

Decisions taken by the Executive on Monday, 15 December 2014

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Part A – Items considered in public

2	COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2015/2016.	<p>The Executive resolved as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To recommend to the Council that the reduction applied to Working Age claimants remains at 27.11% for the 2015/2016 Scheme and that the main elements and method of calculating awards previously agreed by Council on 22nd January 2014 will remain the same. 2. To recommend to the Council to continue to operate a Discretionary Discount Policy to be awarded in cases of exceptional hardship as set out at Appendix 2a, to the Executive report.
3	CREATION OF A WHOLLY OWNED HOUSING REGENERATION COMPANY	<p>The Executive resolved:</p> <p>To recommend Council as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To agree the business case as set out in this report and to recommend the Council to authorise the Chief Executive, following consultation with the Director of Governance and Regulatory Services to take the necessary steps to form a wholly owned company of the Council, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To incorporate the company under the Companies Act 2006, as a private company limited by shares. • To appoint Directors to serve on the Board of the company and constitute a Shareholder’s Panel, in line with the Council’s Governance Code of Practice. • To identify the need and then carry out any staff transfers as appropriate.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prepare articles of association for the company setting out its objectives and governance arrangements. <p>2. That the Director of Place be authorised, following consultation with the Director of Resources, to develop financial options to support the furtherance of the company's objectives and to report back to the Executive in due course.</p>
4	Marton Mere Heritage Lottery Project 2014-2017 and Environmental Agency funded Pumping Station and Spillway Works	The Executive agreed the recommendation as outlined above namely: To agree to the commencement of the Marton Mere Heritage Lottery Project and Environment Agency funded Pumping Station and Spillway Works, with a total value and funding of £739,000.
5	Rail North Ltd - Blackpool Council membership and governance arrangements	The Executive agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the proposed governance arrangements for Rail North Limited and the Association of Rail North Partner Authorities ("The Association") and to agree that Blackpool Council should become a member of both bodies. 2. To authorise the Director of Place after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Equality and Diversity to make the appropriate

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		<p>arrangements to enable Blackpool Council to be admitted to membership.</p> <p>3. To appoint a Councillor Blackburn as Leader of the Council to the Leaders' Committee of the Association.</p> <p>4. To appoint Councillor Jones as Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Equality and Diversity as the substitute member to the Leaders' Committee.</p> <p>5. To authorise the Chief Executive (after consultation with the cabinet member delegated above) to enter into the Rail North Limited's Members' Agreement on behalf of Blackpool Council.</p>
6	FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING AS AT MONTH 7 2014/2015	<p>The Executive agreed the recommendations as outlined above namely:</p> <p>1. To note the report</p> <p>2. To require the respective Directors and Director of Resources to continue to closely monitor and manage financial and operational performances, particularly in Children's Services, Adult Services, Parking Services and Community and Environmental Services.</p> <p>3. To recommend the Finance and Audit Committee to continue to independently review the financial and operational performances of the services listed in 2.2.</p>

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