

**TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

<b><u>DATE OF DECISION</u></b>	Monday, 22 March 2021	<b><u>DECISION MAKER</u></b>
<b><u>DECISION REFERENCE</u></b>	E/22.3.21/6	<b>Executive (Virtual Meeting)</b> (Councillors Participating: A. Western, Adshead, Harding, Hynes, Patel, Ross, Slater, Whitham and Wright)

**RECORD OF THE DECISION**

**PLACES FOR EVERYONE: A PROPOSED JOINT DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT OF NINE GM LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

1. That agreement be given to Trafford establishing a Joint Committee of the nine Greater Manchester Councils together with Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Tameside, and Wigan; and to delegate the formulation and preparation of the Joint Development Plan document to cover housing and employment land requirements including, as appropriate, strategic site allocations and Green Belt boundary amendments and associated infrastructure across the nine Greater Manchester LAs to that Committee.
2. That it be agreed that the Leader of the Council be Trafford's lead Member for the Joint Committee and that the Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration be the nominated deputy to attend and vote as necessary.
3. That it be noted that a further report will be brought to Executive to approve the Joint Development Plan document for publication and consultation.
4. That it be noted that a further report will be brought to Council to agree to submit the Joint Development Plan document for the purposes of submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

'Places for Everyone' enables a strategic approach to delivering growth and housing needs and it will also set the strategic framework for Trafford's Local Plan. The process for establishing the Joint Committee for the Joint DPD needs to be approved by each of the nine LAs in Greater Manchester to ensure that the Plan can be produced for subsequent Executive and Council approval and progress to examination and adoption.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

Trafford to not be part of the Joint Committee and therefore not part of the 'Places for Everyone' Plan. This would mean that strategic issues, such as housing and employment requirements, would form part of the Trafford Local Plan. This is likely to result in Trafford delivering a higher housing number and require the release of more Green Belt land which would be through Trafford's Local Plan. Also Trafford's Local Plan completed its initial Regulation 18 consultation on the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 would need to be substantially reviewed and amended which would adversely affect adoption timeframes. 'Places for Everyone' will also ensure that Trafford Council has an up to date Local Plan in place by the Government deadline of December 2023 as work on the Trafford Local Plan can progress once the strategic GM

context has been set.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION**

None.

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**RECORD OF THE DECISION**

**PROCUREMENT OF GAS AND WATER SUPPLIES**

1. That the content of the report be noted.
2. That the proposal be approved to enter into a new contract with Corona Energy Limited for the supply of Gas for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2023 using the Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation (YPO) framework.
3. That the proposal be approved to enter into a new contract with Wave Water Business (National) Limited for the supply of Water as proposed in the report.
4. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy, to agree the final terms and conditions of the contracts with Corona Energy Limited and Wave Business (National) Limited.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To enable the Council to secure the supply of Gas and Water services for 24 and 35 months respectively. The current contracts have demonstrated that using a flexible purchasing agreement for Gas does offer

value for money over the alternatives.

#### **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

The Council to undertake its own procurement exercise rather than utilising the YPO framework. This would be lengthy process and there would be insufficient time to conclude this process before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and May 2021. There would also be no certainty that it would deliver better value for money when compared with the bulk purchasing power of YPO. Or the Council could seek to enter into a fixed price contract rather than a flexible purchasing contract. Fixed price contracts carry greater price risk as the contract price for Gas and Water would be based on energy prices at the time that the contract was entered into and therefore reflective of prices at that particular point in time. Energy prices do fluctuate significantly, and use of a flexible contract minimises price risk and provides greater cost certainty overall.

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#### **RECORD OF THE DECISION**

##### **CROSSFORD BRIDGE: FIELDS IN TRUST DEDICATION**

1. That the dedication of the Crossford Bridge playing fields as a Field in Trust be approved in principle.
2. That the Corporate Director of Place be authorised to:
  - Undertake public consultation of the proposal to dedicate;
  - Review and consider the responses to the consultation; and
  - Subject to the outcome of the public consultation make the application to dedicate Crossford

Bridge as a Fields in Trust.

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.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To safeguard the long term future of Crossford Bridge as playing fields and recreation ground. Access to greenspace leads to improved health and wellbeing of residents.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

Do nothing. This would not secure the use of the site for public recreation. Ultimately this would fail to capture the significant potential of the site to deliver against key Council and partners priorities around natural capital, health and wellbeing, sport and physical activity and climate change. Or seek to designate the land as Town and Village Green which would protect the status of the land as public recreation land. However, it would not allow the management model that is being proposed.

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**RECORD OF THE DECISION**

**AMALGAMATION OF STAMFORD PARK INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS (THROUGH THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE STAMFORD PARK INFANT SCHOOL AND SIMULTANEOUSLY EXPAND THE AGE RANGE OF STAMFORD PARK JUNIOR SCHOOL)**

1. That the representations and responses be noted.
2. That the proposal be approved with a change to the implementation date to 1 September 2021.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The local authority has a long standing strategic aim to amalgamate separate infant and junior schools where there are no contradictory reasons, as laid out in the Presumption to Amalgamate policy. There is a vacancy in the headship of Stamford Park Infant School. The two schools provide a good education for their pupils and are well supported by parents and governors. Amalgamation would allow development of a single vision for the future with a shared ethos. It will provide continuity of leadership and consolidate more effectively the high quality education that exists, delivering advantages to staff, children and families. The amalgamation would enable better continuity and progression of children’s learning, particularly between key stage 1 and key stage 2. It would remove the requirement for children to transfer between schools at the end of Year 2, creating opportunity for improved educational standards and achievement. After careful consideration of the ever changing Covid-19 situation it is proposed that the implementation date for amalgamation be delayed until 1 September 2021. This will allow schools to concentrate their energies on meeting the needs of their pupils as they re-open to all children on 8 March 2021 following a period of restricted attendance during national lockdown.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

Not to proceed with the amalgamation; the schools would remain as separate entities.

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**RECORD OF THE DECISION**

**SECTION 75 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT - MENTAL HEALTH**

1. That the contents of the report be noted.
2. That the proposal be approved to enter into a new Section 75 Partnership Agreement with the Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust.
3. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Adult Services, in consultation with the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy, to agree the final Terms and Conditions of the Section 75 Partnership Agreement and enter into that Agreement on behalf of the Council.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Section 75 Partnership Agreement between Trafford Council and GMMH provides the legal framework for joint working in Adult and Older People's Mental Health Services. The updated s75 Agreement will update the statutory responsibilities to better reflect the requirements of the Care Act and other relevant legislation.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

To do nothing and allow the existing s75 Partnership Agreement to continue. However, this will not reflect the current statutory responsibilities as required by the Care Act and other relevant legislation; nor does it reflect the current ambitions of either organisation in delivering improved outcomes for residents.

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