

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 29 June 2015	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/29.06.15/5&18	Executive (Councillors Sean Anstee, L. Evans, Hyman, Lamb, Myers, John Reilly, Williams and M. Young)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

LAND SALES PROGRAMME 2015/16 AND BEYOND

1. That the outcome of the 2014/15 Land Sales Programme be noted.
2. That the Land Sales Programme for 2015/16 onwards as set out in the reports be approved.
3. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director Economic Growth Environment and Infrastructure to:
 - a. negotiate and accept bids.
 - b. engage external resources where this will assist in implementing the programme.
 - c. submit an application for planning permission on any properties included in the programme where this will assist in marketing.
 - d. offset eligible disposal costs against capital receipts in accordance with capital regulations up to a maximum of 4% of the value of the capital receipt.
 - e. advertise the intention to dispose of a site in the event that it comprises open space as defined by the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, in accordance with the relevant statutory procedure, and if any objections are received, to refer to the relevant portfolio holder for consideration in consultation with the Executive Member for Economic Growth and Planning.
 - i) add to or substitute sites into the programme during the year.
 - ii) hire security services or arrange for the demolition of any property.
 - iii) authorise alternative methods of disposal where appropriate.
4. That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Corporate Director for Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure and, where appropriate, the Director of Finance be authorised to finalise and enter into all legal agreements required to implement the above decisions.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The sale of surplus assets reduces the Council's overall expenditure and backlog maintenance, generates capital receipts to support the capital programme, assists regeneration and facilitates residential development. There is a need to undertake a range of procedures to ensure that the best consideration for the sale is achieved including full 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.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

ALTRINCHAM BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) PROPOSAL

- 1) That the Altrincham BID Proposal be endorsed on the basis that it does not conflict with any policy formally adopted by and contained in a document published by the authority.
- 2) That Democratic and Performance Services formally manage the ballot process in accordance with the BID regulations.
- 3) That Exchequer Services, subject to a 'yes' vote at ballot, manages the billing and collection of the BID levy, and its transfer to the BID Company.
- 4) That payment of the one-off purchase cost of software to collect the BID levy be agreed.
- 5) That the Corporate Director for Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure be authorised, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, to prepare and enter into the appropriate legal agreements (including but not limited to a suitable operating agreement) to give effect to the above.
- 5) That the Executive Member for Economic Growth and Planning be authorised in consultation with the Corporate Director for Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure to cast vote(s) in the event of a BID ballot.
- 6) That the Executive Member for Economic Growth and Planning be authorised to be the Council's representative on the BID Company Board of Directors and that he be authorised to cast votes on the BID Board following prior consultation with the Corporate Director for Economic Growth, Environment and Infrastructure.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The BID will provide a fully funded mechanism for the private and public sectors to invest together in Altrincham town centre guided by an agreed and clear BID Proposal. The Council should support the BID Proposal and the BID overall as it is the only body that can deliver the funding to continue the regeneration of the town centre, and secure its long term sustainability and growth.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Not to support the Altrincham BID. However, in so doing it would risk a significant potential opportunity cost in terms of the economic benefit that a BID can bring in a way that is funded equitably between both the private and public sectors. Or could continue to support the town centre through the Town Team and Altrincham Forward. This would keep the status quo but will be in no position to deliver the range of initiatives that the BID will be able to deliver, nor generate the budgets required. Also, it is uncertain whether the current level of funding provision for the Town Team can be maintained in the long term.

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<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A MARKETS POLICY		
<p>1. That the 'Markets Policy', as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.</p> <p>2. That the next steps contained within section 4.0 of the report, which requires the development of the application process and the establishment of a charging schedule on the basis outlined in the report, be noted.</p>		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
The policy and subsequent application process will provide clarity as to the circumstances in which 'markets' or events with a trading element will be permitted.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
Not to develop a Markets Policy. This would mean there is no framework in place to determine applications. In such circumstances, every event could be addressed on its merit. This would give rise to continued uncertainty for applicants considering holding a 'market' or any type of event which has a trading element. In the absence of a policy it could become more difficult to challenge 'rival markets'. The policy provides a context for the granting of permission to hold a market which is based on an assessment that the activity permitted will not be harmful to the existing market. Therefore, allowing markets in those circumstances should not diminish the Council's right to take action against those which are considered to be harmful.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
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RECORD OF THE DECISION

REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF HARMONISED CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES (CPRs) FOR STOCKPORT, TRAFFORD AND ROCHDALE

1. That the contents of the report and the proposed CPRs be noted.
2. That the establishment of a working group to review and recommend new Directorate financial schemes of delegation be noted.
3. That it be recommended to Council that it approves the incorporation of the revised CPR's in the Council's Constitution and authorises the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to harmonise processes and deliver an effective and consistent procurement process it was considered essential that Stockport, Trafford and Rochdale (STaR) have a single set of Contract Procedure Rules (CPRs) for the three Councils.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Council could choose not to approve the amended and harmonised CPR's and continue with the existing rules. However, this would mean that the Council would be out of step with the other authorities in STaR. Furthermore, the amended harmonised CPR's are an improvement on the existing procedures as is set out in the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None

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Not applicable: This is a substantive decision for Council, and is not subject to call-in.

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<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
Annual Delivery Plan 2015/16		
That the content of the Annual Delivery Plan 2015/16 be agreed.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
The Annual Delivery Plan monitors the key work streams and actions for each Directorate and in relation to delivery of the Corporate Priorities over the coming year. Regular reporting of the measures contained in the Plan will keep Executive Members and Directors informed of progress and direction of travel against these key measures.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
A full review of the Annual Delivery Plan format was undertaken prior to the development of the 2013/14 Plan. This resulted in significantly different format to previous years. The new format has been positively received and therefore no other option is proposed.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
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<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2014/15 - PERIOD 12 OUTTURN (APRIL 2014 to MARCH 2015)		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the pre-audited outturn be noted. 2. That the £(1.067)m underspend in Children, Families & Wellbeing be transferred to the General Reserve. 3. That an earmarked reserve of £400k is established in respect of the Better Care Fund. 4. That the General Reserve and Collection Fund balances and commitments be noted and confirmed. 		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
To supply the Executive with information on the outturn position against the Revenue Budget for 2014/15 and to provide for consequential financial measures.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
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<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
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<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2014/15 OUTTURN		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the content of the summary report be noted. 2. That the changes to the 2015/18 Programme be approved. 3. That approval be given to the additional expenditure, listed in Appendix B to the report, in accordance with Financial Procedure Rule No. 4. 4. That the outturn of the prudential indicators for 2014/15 as set out in paragraph 14 and Appendix C to the report be noted. 		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
To ensure that key information on the Capital Investment Programme is noted by the Executive.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
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RECORD OF THE DECISION

TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: THE LOCAL AUTHORITY PROPERTY INVESTMENT FUND

That the following elements be recommended to Council for approval:-

- inclusion of the Local Authorities Property Investment fund into the current Investment strategy,
- maximum duration funds can be placed in an investment instrument be extended from 3 years to 10 years however this extension only applies to monies placed in this fund,
- maximum level of funds to be placed into this fund be set at **£10m**,
- the Prudential indicator for Upper limit for sums invested over 364 days be amended from £60m 2015/16, £60m 2016/17 & £50m 2017/18 to £70m 2015/16, £70m 2016/17 & £60m 2017/18 and a new category be incorporated under the existing Investment criteria as detailed at Appendix A to the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The report has been produced in order to meet the requirements of the Council's Financial Procedure Rules which incorporate the requirements of both the CIPFA Prudential Code and the CIPFA Treasury Management Code.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

To reduce the Council's minimum credit rating criteria thereby enabling funds to be placed in institutions paying better rates of interest; or to increase the total amount which is permissible to be placed with any institution, but these courses of action would lead to an exposure to higher levels of credit risk.

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<p><u>APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE TO OUTSIDE AND INDEPENDENT BODIES</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That approval be given to the appointment of representatives to those outside and independent bodies set out in the Appendix to the report. 2. That the Chief Executive be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Opposition Group Leader(s) if necessary, to appoint members to any outside body vacancy that remains or arises after the meeting and to any additional bodies to which the Executive may be required to make appointment(s). 		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
To provide for the appointment of representatives to those outside and independent bodies whose activities relate to Executive functions.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
Not applicable.		
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