

VIRTUAL MEETING OF EXECUTIVE

22 JUNE 2020 (INTERRUPTED), AND RESUMED MEETING 30 JUNE 2020

22 JUNE:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Leader of the Council (Councillor A. Western)(in the Chair),
Executive Member for Children's Social Care (Councillor C. Hynes),
Executive Member for Adult Social Care (Councillor J. Harding),
Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships (Councillor G. Whitham),
Executive Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor E. Patel),
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).

Also virtually participating: Councillors Acton, Anstee, Dr. Barclay, Blackburn, Boyes, Butt, Coggins, Cordingley, Evans, Haddad, Jerrome, Lamb, Mitchell, Morgan, Myers, New, Newgrosh, Thompson, Welton, Williams and Young.

Officers virtually in attendance:

Corporate Director, Place (Mr. R. Roe),
Corporate Director, Governance and Community Strategy (Ms. J. Le Fevre),
Corporate Director, Adult Services (Ms. D. Eaton),
Deputy Director of Finance (Mr. G. Bentley),
Governance Officer (Mr. J.M.J. Maloney),
Governance Officer (Mr. A. Murray).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Freeman.

30 JUNE:

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

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

Also virtually participating: Councillors Dr. Barclay, Boyes, Butt, Coggins, Cordingley, Evans, Haddad, Holden, Jerrome, Lamb, Mitchell, Morgan, Myers, Thompson, Williams, Winstanley and Young.

Officers virtually in attendance:

Chief Executive (Ms. S. Todd),
Corporate Director, Place (Mr. R. Roe),
Corporate Director, Governance and Community Strategy (Ms. J. Le Fevre),
Director of Public Health (Ms. E. Roaf),
Deputy Director of Finance (Mr. G. Bentley),
Governance Officer (Mr. J.M.J. Maloney),
Governance Officer (Mr. A. Murray).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Slater.

132. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was reported that no questions had been received for referral to the current meeting.

133. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made by Executive Members.

134. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Budget Meeting on 19/2/20, Meetings on 24/2/20 and 16/3/20, and Special Meeting on 24/4/20 be approved as correct records.

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

As Chair of the Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Acton provided an update on the work of the Pandemic Scrutiny Committee, which had been established in response to the current health emergency. Key features of interest to the Committee had included: the “Test / Track / Trace” system; impact on BAME communities; temporary amendments to the provisions of the Care Act; mental health implications; issues relating to school re-opening; and the impacts on vulnerable children. Thanks were accorded to Executive Members and to the Director of Public Health for their assistance with the Committee’s enquiries. It was noted that the next meeting would focus on impacts on the budget and the local economy; and that Members were keen in due course to review and assess the effectiveness of, and lessons learned from, measures put in place locally.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted.

136. GLYPHOSATE USE IN TRAFFORD

The Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change submitted a report which presented the current position regarding Trafford Council's use of glyphosate weedkiller, and proposed measures to reduce and eradicate its usage, whilst developing and monitoring the Council's weed control strategy. The approach looked to balance the operational challenges with the Council's commitment to protecting the environment and the Glyphosate Free motion as passed by Council. In discussion it was noted that the Council would continue to work with a range of interested groups and suppliers, to try to accelerate its progress in reducing reliance on glyphosate.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the trials and research of alternative Weedspray treatments that can be used and have been researched and trialled for use in Trafford be noted.
- (2) That approval be given to the reductions in glyphosate that have been introduced during 2019 and will continue going forward.
- (3) That the continued initiatives to reduce and eradicate glyphosate usage across Trafford be supported and approved, and potential impacts noted.

NOTE: Following consideration of this item, it proved necessary to suspend the virtual meeting, as a result of technical issues; and the remaining business was transacted at the resumed meeting held on 30th June 2020.

137. TURN MOSS - DEDICATION AS A VILLAGE GREEN

NOTE: Following the necessity to suspend the virtual meeting held on 22nd June 2020 as a result of technical issues, this and all subsequent items were transacted and determined at the resumed meeting held on 30th June 2020.

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration and Executive Member for Culture and Leisure submitted a report which set out the process, opportunities and obstacles for proposed options for Turn Moss in Stretford with a proposed conclusion that dedication as a Village Green would be the most appropriate status. In discussion, Members commended the work already undertaken with the Friends of Turn Moss group, and agreed that close working relationships would need to be maintained in the future.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That approval in principle be given to the designation of Turn Moss as a Village Green.
- (2) That the Corporate Director of Place be authorised to make the application to register Turn Moss as a Town and Village Green.

