

EXECUTIVE

24 JUNE 2019

PRESENT

Leader of the Council (Councillor A. Western)(in the Chair),
Executive Member for Adult Social Care (Councillor J. Harding),
Executive Member for Children's Social Care (Councillor C. Hynes),
Executive Member for Communities and Housing (Councillor G. Whitham),
Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change (Councillor S. Adshead),
Executive Member for Finance and Investment (Councillor T. Ross),
Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Equalities (Councillor J. Slater),
Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration (Councillor J. Wright),
Executive Member for Public Safety, Governance and Reform (Councillor M. Freeman).

Also present: Councillors Acton, Anstee, Blackburn, Boyes, Butt, Carter, Evans, Holden, Jerrome, Lamb, Morgan, Myers, Patel, Shaw and Welton.

In attendance:

Corporate Director, Place (Mr. R Roe),
Corporate Director, Finance and Systems (Ms. N. Bishop),
Corporate Director, Governance and Community Strategy (Ms. J. Le Fevre),
Acting Corporate Director, Adult Services (Ms. D. Eaton),
Director, Early Help and Children's Social Care (Ms. C. Rooney),
Democratic and Scrutiny Officer (Mr. J.M.J. Maloney).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Baugh.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made by Executive Members.

2. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members were advised of the following question which had been received, in relation to Agenda Item 9, the GM Mayor's Challenge Fund 2019 Update (Minute 8 below refers.)

"My initial question is why has there been little to no infrastructural improvements within Altrincham to encourage walking and cycling in line with the beelines initiative launched almost a year ago?

Secondly, please can you give your views on the potential of Woodfield Road as a beelines network link and/or your views on the type of residential road design that would help rebalance towards walking and cycling and the impact of this on both residents and local businesses?

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Finally, can you ensure that Woodfield Road and the issues raised will be considered in the near future?"

The Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change provided the following response to the respective elements of the question on behalf of the Executive:

"Over the past few years there has been investment in Altrincham through improvements to the public realm. This has included improvements in and around Altrincham town centre. Additionally implementation continues in relation to the long standing Bridgewater Way initiative, improving cycling and walking along the towpath. The report before the executive tonight sets out a mechanism by which future schemes can be assessed and this can include schemes in Altrincham.

Such a scheme would need investigation by the Local Highways Authority, it is not possible to give an opinion tonight.

Such a scheme would be subject to the above comments, but would also need to be assessed against the criteria outlined in the executive report before it could be recommended for a bid through any future MCF tranches."

In conclusion, the Leader commented that planning for potential schemes was at a relatively early stage; and that the Council would give due consideration to any potential schemes of which it was notified.

RESOLVED – That the content of the question, and response given, be noted.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th March 2019 be approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS FROM COUNCIL OR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

There were no issues to be reported to the current meeting.

5. EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS BASIC NEED AND SEND CAPITAL

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Interim Corporate Director Children's Services submitted a report which set out proposals intended to allow the Council to meet its statutory duty to provide sufficient places in schools and early years settings and a duty to meet the needs of children and young people with special education needs and disabilities (SEND), and to meet any risks in relation to school conditions and access. An opportunity was provided for Members to raise questions, which concentrated on the potential of other options if the Council's preferred option in relation to Stamford Park Schools did not proceed. Members were advised that it was premature to determine this issue, and any course of action would depend on the circumstances pertaining at the time.

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RESOLVED - That the proposals contained within the report be agreed as the detailed capital programme for 2019/20, specifically -

1. Agree to carry out work to improve the facilities and expand provision for pupils with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) detailed in Appendix A: Proposed Capital Projects, SEND Capital Programme, Table 2.
2. Agree to the proposed options to meet the demand for primary and secondary school places, Section 2 and 3.
3. Note and agree the completion of previous schemes and the demand for early years places, Section 5.

6. TRANSFORMATION FUND - RE-DEFINING AND PROPOSED INVESTMENTS

The Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Equalities and the Corporate Director of Commissioning submitted a report which set out details of the refresh of Trafford CCG's element of the Transformation Fund, and the proposed areas in which it would now be invested. An opportunity was provided for Members to raise questions on the report's content. In discussion, it was agreed that a separate meeting could be arranged, if desired, for Members to be briefed more fully on developing proposals for further changes, and on the operation in practice of integrated, place-based solutions.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the content of the report be noted.
- (2) That the re-defining of £3.2m of the Transformation Fund be approved.
- (3) That the prioritised list of investments against the redefined and previously repurposed Transformation Funding be noted.
- (4) That the proposed next steps be noted.

