

## **EXECUTIVE**

**TUESDAY 7 APRIL 2015 AT 4.00 PM**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Glover (Leader / Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs Martlew (Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Ms Quilter (Culture, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Mrs Riddle (Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder)  
Councillor Dr Tickner (Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder)

### **OFFICERS:**

Deputy Chief Executive  
Director of Resources  
Director of Local Environment  
Principal Lawyer  
Strategic Property Manager

### **ALSO PRESENT:**

Councillor Bloxham (Lead Member of the Litter Bin Task and Finish Group)  
Councillor Nedved (Observer)

### **WELCOME**

The Leader welcomed all those present to the meeting.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Bradley (Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder), the Town Clerk and Chief Executive, the Director of Governance and the Director of Economic Development.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest affecting the business to be transacted at the meeting.

### **PUBLIC AND PRESS**

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

**EX.27/15      RELEASE OF CAPITAL FOR VEHICLE REPLACEMENT 2015/16**  
(Key Decision – KD.06/15)

**Portfolio**      Environment and Transport

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**      Environment and Economy

## **Subject Matter**

The Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder reported (LE.09/15) that, in 2011/12, a revised 5 year vehicle replacement programme/plan had been produced based on historical knowledge and experience of the Transport Co-ordinator. The result of that exercise was the budget provision requirement for delivery. Those were presented within the Proposed Capital Programme, forming part of the Executive Budget Proposals 2015/16; the budgets were approved by Council on 3rd February 2015, subject to additional reports being submitted to the Executive before expenditure was committed.

The Deputy Leader drew Members' attention to Appendix A to the report which identified the vehicles scheduled for replacement during 2015/16. Option appraisals would need to be undertaken for replacements of a specialist nature to ensure the optimum use of resources was achieved. That was delegated to the Director of Resources.

She further explained that the Managers responsible for vehicle provision were of the opinion that the 5 year vehicle replacement plan represented the very minimum requirements to maintain a safe efficient operational fleet, whilst ensuring that maintenance revenue budgets were effectively used.

The Deputy Leader added that Local Environment had a pressing need to replace the three small refuse collection vehicles which were due in 2015/16, and which suffered from a disproportionately high level of wear and tear due to the terrain over which they operated. Those vehicles would still be required irrespective of the outcome of the 'Rethinking Waste' Review. A decision on the replacement of the recycling vehicle would, however, only be made once the Council's preferred option became clear. She gave an assurance that decisions in respect of the remaining vehicles would be made in discussion with the Director of Resources.

Details of the consultation were also provided at Section 3 to the report.

In conclusion the Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder moved the recommendation which was duly seconded by the Culture, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

## **DECISION**

That the Executive approved the release of the Capital Budget provision for 2015/16 of £1,109,000 to provide for vehicle and plant replacements in accordance with the 5 year plan.

## **Reasons for Decision**

To ensure the City Council's fleet was in a safe and well maintained condition to provide effective service delivery

To ensure those vehicles within their operational licence provision were of an operational standard

To comply with the 5 year replacement plan

To accommodate restructure reviews and maintain efficient operational delivery

**EX.28/15      PUBLIC REALM**  
(Key Decision – KD.07/15)

**Portfolio**      Cross-cutting

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**      Environment and Economy

**Subject Matter**

In the absence of the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder, the Leader reported (ED.15/15) that in March 2014 the Executive had granted consent for the development of a comprehensive signage and interpretation package (ED.10/14 referred) in order that public realm projects could be undertaken as part of the process of improving public realm in the City.

Over the past 12 months a City Centre Signage Audit & Strategy had been commissioned; an initial signage suite developed and subsequently cost engineered to provide cost effective signage solutions; and a procurement process had been completed to appoint a contractor to manufacture and install signage.

Now that the background preparation and design work was complete it was proposed to move forward a number of public realm projects.

The Leader provided a detailed overview of the proposals outlined at Section 2 of the report, which related to Gateway Signage; City Centre Orientation; Car Park Renaming; Court Square; and a Replacement Bandstand. He added that the costings for each project, together with the current available budget, were contained in Table 1 to the report.

In conclusion the Leader advised that the projects outlined would significantly enhance public realm in the City, improve the Carlisle Welcome and significantly improve visitor navigation and help drive the visitor economy. A comprehensive signage package would also allow significant progress to be made in de-cluttering the City Centre. He then moved the recommendations detailed within the report.

The Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder seconded the recommendations. In so doing she indicated that it was essential that car park names reflected the position of the car parks, especially in relation to the Castle. The car park renaming would be undertaken concurrently with the other City Centre navigation proposals to ensure a smooth transition to the new system.

The Deputy Leader added that she had raised the issue of the underground toilets at Court Square as part of her election address. She was therefore very pleased that the key gateway into the City Centre could be significantly enhanced by the removal of the railings and copings around the former underground toilets and by covering the steps.

**Summary of options rejected**      None

**DECISION**

That the Executive:

1. Approved the proposed programme of public realm projects, as detailed within Report ED.15/15.
2. Approved the release of £255,000 identified within the Capital Programme to fund the proposed works.
3. Authorised the Director of Governance to amend any of the Car Park Orders as appropriate.

### **Reasons for Decision**

The projects outlined would significantly enhance public realm in the City and improve the Carlisle Welcome. They would significantly improve visitor navigation and help drive the visitor economy.

A comprehensive signage package would also allow significant progress to be made in de-cluttering of the City Centre.

### **EX.29/15 DURRANHILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE** (Key Decision – KD.08/15)

**Portfolio** Economy, Enterprise and Housing

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel** Environment and Economy

### **Subject Matter**

In the absence of the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder, the Leader submitted report ED.14/15, the purpose of which was to brief the Executive on proposed improvements to the Durranhill Industrial Estate, related funding opportunities, proposals to restructure leases and current disposals.

The Leader summarised the background position, including land ownership / leasing arrangements. He informed Members that, in reality, the estate had come to the end of its current life cycle, the estate infrastructure was poor (poor road layout, lack of landscaping and parking, inadequate signage), many of the buildings had reached the end of their life expectancy and were not fit for purpose, as evidenced by long term voids. The current lease structures, with restrictive user clauses and short unexpired lease terms, restricted redevelopment opportunities.

In 2008 the site was included in the NWDA's Cumbria Sub Regional Employment Sites Programme (SCRES) and the City Council was given a grant of £1.8m to acquire and demolish the former Border TV and part of the Hewden's frontage sites, with the intention of providing employment sites. In January 2014 the Executive accepted £265,000 additional funding from the HCA to allow environmental improvements to be undertaken to the estate to assist in the disposal of the Border TV site (Report ED.02/14 referred).

A scheme was subsequently developed to undertake various improvements, the intention being that they would not only assist the disposal process, but also enhance the visual appearance of the estate. By working up proposals for the second access road the Council hoped to be in a position to maximise future funding opportunities and that had

proved to be the case with an offer of £2m from Cumbria LEP to fund the proposed road improvements.

The Leader then gave an overview of the proposals before Members, namely:

### **HCA funding**

Initially it was anticipated that the HCA funded improvements would have been completed by December 2014 with the Border TV site sold by March 2015 and the £250,000 repaid to the HCA. However, following the offer of LEP funding, an approach had been made to the HCA to seek agreement to vary the timescale of the current funding agreement. Had the Council proceeded with the original timescale and programme of works it ran the risk of duplicating work and it was concluded that a better scheme could be developed by merging the two projects.

In addition to the environmental improvements the marketing of the former Border TV site had failed to generate a purchaser for the whole, however, interest had been received in a number of smaller plots. Consequently a scheme was developed to split the site into four along with a new access road.

The HCA had agreed with the Council's proposals and to vary the existing funding agreement by extending the long-stop date from 31 March 2015 to 31 March 2018 along with the following key milestones:

- Access road to Border TV site to be complete by March 2016
- Complete disposal of Border TV site by March 2018
- Complete phase 2 delivery plan March 2016

### **Cumbria LEP funding**

Cumbria LEP had offered £2m funding additional to the HCA funding to undertake road improvements and comprise a new access road from Eastern Way linking with Stevenson Road and linking into the land to the rear of Cavaghan & Gray's Riverbank site; and widen the existing Brunel Way entrance. The road improvements would significantly improve access to the estate and unlock 8 acres of additional employment land at the Riverbank site.

Design work on the proposals was complete, planning permission had been secured and a procurement exercise undertaken to appoint a contractor and concluding legal agreements with the associated parties with land interests. It was anticipated that the works would commence in July 2015 and be completed within 12 months.

