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DATE OF DECISION	Monday, 26 June 2017	DECISION MAKER
DECISION REFERENCE	L/20.00.17/4ddb	Executive (Councillors Sean Anstee, Stephen Anstee, L. Evans, Hopps, John Reilly, Whetton and Williams)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

Executive Response to Scrutiny Review: Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) Process in Trafford

1. That the content of the Scrutiny review report be noted.

That the recommendations set out in detail in the report be accepted; and that the actions taken, as detailed in section 2 of the report, be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To provide for a formal response to be made to the Scrutiny review of the Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) process in Trafford.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

None – the Executive is required to respond to Scrutiny reports.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

Scrutiny Call in Deadline

PUBLICATION DATE

Not applicable. The decision provides for a response to be made to Scrutiny, and so call-in is not appropriate.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

Executive Response to Scrutiny Review: Joint Venture Contract between Trafford Council and Amey

1. That the content of the Scrutiny review report be noted.

2. That the response to recommendations proposed by Scrutiny Committee, as set out in section 2 to the report, be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To provide for a formal response to be made to the Scrutiny review of the Joint Venture Contract between Trafford Council and Amey.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Not to accept some or all of the recommendations put forward by Scrutiny committee.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

Scrutiny Call in Deadline

call-in is not appropriate.

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Not applicable. The decision provides for a 27/6/17 response to be made to Scrutiny, and so

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

WARRENER STREET SITE, SALE MOOR

1. That the preferred option of the Warrener Street Options and Feasibility Study will form the Council's strategy to take forward the Warrener Street site.

That authority be delegated to the Director of Growth and Regulatory Services to progress the delivery strategy for the site and enter discussions with third party land owners.

3. That the site be added to the Land Sales Programme once the delivery strategy is confirmed.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To secure approval for the Warrener Street Options and Feasibility Study and delegated authority to the Director of Growth and Regulatory Services, to enable the Council to progress more detailed work on the future development of the Warrener Street site.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

To retain the existing car park in its current form: this is considered unlikely to be a long term solution given the aspirations of the landowners of the adjoining plots. Furthermore, this would not bring any additional benefits to Sale Moor or maximise the potential of the site. Or disposal of the site to Kirkland for their original or revised scheme. However, the Study has demonstrated that there remains considerable public opposition to this. Also, whilst this would generate a capital receipt for the Council, it would not maximise the potential of the site or provide the Council with opportunities for revenue generation.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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LAND SALES	S PROGRAM	MME 2017/8 AND BEYON	2
2. That a and ass	pproval be g sociated rep inthority be de negotiate a engage ex submit ar programm offset eligi up to a ma advertise f defined by statutory p holder for and Enviro i) add to c ii) hire sed	ort considered in Part II of elegated to the Chief Exect and accept bids. Aternal resources where this application for planning e where this will assist in n ble disposal costs against aximum of 4% of the value the intention to dispose of the Town and Country procedure, and if any object consideration in consultat onmental Services. or substitute sites into the p curity services or arrange f	rogramme for 2017/18 as set out in the public report, the agenda. utive to: s will assist in implementing the programme. g permission on any properties included in the narketing. capital receipts in accordance with capital regulations
where	ne Director o e appropriate	of Legal and Democratic S	ervices in consultation with the Chief Executive and, er be authorised to finalise and enter into all legal
REASONS F	OR THE DE	CISION	
generates ca residential de	apital receip evelopment.	ots to support the capita There is a need to unde	il's overall expenditure and backlog maintenance, al programme, assists regeneration and facilitates rtake a range of procedures to ensure that the best exposure to the market and a transparent audit trail.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Retention of surplus property would have consequences for the resourcing of the Capital Programme, impact on revenue savings and the delivery of a range of Council objectives. As set out in the report, alternative options are considered for each site before they are added to the Land Sales Programme.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

ALTRINCHAM TOWN CENTRE NEIGHBOURHOOD BUSINESS PLAN - REGULATION 18 -PUBLICATION OF THE EXAMINER'S REPORT AND MODIFICATIONS AND DECISION TO PROCEED TO REFERENDUM

1. That approval be given to each of the proposed modifications to the text of the ATCNBP contained within the Examiner's report (Appendix 2 to the report).

