

3/6/15 Executive Meeting.

There around 20 members present the only notable absentee was Nigel Murphy who is the USA. I was one of four other attendees. One of the attendees appeared to be connected to the Council, another may have been and the other was BBC Northwest's political editor.

Mr Leese started the meeting noting that this would not be a long meeting, he was right.

The Treasurer noted that Council tax receipts were higher than expected. However there has been an increase in appeals. The Council has reserves set aside for this but Mr Bernstein seemed to suggest that this may not be enough as he stated that the matter would be looked into.

Items 6 and 7 were agreed with no discussion. These referred to the Capital Programme Monitoring 2014/15 – Outturn Report and the Capital Programme - Proposed Increases.

Item 8 the Regional growth fund was briefly discussed. A request has been submitted by the combined authority for the Council to front for a loan as the combined authority (Greater Manchester) does not have the ability to borrow. The risk for this would remain the combined authority. Mr Leese said that he had not read the devolution bill, but suggested that the ability for combined authorities to borrow in the future would be in it. The request was agreed.

Item 9 a report on the proposed regeneration project at Aytoun Street was approved with no discussion.

There was a discussion of the Boddingtons regeneration project. Mr Bernstein noted that when the issue was discussed years ago the Council had agreed that the site should be for commercial development. However, he said that the consultation on the scheme had shown that a predominately commercial site would not attract enough private investors. Instead a residential element would be included to encourage investment. Mr Leese stated that the Council must be careful not only do what investors wanted as this would lead to the Council never protecting commercial sites. The report and issue were sent consultation.

The report from the combined authority was noted.

A number of items were removed from the meeting with no public explanation, these were items, 9 Planning Framework, BBC site, Oxford Road, 14 Exclusion of the Public (what this matter refers to I obviously can't say, but I am intrigued) and 15 Planning Framework, BBC site, Oxford Road.

The Meeting concluded after ten minutes.

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