The LEP funding was conditional on having planning permission and land agreements in place. At this stage it was anticipated that the funding would be spread over the two financial years of the project, with £1m allocated per year. The existing spend profile indicated that the Council's actual spend may exceed £1m in this financial year. That may necessitate the City Council having to finance the additional spending during the current financial year which would be recovered in 2016/17.

In terms of risk Central Government only released funding to the LEP's on an annual basis and the LEP would not guarantee that the second instalment of funding would be available in 2016/17. Although the likelihood was considered low, the impact would be significant and would result in the City Council having to fund the £1m required to complete the project. However that risk needed to be weighed up against failure to complete the project

which would result in the Phase 2 Delivery plan not being delivered and leave the Council at risk of default to the HCA who could demand repayment of the original £1.8m grant.

Discussions were ongoing with the LEP and the HCA to look at mitigation measures. Subject to HCA agreement the surplus sale proceeds from both the Border TV site and Hewden's site could be used to reduce the City Council's net liability.

### **Phase 2 Delivery plan**

It was a condition of the HCA funding agreement that the City Council prepared a Phase 2 Delivery plan. As discussed previously, failure to complete the delivery plan could result in the City Council being in breach of the GFA and potentially the HCA could ask for repayment of the original £1.8m investment.

The road improvements would form part of the plan along with the disposal of the remaining site acquired as part of the original SCRES programme, the former Hewden plant hire site, which would be brought to the market in due course.

Another key component was the redevelopment and enhancement of the remaining estate. The proposed improvements would remove major impediments to the redevelopment of the estate. However one remained – the existing lease structure. The vast majority of the estate was still leased on the original fixed ground leases with no rent review provisions and strict user clauses. Those leases now had unexpired terms of less than 50 years which was not acceptable to most lenders.

It was therefore proposed to offer tenants the opportunity to surrender their existing ground leases and grant new ground leases at current market value on the following key terms:

- Lease Term: 125 years
- Rent Review pattern: 5 yearly upward only
- User Clause: B1, B2, B8 – Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended).

Consideration had been given to including service charge provisions, but discounted on the basis that all roads were adopted; the additional landscaping proposed would be the responsibility of the tenants to maintain. The only ongoing maintenance for the City Council would be the entrance signage and tenants signboards.

Lease renewals would not only allow sites to be redeveloped but also unlock significant value within the asset generating additional rental income for the City Council.

### **Border TV site disposal**

It was a condition of the HCA funding agreement that the former Border TV site was sold and the proceeds used to repay the £250,000 grant with any surplus being held in the ring-fenced account to be used to further enhance the estate as part of the phase 2 Delivery plan.

Marketing of the former Border TV site had indicated demand for smaller plots rather than the whole. A scheme had been designed to accommodate that market demand. It was proposed to dispose of the plots by way of building agreement / premium lease arrangement to ensure that the sites were developed within a fixed timescale. The financial details were contained within the Part B report to be considered later in the meeting.

In conclusion, the Leader moved the recommendations which were duly seconded by the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder.

**Summary of options rejected** other options as detailed in Report ED.14/15

## **DECISION**

That the Executive:

1. Accepted the offer to vary the existing funding agreement from the HCA on final terms to be agreed by the Director of Governance and Director of Resources following consultation with the Director of Economic Development and the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development.
2. Accepted the offer of grant funding from Cumbria LEP on final terms to be agreed by the Director of Governance and Director of Resources following consultation with the Director of Economic Development and the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development.
3. Authorised the Director of Governance to complete the associated Grant Funding Agreements.
4. Supported the proposals to restructure the current leasing arrangements with existing tenants.
5. Approved the disposal of the former Border TV site on final terms to be agreed by the Property Services Manager.
6. Approved the addition of the grant funding from Cumbria LEP to the Capital Programme as outlined in the report.

## **Reasons for Decision**

In order to deliver a comprehensive package of improvements to Durranhill Industrial Estate and maximise the current funding opportunities available it was recommended that the Executive accept the funding offer from Cumbria LEP and vary the existing HCA funding agreement

The proposed works would not only enhance the attractiveness of the estate for both current and prospective occupiers, but also unlock an additional 8 acres of employment land

Preparation of the Phase 2 Delivery Plan would satisfy the HCA's funding requirements and reduce the risk of default

The sale of the Border TV site would also allow for the vacant site to be redeveloped, creating employment opportunities and comply with the HCA funding agreement

The option to surrender/renew leases would create further opportunities for private sector investment into the estate and also generate additional rental income for the City Council

**EX.30/15      CARLISLE OLD TOWN HALL PHASE 2 – EMERGENCY REPAIRS AND  
ADDITIONAL WORKS**  
(Key Decision – KD.09/15)

**Portfolio**      Economy, Enterprise and Housing

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**      Environment and Economy

**Subject Matter**

In the absence of the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder, the Leader submitted report ED.16/15 providing an update on the Carlisle Old Town Hall Phase 2 repairs project.

