing Police Authorities were to be abolished and replaced by directly elected police Commissioners. As policing is an important part of integrated neighbourhood service delivery in Manchester, we were concerned about how such an elected

Police Commissioners for Greater Manchester would be accountable to those local neighbourhoods.

The response proposed in the report described the elements of the White Paper that we welcomed and those parts where we had concerns. We hoped the Government would agree that it was important for the strategic planning, governance and accountability of policing to be consistent with and integrated into the Greater Manchester Strategy.

Decision

That a response from Manchester to the White Paper be formulated in the light of our comments and that the Chief Executive be authorised to approve the final response following consultation with the Leader.

Exe/10/83 Local Enterprise Partnership and Regional Transition Planning

In July we supported the proposals for a greater Manchester Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) (Minute Exe/10/68). A report from the Chief Executive set out the details of the Greater Manchester LEP that AGMA had subsequently submitted to the Government. The report explained that AGMA's strategy now was to move rapidly to the establishment of a shadow LEP, utilising the existing infrastructure and partnership arrangements across Greater Manchester. This was considered essential to maintaining the clearest partnership focus on Greater Manchester's priorities, and to promoting a structured and orderly transition from the existing arrangements. The report explained how the transition planning for the region had been developed by the North West Chief Executive Group, and endorsed by the North West Leaders Board. The key components of the transition plan were explained, including the creation of a Transition Officer Team for the region that would process all the necessary arrangements.

The report also outlined the Government's consultation on the operation of the Regional Growth Fund. The fund was designed to encourage private sector enterprise, to develop capacity in the regions, and to help people and places adjust to reductions in public sector spending. The fund was to cover all of England excluding London and would be worth £1bn over two years (2011/12 and 2012/13) but the final details of the size and operation of the fund would not be known until later in the autumn. Response to the consultation had been submitted by AGMA, and by the Chief Executive on behalf of the Council. We noted and endorsed the key themes of the responses.

As well as the LEP proposals that had been developed by the local authorities and their partners across the region, another LEP proposal had been developed in the private sector in relation to the Atlantic Gateway (Minute Exe/10/28). That proposal had not been the subject of any consultation with local authorities and was not supported. However, it was recognised there was a need to identify investment priorities and possible delivery structures, in particular the Atlantic Gateway geographic area and a further work-stream was being proposed for the Transition Officer Team to take forward.

Decisions

1. Note the AGMA Local Enterprise Partnership proposals which follow the principles agreed by the Executive at its last meeting;
2. Note the response made by the Council and AGMA to the consultation on the Regional Growth Fund;
3. Endorse the proposals set out in the report for securing an orderly and structured transition to new arrangements arising from the abolition of the Regional Development Agency and the likely abolition of Government Office North West, and authorise the Chief Executive to play the fullest part in the development of the a Transition Plan which will be submitted to the Council along with other stakeholders in due course; *and*
4. To ask that the Transition Officer Team to consider the Atlantic Gateway proposals as a work stream within their work programme

Exe/10/84 Alexandra Park Regeneration Project

In line with the City's strategy for investment in parks and open spaces a bid had been submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in September 2008. The was for grant funding to restore Alexandra Park's infrastructure, landscape and buildings and to reactivate the park through increased community involvement in activities and management. That bid was unsuccessful.

A revised Round One bid to the HLF had been submitted in March 2010. That bid had been successful which meant that over the next two years fully developed proposals could be drawn together for submission as a Round Two bid, seeking to secure a firm award for a £4m restoration scheme. A report from the Director of Neighbourhood Services sought approval to develop a detailed Round Two bid for submission to the HLF. The development of that bid would be capital expenditure funded by the Round One award from the HLF and from the Council's own resources.

We noted that necessary changes to the Council's Capital Programme were addressed in another report on the agenda for this meeting (Minute Exe/10/89).

Decisions

1. To note the success of the City Council's Round One submission for HLF grant to support the restoration of Alexandra Park.
2. To authorise the Head of Leisure Services to prepare a detailed Round Two bid for submission to the HLF at a capital cost estimated at £263,800, of which £138,500 (53%) has been secured from the HLF, leaving a cost of £125,300 (47%) to the City Council.

Exe/10/85 Brookfield View Land Disposal

Brookfield View is a former care home that was closed in September 2007 and is due for demolition. Through discussions with the Great Places Housing Group a plan has been agreed for Great Places to develop a new high specification supported-living scheme, and to carry out the landlord function of this new scheme, providing for young learning-disabled adults on the autism spectrum. The scheme was to deliver accommodation for 18 adults with a range of needs, supported by a specialist independent care provider.