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- (3) That the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy be authorised to enter into any document required to give effect to the recommendations of the report.

138. PROPOSED HIGH QUALITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND MULTI-USE COMMUNITY FACILITY ON THE SITE OF THE JUBILEE CENTRE, BOWDON

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration submitted a report which sought approval for the Council to progress development of the residential development and multi-use community facility on the site of The Jubilee Centre, Bowdon. It set out proposals to procure a Development Management / Delivery Partner for a mixed-use scheme comprising of a high-quality residential development and a multi-use community building potentially centred around the requirements of re-provision of the dilapidated community centre. The report also provided an update on the progress achieved to date in connection with the proposed development and sought approval to continue with progression of the scheme.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the proposal be approved to progress development of the residential development and multi-use community facility on the site of The Jubilee Centre, Bowdon as set out in the report.
- (2) That the proposal to procure a Development Management/ Delivery Partner to carry out the proposed development be noted.
- (3) That the due diligence currently undertaken as part of the report be noted.
- (4) That it be noted that a further report will be presented to the Executive once procurement activity has been concluded and that a further decision will be sought from the Executive in respect of the appointment of a Development Management / Delivery Partner.
- (5) That it be noted that a further report will be presented to the Investment Management Board with the final business case to seek approval for Council investment in the scheme.

139. HALE LIBRARY

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration submitted a report which sought approval from the Executive to proceed with the revised scheme from that set out in the Executive Member decision of 28th May 2015 for the provision of a new library and other community facilities within Hale, funded through the redevelopment of the existing Library site at Leigh Road.

RESOLVED - That, subject to satisfactory due diligence approved by the Corporate Director of Place:

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1. The disposal be approved of the Hale Library site at Leigh Road (Library Site) to the Hale Community Trust (HCT) for £500,000 for the purpose of the redevelopment of the site.
2. The disposal be approved of the Pavilion Site and the leaseback to the Council of the new library facility for 125 years less 10 days.
3. The deferred payment of the £500,000 purchase price be approved.
4. The temporary re-location be approved of Hale Library during the construction of the new library facility at the Pavilion.
5. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place in consultation with the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy to agree the terms of the disposals and leases.
6. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy to enter into the requisite legal documentation to dispose of the property to Hale Community Trust and take a lease of the new library.

140. GREATER MANCHESTER'S CLEAN AIR PLAN: UPDATE

The Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change submitted a report which set out the progress that had been made following the Government's response to Greater Manchester's Outline Business Case to tackle Nitrogen Dioxide Exceedances at the Roadside (OBC), and the implications of pandemic management policies (the extent of which were not yet fully understood) for the 10 Greater Manchester (GM) local authorities in relation to the schedule of work and statutory consultation on the Clean Air Plan and the link to taxi and private hire common minimum licensing standards (MLS). An opportunity was provided for Members to raise questions on the report's content; these focussed on the timescales associated with progressing the scheme, possible alternative schemes and the potential impact on a number of categories of small businesses which were particularly likely to be impacted by the current proposals.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the progress of the Greater Manchester (GM) Clean Air Plan be noted.
- (2) That the progress in the development of the Clean Commercial Vehicle and Hardship funds be noted.
- (3) That the initial funding award be noted of £41m for clean vehicle funds to award grants or loans to eligible businesses.
- (4) That it be noted that the Government has accepted the need for vehicle replacement funds for Hackney Carriages, and Light Goods Vehicles, but has requested further development of shared evidence on the needs within that complex sector before responding and does not support the sustainable journeys measure.