The Leader summarised the background position, reminding Members that, following a two stage tender exercise undertaken by Johnston and Wright using the City Council's CHEST system, Cubby Construction Ltd was appointed as the Main Contractor. Contract award was subject to implementation of agreed reductions to the specification, scope of works and contingency in order to remain within the approved budget of £798k. He added that work had started on site on 7 January 2015 and completion was currently forecast for August 2015.

Whilst an original contingency of £51,831 had been allocated, that was reduced to £11,361 based upon additional items requested by Members, following a workshop to review options for improvements to the project. Variations included amendments to the unit occupied by Alternatives to accommodate the requested street level access arrangement and essential upgrades of mechanical, electrical and incoming water services based upon agreed usage of the Assembly Room. A full breakdown of those costs was provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Leader informed Members that works had progressed to strip out and demolish part of the ground floor of the building to accommodate the new street level access, lift shaft and staircase. During that phase a number of unforeseen structural problems were, however, identified which required immediate repair in order to stabilise the structure. All such works had (or would need) to be carried out in an appropriate manner to protect the Grade 1 listing heritage status of the building. A summary of the required works was provided in Table 1.

The costs of the emergency repairs were in excess of the remaining contingency. Further reductions in specification elsewhere within the project, to potentially generate savings to offset the unforeseen costs, had been discounted on the basis that they would have had a visible impact on the quality of the Tourist Information Centre interior and visitor experience, and thus compromise the overriding objective of the project. Consequently it could be seen that there was a clear need to draw down additional money from the allocated overall capital budget to cover the additional works, whilst retaining a small contingency balance under the Contract.

The Leader further explained that, due to the emergency need to undertake the majority of the above mentioned repairs without delay, the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder had on 3 March 2015 (in consultation with himself) exercised delegated authority (PF.002/15) to approve the draw down of an additional £90k from the overall capital budget. Doing so had covered the costs of the emergency repairs and left a balance



contingency of £28,161 for progression of remaining works under the Contract on the basis that risk of further emergency repairs were considered unlikely.

In addition to critical repairs, the strip out works to the first floor had identified a number of inconsistencies in structure and detail which related to previous configurations and historical use(s) of the building. Whilst careful consideration must be given to conservation priorities, a number of optional 'fit-out' improvements requiring an additional draw down of £52k from the allocated capital budget would help to better unify presented spaces and ultimately support increased usage of the Assembly Room and Tourist Information Centre. A summary of those proposed additional works was also provided in Table 2, with details of the revised budget position set out at Table 3.

The Project Steering Group would continue to monitor progress against the key activities detailed in Table 4. It was currently forecast that progression of the additional works would add four weeks to the contract programme, resulting in a revised completion date of 7 August 2015.

In conclusion the Leader moved the recommendations, which were duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

## **DECISION**

That the Executive:

1.     Noted the recent Portfolio Holder Decision (PF.002/15) to approve an additional draw down, of £90k, from the allocated capital budget, required to address unforeseen structural problems which required immediate emergency repair to stabilise the building, protect its future usage and which were critical to the project being able to proceed.
2.     Approved an additional draw down, of £52k, from the allocated capital budget for progression of optional 'fit-out' improvements to the Assembly Room and Tourist Information Centre in order to maximise future usage of the building.

## **Reasons for Decision**

To approve the draw down of funding for emergency repairs and additional works to Carlisle Old Town Hall

**EX.31/15     NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE KEY DECISIONS**  
(Non Key Decision)

**Portfolio**     Cross-Cutting

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**     Community; Environment and  
Economy; and Resources

## **Subject Matter**

The Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 9 March 2015 was submitted for information.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

**DECISION**

That the Notice of Executive Key Decisions dated 9 March 2015 be noted.

**Reasons for Decision**

Not applicable

**EX.32/15      SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**  
(Non Key Decision)

**Portfolio**      Economy, Enterprise and Housing

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**      Environment and Economy

**Subject Matter**

Details of a decision taken by the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder under delegated powers were submitted.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

**DECISION**

That the decision, attached as Appendix A, be noted.