A report from the Strategic Director, Adults, explained the clear need for more supported living accommodation of this type in the city. The proposal was to grant Great Places Housing Group a lease for £1 which would mean foregoing a capital receipt estimated at £370k to £420k. However, once operational the scheme was expected to result in revenue budget savings of over £300k per year as the cost of care and support to residents in the scheme would be less than the existing arrangements. The annual cost of the existing provision for individuals appropriate for this scheme ranged from £85,000 to £160,000, depending on the complexity of their needs and whether they are placed within children's establishments outside the City or small accommodation settings in Manchester. The report also explained the legal implications for the Council and the potential risks to the project.

Decisions

1. To approve the disposal of land at Brookfield View, Broom Lane, Levenshulme to the Great Places Housing Group at an undervalue of £1 in order to secure the delivery of the new specialist autism supported living scheme on the site.
2. To authorise the City Treasurer to negotiate and agree the final terms for the disposal of the land.
3. To authorise the City Solicitor to obtain the appropriate consents and complete all documentation in order to complete the transfer of the land to the Great Places Housing Group.

Exe/10/86 Manchester Day

A report from the Director of Neighbourhood Services presented the findings of Ipsos MORI research into the success of the Manchester Day parade on 20 June, and also the feedback from some of the participants who had taken part in the parade or been involved in the planning and preparations. It was estimated that of the direct spend in the city that day, £4.1m was attributable to the parade. The Ipsos MORI research had examined the perceptions of spectators, non-spectators and participants and the research findings show the day to have been a great success.

The Communities and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee had also considered a report on the success of the day (Minute CN/10/54) and that committee had recommended us to support plans for a Manchester Day Parade in 2011.

Having noted the public reaction to the first Manchester Day, and the economic contribution it had made to the city, we agreed that planning should begin for 2011.

Decision

To agree the commencement of planning for a Manchester Day in 2011.

Exe/10/87 Joint Waste Development Plan

In September 2006 the ten Greater Manchester Authorities agreed to produce a Joint Waste Development Plan Document (JWDPD) covering waste and overseen by the establishment of the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Planning Committee (Minute Exe/06/94).

The Aim of the JWDPD is to provide a sound spatial planning framework to deliver sustainable waste management in Greater Manchester consistent with national and regional planning policies. The purpose is to provide sufficient opportunities for new waste management facilities to come forward via the planning process that are of the right type, in the right place and provided at the right time.

The document that had been produced had undergone a series of consultations to identify locations for future waste management facilities and to develop a suite of waste planning policies. In July the Joint Waste Planning Committee had approved this document in principle but it also required approval by each individual authority's Executive and Council before it could be submitted to the Secretary of State.

A report from the Chief Executive proposed that should any minor amendments to the document be required prior to submission to the Secretary of State, then authority to make such minor changes should be delegated to the Joint Waste Planning Committee.

Decisions

1. To recommend that Council approve the Publication Joint Waste Development Plan Document and its submission to Secretary of State.
2. To delegate responsibility to the Greater Manchester Joint Waste Planning Committee for approval of any minor or non-material changes to the Publication Joint Waste Development Plan Document before its submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

Exe/10/88 MaST LIFT

Since 2002 The NHS Local Improvement Finance Trust (LIFT) has been the primary mechanism in use by primary care services to deliver an accelerated programme of capital developments to facilitate the modernisation of primary care health services. In 2004 the Council entered into a public/private partnership arrangement in relation to the establishment of a LIFT company to take forward various Lift projects. One

such arrangement was the Manchester, Salford and Trafford LIFT (“MaST Liftco”), which is a corporate entity for the partnership between the public sector and private sector established to take forward a number of LIFT projects throughout the administrative area of the three authorities.

Included within the agreements made between the public and private sector partners in the Liftco was the granting to the Liftco sole and exclusive rights to provide partnering services and develop new projects to the PCTs. However, with a lack of public sector capital funds to support development projects it had been proposed that the exclusivity should be removed so as to allow other means for projects to go forwards should the emerge. The removal of that exclusivity required the agreement of all of the partners involved in the Liftco, including the City Council.

A report was submitted to explain the steps that would be taken to amend the partnership arrangements and shareholder agreements such that the partners would no longer be obliged to use MaST Liftco for developing all new projects and for providing partnering services. We approved these proposed amendments.

Decisions

1. To approve the proposed variations to the Strategic Partnering Agreement and Shareholders Agreements as set out in the report and all other ancillary documents.
2. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the City Solicitor to negotiate and agree the final terms of the agreements.
3. To authorise the City Solicitor to complete the necessary documentation in relation to the above.

(Councillor S Murphy declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the Board of MaST LIFT)

Exe/10/89 Capital Programme – Proposed Increases

A report concerning requests to increase the capital programme was submitted. We agreed to recommend to the Council two changes, and to make a further six changes under delegated powers. Taken together these changes will increase the capital budget by £2,297,000. The increases will be financed by £1,562,000 Government Grants, £110,000 Contributions and £625,000 City Council resources.