2. That the proposed modification to the ATCNBP area made by the Examiner (see PM7 in Appendix 2 and the Plan at Appendix 3 to the report) be approved.

3. That it be approved that the ATCNBP proceed to referendum and that authority be delegated to the Director of Growth and Regulatory Services and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to carry out any action to enable the ATCNBP to proceed to referendum.

4. That the referendum boundary as recommended by the Examiner (detailed in Appendix 3 to the report) be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Examiner concludes that the ATCNBP has met the basic conditions and, subject to the policy modifications set out in her report, should proceed to referendum. Therefore, approval is sought to make the proposed modifications to the ATCNBP as set out in the Examiner's report (Appendix 2), to approve the referendum boundary and agree that the ATCNBP should proceed to referendum under the direction of both the Director of Growth and Regulatory Services and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services. To make a decision to not take the ATCNBP forward to referenda in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations would be contrary to the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended by) The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Examiner stated that the ATCNBP has met the basic conditions and therefore must proceed to referendum. Not to take the ATCNBP forward would be contrary to the Examiner's recommendations and therefore the Regulations under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The Executive could reject/amend some or all of the Examiner's recommendations and delay proceeding to referenda. Because this would be contrary to the Examiner's recommendations the Executive would need to provide clear reason(s) for its change(s) to the Modifications. It would also result in a need for a further period of public consultation. Changing the modifications could result in the ATCNBP not meeting the "basic conditions'" test because the Examiner considered that her modifications were necessary to ensure that the ATCNBP met this test. The Executive could accept the Examiner's proposed recommendations other than in respect of the referenda boundary and propose a, potentially arbitrary, alternative referenda boundary, for example that as defined at Appendix 4 or some such other boundary, to be defined by the Executive; appropriate reasons would need to be provided for such a decision.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

AGREEMENT FOR DELIVERY OF CYCLE CITY AMBITION GRANT WORKS (ROUND 2)

1. That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to execute and complete the necessary Agreement and documentation to enable the delivery of the project.

That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to execute and complete any subsequent Deeds of Variation to enable the delivery of the project.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

A legal Agreement is required to formalise the working relationship between Trafford Council, GMCA and TFGM. This will enable the CCAG2 projects to be introduced and for the CCAG2 grant fund to be released.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Not to proceed with the recommendation: this would result in the project not being implemented and the grant fund not being released.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY (RAA) PROPOSAL (ADOPTION COUNTS)

1. That the changes made to the financial model be noted and that support be reaffirmed for the establishment of a Regional Adoption Agency between Stockport, Manchester, Trafford, Salford and Cheshire East local authorities as outlined in the report dated 23rd January 2017.

2. That the agreement of the terms of the proposed Partnership Agreement as outlined in the report be delegated to the Corporate Director, Children, Families and Well-being in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services; and that the Corporate Director, Children, Families and Well-being be authorised to enter into the Agreement on behalf of the Council.

3. That this decision be deemed to be urgent, for the reasons set out in paragraph 5.0 of the report, and not subject to call-in.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

For the reasons set out in detail in section 4 of the report, despite the financial risks, joining the RAA at this point in time is likely to be a sounder financial model, and provide the best opportunity for securing improved outcomes for the children concerned. It is therefore recommended that Trafford continues to engage with the establishment of the RAA, and that the DCS and Executive are given delegated authority to agree the final financial arrangements for years 2 & 3.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