7. "NO WRONG DOOR" PROPOSAL - ESTABLISHMENT OF A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY HUB AT A TRAFFORD CHILDREN'S HOME

The Executive Member for Children's Social Care submitted a report which proposed the creation of a No Wrong Door Hub, a multi-disciplinary wraparound support offer for vulnerable adolescents on the edge of or in Care. This was consequent on the Department of Education having agreed funding for all 10 Local Authority areas in Greater Manchester to introduce a number of evidence-based innovation projects to their area. The proposed Hub would be sited at an existing Children's Home (Kingsway Park), which would transition to become a short term, intensive residential offer for young people open to the service, to provide respite to those at risk of placement or family breakdown, and as a step-down service for those moving on from long-term residential care to family based care. It would remain an Ofsted-registered Home with 6 beds. In discussion, Members raised questions regarding the implementation timetable, the funding of associated posts, and the monitoring / regulatory regime which would apply to the proposed facility.

RESOLVED - That the proposal detailed in the report be approved.

8. THE GM MAYOR'S CHALLENGE FUND 2019 UPDATE

The Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change submitted a report which provided an update in relation to the Mayor's Challenge Fund in so far as it related to Trafford; and outlined the process followed in amending the Bee Network Map, and the arrangements for publishing Version Two of the Map and future iterations thereafter. It also outlined an approach for the identification and prioritisation of future cycling and walking bids in Trafford, and set out the governance process for approving any future bids for funding. In considering the report, Members discussed the balance in the bidding process between major schemes and small-scale interventions, officer support for the process, the beneficial impact on Trafford of nearby schemes technically located in other Local Authority areas, and engagement activity with local schools to promote walking and cycling.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the report, the process for preparing Version Two of the GM Bee Network Map (V2 Bee Network); and that the V2 Bee Network Map will be published by the GM Cycling and Walking Commissioner at the end of June 2019, be noted.
- (2) That authority to approve future iterations of the Bee Network Map (as they relate to Trafford) be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change.
- (3) That authority for approving Trafford schemes to be included within the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change.
- (4) That the approach for the identification and prioritisation of future cycling and walking bids in Trafford be approved.
- (5) That authority to approve future funding bids in relation to cycling and walking schemes in Trafford, be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change.

9. TRAFFORD LOCALITY ASSET REVIEW - STAGE 3 REPORT

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration submitted a report which set out the background to the Locality Asset Review (LAR), commissioned by the GMCA and the GM Health and Social Care Partnership (GMHSCP), which sought to appraise the public sector estate within Trafford to gain a greater understanding of what there is and how it is used, what is needed in future and how the Council might meet those future requirements. The report drew on information from Stages 1 and 2 and built on it to develop potential opportunities, solutions and on-going work streams along with the development of commercial, financial and management cases. This formed the final stage of the LAR process, which would now move into a delivery phase.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the LAR report be approved.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place to make minor amendment to the report.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place to submit the report to the GMCE and the GM Health and Social Care Partnership.
- (4) That the potential projects and workstreams as set out in section 6 of the report be noted.
- (5) That the project governance as set out in section 7 of the report be noted.
- (6) That further reports be brought to the Executive on the outcomes from individual workstreams.

10. ESTABLISHMENT OF A TRAFFORD SMALL BUSINESS LOAN FUND TO SUPPORT NEW START AND EXISTING BUSINESSES IN THE BOROUGH

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration submitted a report which set out the proposal to establish a new Trafford Small Business Loan Fund to provide affordable financial support aimed at new start and existing businesses in the borough. The Fund would further enhance the Council's 'open for business' approach and provide a direct mechanism to support local businesses in the borough. The report also identified proposed amendments to the current Town Centres Business Growth Programme that supports businesses taking vacant retail units in the town centres, to ensure its continued effectiveness. Questions raised by Members related to the interface with the Town Centres Loan Fund, accounting descriptions of funds deployed and the extent to which the fund was intended to support carbon reduction in the business economy.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the establishment of the Trafford Small Business Loan Fund be approved.

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- (2) That authority to enter into a formal agreement with GC Business Finance to manage the Trafford Small Business Loan Fund be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place.
- (3) That an update report be received on the Trafford Small Business Loan Fund within six months of its launch.
- (4) That approval be given to the changes to the Trafford Town Centres Business Growth Programme; and that an update report be received at the same time as the report referred to at 3 above.