**Reasons for Decision**

Not applicable

**EX.33/15      SCHEDULE OF DECISIONS TAKEN BY OFFICERS**  
(Non Key Decision)

**Portfolio**      Cross-cutting

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**      Community; Environment and Economy;  
and Resources

**Subject Matter**

Details of decisions taken by Officers under delegated powers were submitted.

The Leader pointed out that Officer Decision OD.041/15 (Carlisle City Council Network PSN WAN Upgrade) had been withdrawn and superseded by Officer Decision OD.042/15.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

## **DECISION**

That, subject to the above, the decisions attached as Appendix B, be noted.

### **Reasons for Decision**

Not applicable

**EX.34/15      JOINT MANAGEMENT TEAM**  
(Non Key Decision)

**Portfolio**      Various

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**      Community; Environment and  
Economy; and Resources

### **Subject Matter**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team held on 2 February 2015 were submitted for information.

**Summary of options rejected**      None

## **DECISION**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Management Team held on 2 February 2015, attached as Appendix C, be received.

### **Reasons for Decision**

Not applicable

**EX.35/15      CHANGES TO REVIEW OF CHARGES 2015/16 IN RELATION TO DOG**  
**WARDEN SERVICE**  
(Non Key Decision)

**Portfolio**      Environment and Transport

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**      Environment and Economy

### **Subject Matter**

The Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder submitted report LE.07/15 concerning the Dog Warden Service which fell within the remit of the Local Environment Directorate.

The Deputy Leader summarised the background position, informing Members that the Dog Warden charges had been incorporated into the Charging Scheme prior to completion of the new Dog Warden Scheme. She added that the charges and how the system would work had only just been formulated, as a result of which some minor changes and additions were proposed to the charges initially submitted for 2015/16 and which were necessary to enable the new Dog Warden Scheme to function efficiently.

For 2015/16 the Council required to revise its processes for the collection and detention of stray dogs. The charge currently included kennelling, administration costs and the £25.00 statutory fine set by the Environmental Protection (Stray Dogs) Regulations 1992. The kennelling charge was recovered for each day that the dogs were detained, up to the maximum 7 day responsibility placed on the Council.

However as the facility for claiming the stray dog was only available to the owner Monday to Friday, it was deemed reasonable to only charge a weekend fee for the period from 4pm on a Friday to 8 am on a Monday where the owner had notified the Council that he/she wished to claim back their dog. Therefore a new weekend discretionary fee of £15 was proposed.

Where a dog was claimed before it was taken to kennels a reduced fee would be charged. That would cover the Council's costs, but would not include the full administration charge or kennelling costs. It was estimated that approximately 50 dogs would be returned home before kennelling took place. That would increase the Council's income to off-set the income lost by giving a discretionary weekend rate.

Details of the proposed changes and impact upon income generation were provided at Section 4.

The Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder then moved the recommendation which was seconded by the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

## **DECISION**

That the Executive agreed the charges set out in Report LE.07/15 and relevant appendices, noting the impact those would have on income generation as detailed within the report.

## **Reasons for Decision**

To ensure that the City Council's Corporate Charging Policy is complied with

**EX.36/15      LITTER BIN TASK AND FINISH GROUP**  
(Non Key Decision)

**Portfolio**      Environment and Transport

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**      Environment and Economy  
**Subject Matter**

Pursuant to Minute EEOSP.14/15, consideration was given to a reference from the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel regarding the final report of the Litter Bin Task and Finish Group. The Panel had resolved:

"1. That the recommendations from the Task and Finish Group be submitted to the Executive for consideration and await feedback to this Panel.

2. That the Technical Officer circulates details of the audit in respect of the usage of litter bins.”

Copies of Report OS.06/15 and the Minute Excerpt had been circulated.

In moving the report the Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder thanked Members of the Task and Finish Group for their work. She added that a very full discussion had taken place at the meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 12 March 2015.

The Deputy Leader noted that the final paragraph on the first page of Minute Excerpt EEOSP.14/15 (page 75 of the document pack) recorded that she had advised that the Council would look at the use of the Big Belly Solar Bins. Clearly there were cost implications and the Deputy Leader clarified that she had in fact stated that the Council could (without prejudice) look at the use of those bins.