1. Do nothing: Government has made it clear that there is no option for local authority adoption services to remain as they currently are. If Trafford delays making its own arrangements then the government will select an adoption partnership for the Council to participate in. (Risks set out in the report.) 2. Other partnership options: These were considered during the bid stage but the strength of established arrangements in 'Four4adoption' offered the greatest potential for success. Again, there is no guarantee, and it is less likely that this would result in a better financial settlement. 3. Delaying joining the RAA until year 2 when there is a better understanding of costs. While in principle this could be considered, it fails to acknowledge the increased costs associated with Trafford delivering its planned 18 adoptions during 2017/18 that would be significantly more (circa £276K) than being delivered via the RAA. Such an option also reduces our ability to influence the further future development of the RAA, including the funding formula.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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Not applicable. For the reasons set out in the report, this decision has been deemed to be urgent and therefore not subject to call-in.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

TRAFFORD FOSTER CARE ALLOWANCES

- That the weekly fostering allowance for carers of children in younger age ranges, age 0-10 years be increased by 50% so that they are comparable to those in neighbouring local authorities with effect from 1st October 2017.
- That the weekly fostering allowances for carers of older children age 11-17 years be increased by 20% so that they are comparable to those in neighbouring local authorities and independent agencies with effect from 1 October 2017.
- 3. That this decision be deemed to be urgent, for the reasons set out in paragraph, 5.0 below, and not subject to call-in.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In-house foster carers provide numerous advantages in terms of processes and outcomes. The higher increases for carers of younger children are proposed in order to align Trafford allowances with those across the region. The higher increases for carers for younger children are also proposed in recognition of the demands of caring for younger children, and the importance of high quality childcare and therapeutic work to nurture positive attachments for these children which will have lifelong impacts on outcomes regarding future placement stability, education, and health and wellbeing outcomes. Also, experience is that carers who start their fostering career caring for younger children gain experience and confidence that often enables them to extend their age range in the future. The potential savings related to this proposal are clear. In house foster placements provide excellent value for money. The proposed highest rate of an in house fostering allowance for a young person age 16/17 years is £465.12 which is over 40% lower than the average cost of a placement in an Independent Fostering Agency (£844). The average cost of a residential out of borough placement is £3,406, over seven times higher.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Continue to use external provision for children we are unable to place in house: This will lead to continued high levels of spending with external providers leaving Trafford little control regarding future costs. This will not be cost effective, and will provide no better outcomes for the children and young people concerned. Increase allowances by a smaller percentage: however we would continue to be disadvantaged with regard to foster carer recruitment as we would continue to be offering less than other neighbouring local authorities. Manchester City Council is a significant local competitor and a smaller percentage increase would compromise the effectiveness of foster carer recruitment as there would be a significant risk that applicants would apply to Manchester instead. Manchester already has a significant advantage as they have a larger population of Children Looked After and therefore carers fostering for Manchester are likely to have more children placed, more of the time.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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Not applicable. For the reasons set out in the report, this decision has been deemed to be urgent and therefore not subject to call-in.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

DISCRETIONARY RELIEF AND EXEMPTION POLICIES

1.That from 1st April 2017 all Care Leavers receive a full exemption from Council Tax up until their 25th birthday.

That the Executive notes and approves the proposed amendments to the existing policies to take account of new guidance and case law, as well as the wider changes to the welfare system and new business rates discretionary funding.

That Exchequer Services amalgamates all its discretionary policies and has one combined policy, separated by sections for each function, but with amalgamated decision making and appeal scheme of delegation governance.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The majority of the existing policies have been implemented, or last updated, following the introduction of the Localism Act 2011 and Welfare Reform Act 2012. Since then, there have been further changes in legislation, case law and funding that mean these policies need to be updated to ensure they are delivering the Council's outcomes. In terms of the administration, decision making, review and appeals process, it will also be much more effective to administer the policies as an amalgamated combination of policies but with overarching processes which allow a holistic view and an improved customer journey.