11. TRAFFORD CIVIC QUARTER UPDATE

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration submitted a report which provided an update on the consultation carried out to date on the Civic Quarter Masterplan and the reasons for the proposed changes to its status from a Supplementary Planning Document to becoming an Area Action Plan; and which sought approval for its preparation on that basis. The report also proposed a revision to the boundary of the Civic Quarter area and sought in principle approval for the use of the Council's compulsory purchase powers to support delivery of the Area Action Plan proposals if required. Members noted the plan's draft status, and the potential for further amendments in due course.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the consultation feedback on the draft Civic Quarter Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document be noted.
- (2) That the legal advice be noted that the Council should not proceed with adopting the Civic Quarter Masterplan as a Supplementary Planning Document.
- (3) That the preparation be approved of an Area Action Plan (The Civic Quarter Plan) as a Development Plan Document, and its inclusion in a revised Trafford Local Development Scheme.
- (4) That the extension to the boundary of the Area Action Plan area be approved.
- (5) That the in principle support be approved for the making of a compulsory purchase order under section 226 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to enable the redevelopment and regeneration of the Area Action Plan area.
- (6) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place to negotiate for the voluntary acquisition of land and rights over land needed to enable the Scheme to be delivered in advance of confirmation of a compulsory purchase order, as if such compulsory purchase order had been confirmed.

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- (7) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy, to consider alternatives to the use of compulsory purchase powers.

12. BUDGET MONITORING 2018/19 - PERIOD 12 (APRIL 2018 TO MARCH 2019)

The Executive Member for Finance and Investment and the Corporate Director of Finance and Systems submitted a report which informed Members of the 2018/19 draft outturn figures relating to both Revenue and Capital budgets and the level of General and Service Reserves. It also summarised the final unaudited position for Council Tax and Business Rates within the Collection Fund. Members' attention was drawn to the net outturn underspend, the treatment of various reserves, and the slippage on capital expenditure, which related primarily to the re-profiling of budgets for investment in the leisure strategy.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the report be noted, and the outturn position showing a budget underspend of £1.783m, which will be transferred to the Budget Support Reserve.
- (2) That the creation be noted of a new earmarked reserve of £1.5m to support an improvement plan in Children's services, following the recent 'inadequate' report from Ofsted.
- (3) That the other changes to reserves as detailed in paragraph 8 and Appendix 2 to the report be note and agreed.

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

The Chief Executive submitted a report which sought agreement for the appointment of representatives to those bodies whose activities relate to Executive functions. In considering the report, Members noted a number of amendments and clarifications, as set out in the formal resolution below.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That approval be given to the appointment of representatives to those outside, independent and Executive bodies set out in the Appendix to the report, subject to the following:

Body 3 – Assets of Community Value: Agreed nominee, Cllr. Jerrome (Green Party nominee).

Body 12 – Larkhill Centre Community Association: Agreed nominee, Cllr. Newgrosh (Liberal Democrat Party nominee).

Body 15 – Manchester Airport Consultative Committee: Cllr. Boyes to replace Cllr. Myers as Conservative Party nominee.

Body 18 – One Trafford Partnership Board: Cllr. Butt to replace Cllr. Shaw as Conservative Party nominee.

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Body 21 – SACRE: Agreed nominee, Liberal Democrat Party nominee, name to be confirmed.

Body 27 – Timperley Village Club: Agreed nominee, Cllr. Minnis (Liberal Democrat Party nominee).

Body 39 – Sale Educational Foundation: Liberal Democrat Party nominee, name to be confirmed.

Body 42 – Trafford Leisure CIC Ltd. Board of Directors: nominated directors to be Cllr. Jane Baugh, Eamonn O'Rourke, Daniel Gidney, Andrew Worthington, Susan Aldridge, Yvonne Burke, Eleanor Roaf and Gareth Evans.

- (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), from this date until the Executive next considers appointments in June 2020.

14. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

RESOLVED - That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, because of the likelihood of disclosure of "exempt information" which falls within one or more descriptive category or categories of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, and specified on the agenda item or report relating to each such item respectively.

15. PROPERTY ACQUISITION

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration submitted a report which sought approval for the Council to enter into joint venture arrangements for the purpose of acquiring three key properties which had the potential to deliver significant regeneration benefits to the Borough. Approval was also sought for the acquisition of the properties by the joint ventures, subject to the satisfactory completion of due diligence around the prospective acquisition. Members were, under conditions of confidence, advised of the background to the proposed transaction, timescales associated with it, and estimated financial consequences, subject to the due diligence processes being undertaken.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration and the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy, to agree the terms and structure for a joint venture arrangement.

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- (3) That the Leader of the Council, the Corporate Director of Place and the Chief Executive or her nominee be nominated as the Council Representatives on the Executive Boards of the respective joint venture companies.
- (4) That, subject to the satisfactory completion of due diligence, the acquisition be approved of the properties by the JV companies on the terms set out in the report.
- (5) That the provision be approved of a corporate loan facility to the joint venture partner on terms similar to those set out in the report.
- (6) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy and the Corporate Director for Finance and Systems, to make minor amendments to the terms of the proposed agreements.
- (7) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy to enter into all legal agreements required to implement the above recommendations.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and finished at 7.53 p.m.