

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 1 December 2014	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/01.12.14/7	Executive (Councillors Anstee, Cornes, Hyman, Lamb, Myers, John Reilly and M. Young)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

RELOCATION OF FAIRVIEW CHILDREN'S HOME

That the closure of Fairview 2 bedded Residential Children's Home be approved and that it be relocated to 190-192 Flixton Road which will be opened as a 3 bedded Home.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The proposal potentially allows more children in care who have presenting complex or challenging behaviour to reside in a children's home which provides a small group living environment and which is situated within the Trafford community. There will be a potential saving of £100k per annum from the relocation of this children's home in respect of overall placement costs for children in care.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Maintaining Fairview in its current format as a 2 bedded children's home, and not commencing the development of Flixton Road as a 3 bedded residential children's home. However this would: reduce the opportunity for more children in care, who have presenting complex or challenging behaviour, to reside in a children's home which provides a small group living environment and which is situated within the Trafford community; result in the loss of potential annual savings from reduced dependency on residential placements purchased from external providers; and result in loss a capital receipt that would be gained from the sale of the Fairview site.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

INCREASING THE SKILLS PAYMENTS ELEMENT OF FOSTER CARE ALLOWANCES OF CHILDREN AGED 0-5 YEARS FOR 2014/15

That agreement be given to Option 2 as set out in the report in relation to all foster carers for children under the age of 10 for the financial year 2015/16. All foster carers for children under the age of 10 years are paid a guaranteed £200 per week for the first child in placement. Foster carers would receive the current allowances on the current payments schedule for any second or third child placed. The cost of this would be just over £100,000 a year.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Under Option 2 all foster carers for children under the age of 10 years are paid a guaranteed £200 per week for the first child in placement. Foster carers would receive the current allowances on the current payments schedule for any second or third child placed. The cost of this would be just over £100,000 a year. This proposal would allow Trafford to be competitive with other local authorities and represents the most cost effective option.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Option 1: Increase the current skills payments element of the fostering allowance for foster carers for children aged 0-7 by £50. An adjustment in the skills payment for foster carers fostering children aged 8-10 years would also be necessary to increase payments to reflect a payment scale that increases in line with the age with the age of the child. An increase to the skills payment element of the fostering allowance for age 8-10 years of £24.50 would be sufficient to retain payments which increase with the age of the child. The implementation of this action would cost £195,000 over the course of a year and would appear to be a financially prohibitive option. **Option 3:** Take no action to increase foster carers allowances and Trafford risks the impact described in the report on recruitment and retention.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

TRAFFORD PARK LINE METROLINK EXTENSION

1. That the results of the recent public consultation on Trafford Park Line scheme be noted.
2. That the proposed alignment of the Trafford Park Line, as shown in the plans in Appendix A to the report, be note and supported.
3. That the submission of the Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) application for the Trafford Park Line scheme to Government be supported.
4. That the cost and funding requirements relating to the delivery of the Metrolink Trafford Park scheme be noted and agreement be given to the provision of a £20m local contribution to the scheme, from funding secured by Trafford Council.
5. That authority for completing the Funding Agreement with Transport for Greater Manchester be delegated to the Director of Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Director of Finance.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

So that Executive notes the results of the recent public consultation on Trafford Park Line (TPL) scheme and the proposed alignment of the Trafford Park Line scheme and the submission of Transport and Works Act Order (TWAO) application, by TfGM in November 2014; and for Executive to note the cost and funding requirements relating to the delivery of the scheme and to agree the provision of a £20m local contribution from funding secured by Trafford Council.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Not to support the delivery of Metrolink through Trafford Park; and not to support the provision of a third party contribution of £20m towards the delivery of the line. In view of the Council's long standing key strategic priority of delivering the Metrolink through Trafford Park, it is concluded that these alternative options would not be desirable. In addition, the alternative of not providing a third party contribution to the scheme would undermine the Transport and Works Act Order business case for the line.

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<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
<u>STREET LIGHTING STRATEGY</u>		
That the Trafford Street Lighting Strategy be adopted.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
To provide for the adoption of the Trafford Street Lighting Strategy.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
Other options are not to adopt the Strategy or to adopt a different strategy. The continued absence of an overarching framework for the provision and maintenance of street lighting across Trafford will not provide the Council with a strategic context within which to make decisions on the future delivery of these services which is why the Strategy has been prepared.		
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RECORD OF THE DECISION

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014

1. That the content of the report be noted.
2. That all functions relating to Community Safety be delegated to the Corporate Director for Transformation and Resources. Such delegation to include:
 - (a) The exercise of all functions, powers and duties including the taking of any appropriate enforcement action.
 - (b) The issuing of notices and cautions and, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, bringing proceedings under any appropriate legislation, statutory provisions and by-laws.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The report sets out a summary of the new powers available under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The proposed delegation is to the Corporate Director for Transformation and Resources. The delegation will allow the Corporate Director for Transformation and Resources to authorise appropriate officers to utilise the new powers available to the Council.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

None. The Council needs to make arrangements to provide for the exercising of powers made available by relevant legislation.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 PERIOD 6

1. That the latest forecast and planned actions be noted and agreed.
2. That a sum of £0.5m be allocated from the General Reserve to provide additional capacity to deliver future savings, as set out in paragraphs 17-19 of the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To inform Members of current position regarding the monitoring of the current year's revenue budget and provide for appropriate measures in response, including making provision for the allocation of a sum from the General Reserve.

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2014/15 - QUARTER 2		
1. That the amendments to the 2014/15 Capital Investment Programme be approved.		
2. That the monitoring report be noted.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
The Authority is regularly assessed on the performance of its Capital Investment Programme and how delivery matches corporate policies and proposed spending plans. To reflect budgets in line with revised expectations will assist in evidencing that compliance with the above criteria is being met.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
The Executive could decide to use capital receipts to repay debt which would generate revenue savings on the Medium Term Financial Plan.		
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RECORD OF THE DECISION

GREATER MANCHESTER WEST S.75 AGREEMENT

1. That the proposed arrangements set out in the report are noted.
2. That authority be delegated to the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Corporate Director of Children, Families and Wellbeing to complete the necessary documents to complete the agreement.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable effective governance to underpin the delivery of Mental Health and Social Care Services the CCG and the Council have continued the partnership agreement with the provider that was given a legal framework by Section 75 of the National Health Service Act 2006. The Letter acted as an interim measure to allow the service to be delivered effectively until the requisite due diligence could be undertaken until the New Agreement was put in place. It is important the Letter is formalised for the reasons set out in the report. The recommendation is for approval to be given for the Council to sign up to the new Agreement to provide assurance and a legal framework for the proposed arrangement. The New Agreement has been subject to financial scrutiny. It will also be subject to the requisite legal scrutiny before it is put in place.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Another option would be to leave arrangements as they are which would leave the Council unprotected because of the lack of certainty with the current arrangement.

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