

EXECUTIVE

25 SEPTEMBER 2017

PRESENT

Executive Member for Investment (Councillor A. Williams) (in the Chair),
Executive Member for Adult Social Care (Councillor Stephen Anstee),
Executive Member for Children and Families (Councillor M. Whetton),
Executive Member for Corporate Resources (Councillor P. Myers),
Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing (Councillor J. Lamb),
Executive Member for Housing and Strategic Planning (Councillor D. Hopps).

Also present: Councillor Adshead, Blackburn, Butt, Carter, Fishwick, Hynes, Shaw, and M. Young.

In attendance:

Corporate Director, Transformation and Resources (Ms. J. Hyde),
Corporate Director, Children, Families and Wellbeing (Ms. J. Colbert),
Director of Legal and Democratic Services (Ms. J. Le Fevre),
Chief Finance Officer (Ms. N. Bishop),
Director of Growth and Regulatory Services (Mr. R. Roe),
Interim Senior Solicitor (Ms. D. Adcock),
Democratic and Scrutiny Officer (Mr. J.M.J. Maloney).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S.B. Anstee, Mrs. L. Evans and J.R. Reilly.

126. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In respect of Leisure Centre Redevelopments (Minutes 131 and 138 refer), 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.

127. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th July, 2017 be approved as a correct record.

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

There were no issues to be reported to this meeting.

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

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources submitted a report seeking approval for proposals aimed at amending the Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy to ensure that the Council maximises the new government funding available. In discussion Members noted and agreed a correction to the description of the phasing of the scheme's funding as set out on p.8 of the agenda pack.

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

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

The Executive Member for Adult Social Care submitted a report which outlined the next steps in developing a revised offer of support for people with a learning disability in Trafford. In discussion it was noted that the current proposals related not to the entirety of the Learning Disability provision, but primarily to supported living; and that no change was proposed to the level of support received.

RESOLVED -

- (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.

131. LEISURE CENTRE REDEVELOPMENTS

The Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships submitted a report setting out the detail of the proposed refurbishment of Urmston Leisure Centre and providing an update on proposals in relation to Sale Leisure Centre. A related report was considered in Part II of the agenda. (Minute 138 refers.) An opportunity was provided for Members to raise questions on the report's content, and it was noted that further reports on proposals for other leisure centres would be brought to the Executive in due course.

RESOLVED -

- (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.

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- (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.

132. CAPITAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Executive Members for Investment and for Corporate Resources, and the Chief Finance Officer, submitted a joint report presenting for approval a detailed Real Estate Investment Strategy which would assist the Council in creating a balanced portfolio of investment assets. An opportunity was provided for Members to raise questions regarding the strategy, and these centred on the distinction between the net and gross rates of return on investments.

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

133. REPORT ON COMPLAINTS DETERMINED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN 2016/17

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources submitted a report in compliance with the Council's statutory duty to report to Members on adverse outcomes of complaints formally investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman. The report covered those complaints formally determined by the Ombudsman in 2016/17. An opportunity was provided for Members to discuss the content of the report; and it was agreed that further information could be provided, if required, on the outcomes from the Council's broader complaint handling mechanisms.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted.

134. BUDGET MONITORING 2017/18 - PERIOD 4 (APRIL TO JULY 2017)

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources and the Chief Finance Officer submitted a report which informed Members of the current 2017/18 forecast outturn figures relating to both Revenue and Capital budgets. It also summarised the latest forecast position for Council Tax and Business Rates within the Collection Fund. An opportunity was provided for Members to raise questions in relation to the report's content.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the forecast revenue budget underspend of £326k be noted.
- (2) That the additional £600k investment in the highways which has been made possible by the overachievement of income on garden waste collection, as detailed in table 2 to the report, be noted.

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- (3) That the changes to the Capital Programme, as detailed in paragraph 17 of the report, be noted.

135. ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2017/18 (FIRST QUARTER) PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources submitted a report which provided a summary of performance against the Council's Annual Delivery Plan, 2017/18, covering the period 1st April to 30th June 2017. An opportunity was presented for Members to ask questions on the report's content, and these focussed on the processing of planning applications, the granting of consent for housing units, staff sickness absence levels and incidences of 16-17 year olds not in education, training or employment (NEET).

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the content of the Annual Delivery Plan First Quarter Performance Report be noted.
- (2) That an additional annual indicator reporting on the level of inward investment into Trafford be included under the housing and economic growth theme.

136. AGMA COMBINED AUTHORITY / EXECUTIVE BOARD: FORWARD PLANS AND DECISIONS

The Executive received for information, and noted, details of decisions taken by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and jointly by the GMCA and AGMA Executive Board on 28th July 2017.

RESOLVED – That the content of the decision summaries be noted.

137. 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.

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138. LEISURE CENTRE REDEVELOPMENTS

The Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships submitted a report setting out a range of financial details relating to the proposed refurbishment of Urmston Leisure Centre. A related report was considered in Part I of the agenda. (Minute 131 refers.) Any formal resolutions on this matter are set out at Minute 131 above.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and finished at 7.26 p.m.