Decisions

To recommend that the City Council approve:

1. Libraries – Higher Blackley/ the Avenue Library and Learning Centre: To increase the capital budget by £500k in 2010/11; funded by MCC Housing resources.

2. Leisure Services – Alexandra Park Regeneration (Round 2 development fees): To increase the capital budget by £264k in 2010/11; funded by £125k capital fund and a £139k development grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Under delegated powers, to approve:

3. New East Manchester – Access to Nature, Rochdale Canal: To increase the capital budget by £29k in 2010/11; funded by Section 106 contribution.
4. New East Manchester – Sportcity BMX Public Realm: To increase the capital budget by £451k in 2010/11; funded ERDF and HCA grant.
5. Transport – Congestion Target Performance Fund: To increase the capital budget by £540k in 2010/11; funded by government grant.
6. New East Manchester – Central Park South: To increase the capital budget by £145k in 2010/11; funded by NWDA.
7. Transport – Sustran Link to Schools, Crumpsall: To increase the capital budget by £81k in 2010/11; funded by Sustran contribution.
8. Transport – Safer Routes to Schools and 20mph Zones around Schools: To increase the capital budget by £287k in 2010/11; funded by WNF grant.

Exe/10/90 Youth Zone Facility In Harpurhey (Urgent Business)

A report was submitted by the Director of Children's Services and City Treasurer seeking approval for a package of measures to support the delivery of a project to provide a new Youth Zone facility in Harpurhey. The support to be provided included revenue support and the disposal of land undervalue.

The planned Youth Zone in Harpurhey would be a not-for-profit facility for children and young people in North West Manchester, situated in purpose built premises. The objective for the Youth Zone was to provide a universal activity-based service, complemented by a range of targeted support services. This would aim to help and educate young people by promoting their full physical, intellectual and social potential in order that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society and that their conditions of life may be improved.

The Harpurhey project had secured £5m capital funding from the MyPlace programme that was administered by the Big Lottery Fund (BLF). The new facility was to be constructed on a site owned by the Council at the junction of Rochdale Road and Factory Lane. In order to support the delivery of the lottery funded project the City Council had been requested to contribute the land at nil value. The title to the land had to be transferred before the lottery grant funding could be accessed. It was therefore proposed to dispose of the land by way of a 125 year lease which included clauses to protect the Council's long-term interests. The site had been valued at £180,000.

The report explained how the revenue running costs of the facility would be met, and how the Council's contribution to those costs would be provided. It also explained the steps that would need to be taken to enable the lawful granting of the proposed lease. We were satisfied that the proposed use of the site would contribute to the promotion of the social, economic or environmental well being of the area.

Decisions

1. To approve the proposal to develop a new Youth Zone facility at Harpurhey.
2. To authorise the City Solicitor to advertise the City Council's intention to dispose of the site for the purposes of the project in accordance with s123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972.
3. To authorise the Deputy Chief Executive (Regeneration) in consultation with the Executive Member for the Environment, to consider any objections and representations in relation to the proposed disposal and determine whether to dispose of the land
4. Subject to the Deputy Chief Executive (Regeneration), in consultation with the Executive Member for the Environment, being satisfied that the disposal should proceed, to approve the disposal of the site to Onside Limited and the provision of revenue support for the project and authorise the City Treasurer to negotiate and agree final terms of the transaction.
5. To authorise the City Solicitor to enter into the lease, funding agreement and all ancillary documentation required to give effect to the proposals

Exe/10/91 Appointment of Executive Member

Decision

To note the appointment of Councillor Ali as Executive Member for Employment and Skills.

Exe/10/92 AGMA Executive Board

Decision

To receive the decision notices for the AGMA Executive Board meetings on 30 July and 27 August 2010.

Exe/10/93 Exclusion of Public

Decision

To exclude the public during consideration of the following item which involved consideration of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons, and public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

Exe/10/94 Eastlands Stadium and Sportcity Funding Arrangements
(Councillor Amesbury in the Chair)

A report from the City Treasurer and City Solicitor sought our approval to revised rental arrangements for the City of Manchester Stadium. The Report also sought approval to the proposed revised terms agreed with Sport England for the continued use of the rental proceeds to support the facilities across the wider Sportcity site.

Decisions

1. To approve the revised rental arrangements for the City of Manchester stadium as described in the report.
2. To approve the mechanism for application of the rental proceeds towards the facilities at Sportcity
3. To authorise the City Treasurer and City Solicitor to negotiate and agree the final terms of the agreements to vary the Stadium lease and funding agreements
4. To authorise the City Solicitor to secure the formal consent of Sport England and complete the necessary documentation to implement the proposals.

(Councillor J Battle declared a personal interest in this item as member of the Board of New East Manchester Ltd. Councillors Ashley, Leese, S Murphy, Priest, Smith and Wheale declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this item of business and withdrew from the meeting).