

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 25 September 2017	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/25.09.17/5	Executive (Councillors Stephen Anstee, Hopps, Lamb, Myers, Whetton and Williams)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

BUSINESS RATES DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF POLICY 2017 REVALUATION - AMENDMENTS TO MAXIMISE FUNDING

That the proposed amendments to the Business Rates Discretionary Rate Relief Policy 2017 be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Government funding is available through a discretionary fund over four years from 2017/18 to support those businesses most affected by an increase in rating valuations as a result of the 2017 revaluation. The Council agreed a policy in June 2017 based on the assumption that the funding could be spent equally. This has been confirmed not to be the case and therefore amendments are required to the existing policy to ensure that the Council maximises the new funding available.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Council could maintain its existing policies and not make the amendments but due to the funding constraints this would mean returning government funding meant for local struggling businesses.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

RECOMMISSIONING OF LEARNING DISABILITY SERVICE PROVISION UNDER THE GREATER MANCHESTER LEARNING DISABILITY & AUTISM FLEXIBLE PURCHASING SYSTEM

1. That the information contained in the report be noted.
2. That approval be given to the proposal that the Council accesses the Greater Manchester Learning Disability Flexible Purchasing System to recommission the Supported Living services as detailed in the report.
3. That the authority to enter into contracts for the new Supported Living services be delegated to the Director of Children, Families and Wellbeing, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Chief Finance Officer.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The recommended option provides the Council with the opportunity to support its residents with learning disabilities to live fulfilling lives, maximise their independence and achieve their ambitions. The Greater Manchester approach enables Councils to have a stronger approach to managing quality and cost by working collaborative. The specification was essentially led by Trafford and enshrines the principles of service redesign and community responsibility in the Trafford 2031 vision.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Establish a Flexible Purchasing System or Framework for the Council individually. In order to do this, the Council would have to commit resources to administer a procurement exercise that would, in effect, duplicate the results of the GM Flexible Purchasing System.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

LEISURE CENTRE REDEVELOPMENTS

1. That agreement be given to progress the proposed option for Urmston Leisure Centre for refurbishment & extension at a cost of up to £6.4m financed as set out in paragraph 3 of the report.
2. That agreement be given that the additional borrowing of £1.15m to fund the scheme be included as part of the 18/19 budget proposals.
3. That it be noted that that steps are being taken to explore further options and opportunities in relation to Sale Leisure Centre, to be brought back to a future meeting of the Executive.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The modernisation of Urmston Leisure Centre will increase the usage, opportunities, programme offer and generate significant additional income to meet the investment requirements. It will also offset the need to spend capital on the backlog of routine maintenance, which would have no perceivable impact on improving the customer facing aspects of the centre and would therefore not generate additional revenue. There is also a risk of falling customer numbers without visible improvements, which would severely jeopardise the Council's ability to sustain a leisure centre offer in each of its key localities. Of prime importance for this proposal is to secure a significant improvement in health and wellbeing outcomes by improving the opportunities for residents to improve their physical activity levels with a resultant financial benefit in reducing pressure on health and social care services.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Invest in excess of £1.2m to rectify an urgent backlog of maintenance at Urmston Leisure Centre. This would not however allow for the development of the leisure offer and would not provide any opportunity to grow income from the services to be provided; or do nothing. This is not an option given the extent of the condition works which would be required just to enable the centre to continue to function at existing levels.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

Councillor Lamb declared a Personal Interest in respect of his Board Membership of the Trafford Leisure Company; Councillor Whetton declared a Personal Interest in respect of his Board Membership of the Trafford Community Leisure Trust.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

That the Real Estate Investment Strategy set out at Appendix 1 to the report be approved and adopted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure the use of the Investment Fund is undertaken based on the appropriate support from investment advisors and subject to appropriate levels of due diligence.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Council has appointed CBRE as investment advisors who have the experience of advising on appropriate investment opportunities and creating balanced property portfolios. This approach will minimise the risk the Council faces compared to making acquisitions without a robust strategy which would expose the Council to excessive amounts of risk. It would also mean that the ability to generate new sustainable income streams would be missed and the potential to reduce the budget deficit through increased income would be lost.

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