The Deputy Leader added that the report was very comprehensive, represented an ongoing piece of work, and she recommended the conclusions contained therein to the Executive.

The Lead Member of the Litter Bin Task and Finish Group (Councillor Bloxham) was in attendance at the meeting. He began by thanking his colleagues on the Task and Finish Group, together with the Officers within Local Environment for their tremendous support and assistance.

Referring to page 5 of the final report, the Lead Member clarified that the word “borough” should in fact have read “district”.

With reference to the use of Big Belly Solar Bins, the Lead Member stated that the Task Group had recommended (and the Deputy Leader agreed) that more work needed to be done to determine whether the use of such bins was correct. He added that information was required from other authorities/areas to evidence whether such use would stack up financially. The Task Group agreed that it was an ongoing project.

The Lead Member then drew Members’ attention to the conclusions, together with the following recommendations made by the Task Group:

“1. That following the completion of the audit of public litter bins and GIS mapping, each bin should be individually numbered with disc (similar to street lighting columns throughout the district) so that location of bins is easily identifiable.

2. That the Litter Bin Guidelines which have recently been drafted include information and guidance on how the Council address the issue of what service will be provided to large new housing developments and employment sites.

3. That the education and enforcement undertaken by the Directorate continues and that action is taken against those members of the public and businesses who misuse public litter bins.

4. That the use of Big Belly Solar Bins is further explored for areas of high useage.

5. That income generation by advertising on litter bins should be further explored if the barrier to maximising income is due to costs of planning applications that a full explanation is provided to Members along with potential solutions.

6. That Ward Councillors should be sent a GIS map of the location of litter bins in their ward and are kept involved, consulted with and informed of changes.”

In conclusion, the Lead Member stated that the Litter Bin Task and Finish Group had found the review to be a good exercise. Each of the Members had joined the operatives for a morning on their rounds which had been noticed. Bins should be located in parks and areas which people frequented. A list detailing all bins had been prepared and would be circulated to Members. Accordingly he recommended the report to the Executive.

In response, the Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder stated that the review had identified that municipal litter bins were on occasion misused and used for the disposal of trade and household waste. The Executive was looking to address that issue.

The Deputy Leader emphasised that, although no additional bins would be provided, bins could be relocated. If individual Members could advise of instances where they considered that bins could be located more appropriately that would be welcomed.

The Deputy Leader, and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder concluded by stating that, notwithstanding the current difficult economic climate, a positive outcome would emanate from the review.

The Leader seconded the above response, commenting that Ward Members had a key role to play in the identification of appropriate sites for litter bins. He welcomed the opportunity for Members’ input towards resolving the issues identified.

**Summary of options rejected**    None

## **DECISION**

1. That the Executive had considered the final report of the Litter Bin Task and Finish Group.
2. That the Executive’s response to the Task Group’s recommendations, as detailed above, be submitted to the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 23 April 2015.

## **Reasons for Decision**

To consider and respond to the recommendations of the Litter Bin Task and Finish Group

## **PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** – That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph number (as indicated in brackets against the minute) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

### **EX.37/15     DURRANHILL INDUSTRIAL ESTATE**

(Key Decision – KD.08/15)

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

**Portfolio**     Economy, Enterprise and Housing

**Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel**     Environment and Economy

### **Subject Matter**

In the absence of the Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder, the Leader submitted report ED.14/15 outlining the commercially sensitive and financial aspects of the proposals set out in Part A to dispose of the former Border TV site at Durranhill industrial Estate.

The Leader summarised in some detail the background position, together with the proposals before Members for consideration.

He expressed thanks to the Strategic Property Manager and staff for all their hard work.

In conclusion the Leader moved the recommendation that the Executive note and endorse the financial aspects of the proposals.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder seconded the recommendation. He recognised the complicated and sensitive nature of the work undertaken, and echoed the thanks expressed to the Strategic Property Manager and Officers. The Portfolio Holder added that the proposals were exactly what the Executive was looking to achieve in terms of promoting the City.

**Summary of options rejected**     not to dispose of the Border TV site

### **DECISION**

That the Executive noted and endorsed the financial aspects of the proposals to dispose of the former Border TV site at Durranhill Industrial Estate, set out in public report ED.14/15.

### **Reasons for Decision**

The sale of the Border TV site would allow for the vacant site to be redeveloped, creating employment opportunities and complying with the HCA funding agreement.

[The meeting ended at 4.33 pm)