It is recognised that Care Leavers require additional support in relation to financial responsibilities once they leave care and one way to do this is through Council's exempting them from the Council Tax charge. The Council wants to support its Care Leavers more as they transition out of care and in to adulthood and the world of work, by introducing a full exemption for all Care Leavers from 1 April 2017 up to their 25th birthday. This will be funded through a combination of the Council Tax Support Scheme and the Discretionary Council Tax Support Scheme.

In a small number of cases Care Leavers are not aware how they can claim available financial support and find themselves with enforcement notifications. It is important to ensure the relevant policies are explicit in relation to support our Care Leavers; in particular changes will be made to the Discretionary Council Tax Support policy to remove the need for a formal application as well as to the Discretionary Housing Payments policy to financially support prior foster carers who may be impacted in their Housing Benefit for allowing the young person to remain in their household. This will ensure that the Council can direct the support the policies to where they were, and still are, intended to help.

It is also imperative that the Council maximises the new funding available to support local businesses facing the steepest increase who are struggling to pay their business rates bills as a direct result of the 2017 revaluation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Council could maintain its existing policies and not introduce a discretionary business rates policy, however, this would mean the Council is not spending its limited discretionary funding in the most effective way and/or not granting business awards when it has the funding to do so.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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ACQUISITION OF A COM	MMERCIAL PROPE	RTY WITH DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL			
in the presentation ma 2. That approval be given 3. That it be noted that it	ade to the Executive to the principle of the may be appropriate	of a commercial property in Trafford ("the Site") as set out Meeting on 26 June 2017 be noted. The acquisition of the Site for investment purposes. for the acquisition to be made jointly with a third party and the acquisition by the council acting in partnership with a			
4. That it be noted that (independently review	ved) and commercia	bove are conditional upon a satisfactory business case al terms being approved by the Executive Member for Executive and under advisement from the Chief Finance			
5. That authority be dele Executive, and under Finance Officer, to fin	 5. That authority be delegated to the Executive Member for Investment in consultation with the Chief Executive, and under advisement from the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and the Chief Finance Officer, to finalise the terms of the proposed acquisition and the terms of the partnering arrangement (if required) to support the acquisition. 				
6. That authority be deleg	gated to the Directo ad – Property & I	r of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the nvestment to agree the terms of and to enter into any			
REASONS FOR THE DE	REASONS FOR THE DECISION				
To enable the Council to	To enable the Council to complete the purchase of the property.				
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS					
The Council could decide not to proceed with the purchase of this property and to invest in other opportunities. The Council would therefore not benefit from the potential investment return from the acquisition and the regeneration benefits that have been identified through its proposed use.					
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RECORD OF THE DECISION

FUTURE OF THE S.48 AGMA GRANTS SCHEME

1. That it be noted that initial consideration has been given to the case for closure of the Section 48 AGMA Grants programme and that a consultation on closure of the scheme is to be undertaken by AGMA to inform a final decision on closure to be taken at a later date.

That the development be supported of a new funding programme for culture, under the GMCA, as a potential replacement for the Section 48 Scheme.

3. That it be noted that it is intended to run the consultation for a new CA programme for culture at the same time as the consultation on closure of the Section 48 scheme.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable the proposed closure of the existing S48 Scheme to be progressed alongside consideration of a wider scheme.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The recommendation at this stage is simply to note the proposals and the consultation which is due to be undertaken on those proposals. The Executive could indicate that they did not support the proposal, but as it has already been agreed at AGMA/GMCA, it is unlikely that the proposal would be halted unless a majority of the individual authorities rejected the proposals.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE TO OUTSIDE, INDEPENDENT AND EXECUTIVE BODIES

 That approval be given to the appointment of representatives to those outside, independent and Executive bodies set out in the Appendix to the report.

2. That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Opposition Group Leader(s) if necessary, to appoint members to any vacancy that remains or arises after the meeting and to any additional bodies to which the Executive may be required to make appointment(s).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To provide for the appointment of representatives to those bodies whose activities relate to Executive functions.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Nominations for appointment have been brought forward in liaison with the political Group Leaders.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

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