



# EXECUTIVE

## BURNLEY TOWN HALL

Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January 2013

### PRESENT

### MEMBERS

Councillors Julie Cooper (in the Chair)  
Councillors Howard Baker, John Harbour , Andy Tatchell, and Mark Townsend.

### OFFICERS

Steve Rumbelow	-	Chief Executive
Helen Seechurn	-	Director of Resources
Mick Cartledge	-	Director of Community Services
Mike Cook	-	Director of Economic Regeneration
Tom Forshaw	-	Head of Chief Executives Office
David Wilcock	-	Head of People, Law and Regulation
Paul Foster	-	Leisure Development Manager
Jeremy Richards	-	Public Relations Officer
Eric Dickinson	-	Democracy Officer

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Ida Carmichael

#### 106. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Shah Hussain.

#### 107. Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### 108. ERDF Priority 3 Programme

Purpose	To seek the Executive's approval to the acceptance of a European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) grant offer, providing up to £1.5 million of capital funding for essential highways and other infrastructure
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works, further supporting the redevelopment of the Sandygate area of the Weavers' Triangle.

To put in place the necessary authorities and delegations to finalise the grant offer and to enable its use by the Council.

Reason for Decision The Council, along with Barnfield Investment Properties has formed a joint venture company to progress the regeneration of the Weaver's Triangle. Considerable progress is being made with the first phases of the area's regeneration programme with Victoria Mill currently being converted into a University Technical College and a major planning application being considered by the Council for the Slater's terrace, Sandygate mill area. These commercial developments will require a comprehensive upgrading of the area's infrastructure to meet both the needs of incoming tenants and in the case of Victoria Mill to meet outstanding planning approval conditions.

The opportunity presented by these ERDF resources, alongside the already secured Regional Growth Fund Round 2 resources which will match them, will enable this essential infrastructure investment to take place to a higher standard.

All ERDF programmes and projects require a formal contractual funding agreement to be agreed and as part of that the role of Accountable Body identified. As well as the Council having long experience of such roles, in this instance there is no other alternative.

Decision

- (1) That the acceptance of an ERDF Priority 3 grant offer of up to £1.5m be approved, as detailed in this report to be used within the regeneration programme of the Weavers' Triangle;
- (2) That the Council's role as Accountable Body to the grant be approved;
- (3) That the Director of Resources be authorised to enter into a funding agreement with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) to finalise the grant;
- (4) That it be recommended to Full Council that the ERDF grant resources be incorporated into the Council's capital programme; and
- (5) That the Head of People and Law be authorised to negotiate and enter into all necessary legal agreements to secure the grant's implementation.

<b>109. Burnley Business Support Programme</b>
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Purpose To seek approval for a new Business Growth Programme which will run over the next three years. The programme is aimed at increasing business

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competitiveness, securing new jobs in the borough, adding to existing provision and giving the Council the ability to respond flexibly and promptly to business growth opportunities as they arise during the period.

Reason for Decision To enable the Council to deliver a responsive business support programme over the next three years.

Decision

- (1) That the Business Growth Programme detailed in the report be approved;
- (2) That it be recommended to Full Council that a budget of £1,000,000 over the next three years as outlined in Appendix 1 be established, to resource the programme;
- (3) That the revised Business Grants Procedures detailed in Appendix 2 be approved;
- (4) That authority be delegated to the Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy to approve grants of up to £20,000 in line with the Council's Revised Business Grants Procedures;
- (5) That authority be delegated to the Director of Economic Regeneration to approve grants of up to £50,000 in line with the Council's Revised Business Grants Procedures, as set out in Paragraph 25 of Appendix 2;
- (6) That authority be delegated to the Director of Resources in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration and Economic Regeneration to approve grants of over £50,000 in line with the Council's Revised Business Grants Procedures, as set out in Paragraph 26 of Appendix 2; and
- (6) That an annual Delivery Plan for the programme be approved, and that any in year revisions to the plan be delegated to the Director of Economic Regeneration in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration and Economic Development.

<b>110. Revenue Budget Monitoring - Cycle 3</b>
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Purpose To report the forecast outturn position for the year as at 31st March 2013 based upon actual spending and income to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

To recommend any changes to the approved revenue budget which are considered necessary.

To determine any areas where Members require further information.

Reason for Decision To give consideration to the level of revenue spending and income in 2012/13 and to ensure that the budget is revised where appropriate to reflect changing circumstances.

- Decision
- (1) That the revised net salary savings figure of £414,981 be approved as shown in Appendix 1, and that it be noted that a further £50k be estimated to be saved to the 31st March giving a total of £464,981;
  - (2) That it be recommended to Full Council that the estimated reduction in net spending of £598,269 (including £551,393 underspend per Appendix 4), and the related transfer to earmarked reserves as shown in Appendix 2, be approved;
  - (3) That the revised forecast non-salary variances being £286,412 lower than the approved budget as shown in Appendix 3 be noted; and
  - (4) That the revised forecast of total net revenue spending being £551,393 lower than the approved budget as shown in Appendix 4 be noted.

<b>111. Capital Budget Monitoring - Cycle 3</b>
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Purpose To provide Members with an update on capital expenditure and resources position along with highlighting any variances.

Reason for Decision To effectively manage the 2012/13 capital programme.

- Decision
- (1) That it be recommended to Full Council that a revised capital budget for 2012/13 totalling £12,356,031, as outlined in Appendix 1, be approved;
  - (2) That the proposed financing of the revised budget totalling £12,356,031 as shown in Appendix 2 be noted; and
  - (3) That the latest position on capital receipts and contributions showing an assumed balance of £2,744,547 in Appendix 3 as at 31st March 2013 be noted.

<b>112. Treasury Management Monitoring - Quarter 3</b>
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Purpose To report treasury management activity for the period 01/04/12 to 31/12/12.

Reason for Decision To update Members of treasury management activities in accordance with the CIPFA (the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) issued the latest Code of Practice on Treasury Management.

Decision That the treasury management activities undertaken during the period 1st April 2012 to 31st December 2012 be noted.

### **113. Prairie Development**

Purpose To seek approval to the concept of the potential development of a sports complex at Prairie Fields and to gain approval to appoint architects, submit a planning application and to apply for external grant funds.

Reason for Decision Expressions of Interest submitted to 2 sports funding bodies have received favourable responses and we have been invited to submit full applications for funding and deadlines for submitting these applications need to be met.

Plans and designs for the project need to be completed to support funding applications and these are also required for planning permission to be in place for the overall scheme.

Decision

- (1) That Standing Order 18 (contracts exceeding £50,000 require public notice) be waived due to the specialist nature of the work and that the Head of Green Spaces and Amenities be given delegated authority to seek tenders for architectural services and to accept the most economically advantageous tender from the select list stated in section 12 of this report;
- (2) That the submission of applications to the Sport England Improvement Fund and the Premiership Facilities Fund be approved and if successful Officers be authorised to accept these awards in relation to the scheme;
- (3) That a planning application for the scheme be submitted by Officers; and
- (4) That a further report be brought back to the Executive if the planning application and funding applications are successful with a full business plan and project plan for implementing the next stages of the scheme.