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- (5) That it be noted that Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is seeking confirmation that the funding award for Bus Retrofit is a continuation of Clean Bus Technology Funds to be distributed as soon as possible as per previous arrangements.
 - (6) That it be noted that the government will not support electric vehicle charging infrastructure through Clean Air monies but have committed to work with GM on securing funding from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV).
 - (7) That the position be agreed that the GM Local Authorities will move to a statutory public consultation on the GM Clean Air Plan as soon as reasonably practicable
 - (8) That the position be further agreed that the GM Local Authorities' decision to commence a public consultation should be taken once there is a clear timeframe for exiting lockdown and moving to the next phase of the COVID-19 response.
 - (9) That it be noted that the implementation of a GM Clean Air Zone (CAZ) is delayed to 2022 with a revised implementation date to be confirmed in the consultation commencement report.
 - (10) That the Department for Transport's (DfT's) positioning paper "Decarbonising Transport – Setting the Challenge" be noted.
 - (11) That the assessment be noted of the possible impacts of COVID-19 to inform a technical briefing note for decision makers.
 - (12) That it be noted that the GM local Authorities intend to consult on GM's proposed Minimum Licensing Standards for Taxis and Private Hire services ("MLS"), alongside the Clean Air Plan consultation, and agree the position for consultation on when taxi/private hire vehicle fleets should be Zero Emission Capable.

141. CROSSFORD BRIDGE, SALE

The Executive Member for Culture and Leisure submitted a report which noted the vision and ambition which Sale Sharks had to return to their hometown of Sale and indicated that they would welcome the views and feedback from the immediate community of Sale and wider community of Trafford on this aspiration. The report set out that this presented an opportunity to create a state of the art community sports and activity hub combining the best of elite sport and multi-purpose community sports. A full community engagement strategy was proposed with the existing community users of the site, including all clubs and local residents, to ensure current users of the site could be accommodated either on the redeveloped site or other locations within Trafford through an agreed displacement strategy. It was noted that on completion of a full consultation programme, a report was to be submitted to the Executive in Autumn 2020.

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An opportunity was provided for questions on the report's content, which centred on the history of the club and of the current proposal, a range of views which had already been expressed, and the potential implications relating to financing, green belt and flood plain issues. It was noted that there were arguments on both sides, that the Council was keen to hear the views of the local community, that the current report was for noting only, and that a decision was not yet to be made, but would await further evaluation and the outcome of the initial phase of engagement, which would be formally reported to the Executive later in the year.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the proposal from Sale Sharks for the creation of a community led multi-sports hub at Crossford Bridge be noted.
- (2) That the engagement to be undertaken by Sale Sharks on the proposal, supported by the Council, be noted.
- (3) That it be noted that the proposal related to land owned by the Council.
- (4) That it be noted that a further report would be brought to the Executive on the conclusion of the initial phase of engagement.

142. BUDGET MONITORING 2019/20 - PERIOD 12 OUTTURN (APRIL 2019 TO MARCH 2020)

The Executive Member for Finance and Investment and the Corporate Director of Finance and Systems submitted a report which informed Members of the 2019/20 outturn figures relating to both Revenue and Capital budgets, the level of General and Service Reserves. It also summarised the final unaudited position for Council Tax and Business Rates within the Collection Fund. In discussion, Members noted the significant impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the Council's finances, which would be further reflected in in-year measures to be reported to Council and the Executive in due course. It was also emphasised that, whilst in common with practically all Councils, Trafford's financial position was challenging, there was currently, despite press coverage, no expectation that the service of a s.114 Notice by the Corporate Director, Finance and Systems would be required.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the content of the report, and the revenue outturn position showing a budget underspend of £298k, which will be transferred to the Budget Support Reserve, be noted.
- (2) That the other changes to reserves as detailed in paragraph 11 and Appendix 2 to the report be noted.
- (3) That the final capital programme outturn position as detailed in paragraphs 25 to 43 of the report be noted.

143. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

(a) Trafford Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan

[NOTE: The Leader of the Council agreed to allow the consideration of this item as Urgent Business as it related to the Council's response to the Covid-19 emergency, and its approval date was imminent.]

The Leader of the Council submitted a report which set out the details of the Council's proposed Outbreak Management Plan, which was required to be published by the end of June 2020. A copy of the Plan itself was presented to Members for information and noting. Members' attention was drawn to key features of the plan's content and associated governance arrangements, and that the Leader of the Council would chair the Public Engagement Board. It was envisaged that the plan would assist in enhancing the speed of response and utilise local knowledge gained; but that it was intended to complement and not replace arrangements already in existence.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the content of the proposed Covid-19 Outbreak Management Plan be noted.
- (2) That the governance arrangements as set out in the Plan be noted.
- (3) That it be noted that the Plan is required to be published on 30 June 2020.

The meeting on 22/6/20 commenced at 4.00 p.m. and was suspended at 4.59 p.m.; the resumed meeting on 30/6/20 commenced at 4.00 p.m. and finished at 4.58 p.m.