TRAFFORD COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

DATE OF DECISION	28th September 2009	DECISION MAKER
DECISION REFERENCE	E/28.09.09-4	**Executive** (Councillors Colledge, Coupe, Cornes, Holden, Mitchell, J.R. Reilly, Tolhurst, A. Williams and M. Young)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Lancashire County Cricket Club (LCCC) – Sports-Led Regeneration

(1) That the Executive agrees to exercise the Council's power under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 to provide financial assistance to LCCC up to the amount referred to in the report and that the Leader of the Council, in consultation with the Chief Executive and Director of Finance, approve the final amount.

(2) That the disposal of land at Chester Road to Tesco on the conditions set out in the report, be approved.

(3) That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Corporate Director Prosperity, Planning and Development and the Director of Finance be authorised to finalise and enter into all legal agreements required to implement the above decisions.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable the redevelopment of LCCC in order to deliver a world class cricketing venue together with the consequential benefits to the area and to facilitate the next phase of the wider sport-led regeneration of the area.

LCCC's proposals for the extensive re-development and enhancement of facilities at Old Trafford Cricket Ground are the first phase in implementing a masterplan for the sports-led regeneration of the Stretford/Old Trafford area. The redevelopment of Old Trafford Cricket Ground will deliver, and secure for the long term, a world class cricket stadium and will ensure that International and Test Cricket, with all of its prestige and image benefits, returns to and remains in the Borough. The comprehensive redevelopment of the cricket ground, together with the proposed Tesco retail store, will act as the catalyst for the delivery of a range of wider opportunities as set out within the wider Old Trafford Regeneration Framework.

The area's economic and social well-being, including employment opportunities and enhanced education and sporting facilities, will be promoted by the Council's exercise of its powers to provide financial assistance to LCCC to secure the re-development of Old Trafford through. The physical, economical and social opportunities which can be generated by the subsequent development of a number of key sites around Talbot Road, in particular, are substantial and a real opportunity exists to harness the significant investment proposed for both the stadium and the retail store to, over time, create a thriving new neighbourhood within the Borough.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Not exercising the power under Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY DISPENSATION

None.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE	PUBLICATION DATE
7th October 2009 (Sixth working day after publication, unless called in).	29th September 2009
	RECORDED BY: Director of Legal and Democratic Services

RETURN TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES DIVISION, ROOM 123, TRAFFORD TOWN HALL, TALBOT ROAD, STRETFORD, M32 0TH, AS SOON AS A DECISION IS MADE OR AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE THEREAFTER.