

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 24 October 2022	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/24.10.22.5	Executive (Councillors Participating: A. Western, Adshead, Freeman, Harding, Hynes, Patel, Ross, Slater, Whitham and Wright)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

- (i) That the Trafford Communities and Place Investment Plan and related projects, which have been submitted to the GMCA as part of the Communities and Place Investment Priority of the Shared Prosperity Fund application, be approved.
- (ii) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place to make minor amendments to the Communities and Place Investment Plan projects as necessary, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration.
- (iii) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place to deliver the Communities and Place Investment Plan projects, including engaging external resources, commissioning surveys and any other works required.
- (iv) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration to progress all matters, including submitting projects where required, in relation to the Local Business and People and Skills Investment Priorities.
- (v) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place to agree and finalise any grant agreement or other legal agreement required in relation to these funds.
- (vi) That the Director of Legal and Governance be authorised to finalise and enter into all funding and legal agreements required to implement the above decisions.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Through submitting a comprehensive Trafford Communities and Place Investment Plan, Trafford will benefit from significant funding being awarded to the borough to deliver a wide range of projects that meet Corporate Priorities and local need.

By seeking delegated authority from the Executive, the Council will be able to submit projects in a timely manner for the Local Business and People and Skills Investment Priorities as well as the Communities and Place Investment Priority, as they are launched.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

A long list of projects were initially developed and through close working with all relevant departments, these were narrowed down to ensure they met the available funding allocation for

Trafford and the Communities and Place interventions set by GMCA.

In addition, an option was considered of bringing individual reports forward which contained projects in support of the Local Business and People and Skills Investment Priorities to the Executive but given the limited timescales that may be available, it is proposed that delegated authority is given to officers to submit the proposals in consultation with the Executive Member.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

SOCIAL VALUE CHARTER

- (i) That the Trafford Social Value Charter be approved.
- (ii) That the draft Social Value Action Plan be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Having in place a clear Social Value Charter and Action Plan clarifies the Council's and partners' aspirations of how Social Value can play a significant role in supporting existing and emerging community needs and will help guide businesses in delivering their social value commitments.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Option One – Continue with no change
The option of not having a Social Value Charter and draft Action Plan has been considered but

is not preferred as Charter and Action Plan allows for Trafford and partner organisations to clearly set out their aspirations for Social Value in Trafford.

Option Two- Use existing resources

The use of nominated Social Value leads across all departments has also been considered. This option is not preferred as it would not provide sufficient resource to drive Social Value across wider stakeholders and across the Trafford Partnership.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

PROPOSED CHANGES/SAVINGS TO THE COUNCIL TAX DISCRETIONARY SCHEMES INCLUDING THE COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FROM APRIL 2023

- (i) That the implementation of the Council Tax Discretionary Scheme changes on the discretionary Empty Property Charges, detailed in this report from April 2023, be approved.
- (ii) That the introduction of the maximum charge on long term empty properties, subject to the outcome of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The following discretionary discounts on empty and unfurnished properties were offered by

Trafford:

- 100% discount for up to 1 month, including new properties;
- 100% discount for up to 12 months on properties requiring structural repairs or alterations to make it suitable to live in.

In 2021/22, the total amount of these awards cost the Council c£985k.

There was no overwhelming opposition to the proposals to remove these discretionary schemes from the consultation exercise carried out. Therefore, it was proposed to remove the discounts in order to support the Council's overall budget position and protect vital community services.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Council could decide to leave the existing discretionary awards in place however, this would potentially mean that savings would need to come from elsewhere which is more likely to have a more direct impact on vulnerable and/or financially struggling residents.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

EXECUTIVE'S DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2023/24 AND MTFS 2024/25 - 2025/26

- (i) That the 2023/26 proposed budget strategy, including the 2023/24 draft revenue

budget and the 2023/27 MTFS, be approved.

- (ii) That the proposal to increase Council Tax by 2.99% in 2023/24 (comprising 1.0% adult social care precept and 1.99% general increase) and by similar levels for the remaining years of the MTFS 2023/26 be noted.
- (iii) That the assumptions made in setting the MTFP in section 3.2 and the degree of uncertainty be noted.
- (iv) That the remaining budget gap for the years 2023/24 to 2025/26 be noted.
- (v) That the commentary of the Director of Finance and Systems, the Council's statutory S151 officer, regarding the financial sustainability of the Council in Section 1.6 be noted.
- (vi) It be noted that the draft proposals are subject to various consultation exercises, further analysis of reserves, savings and income including impact assessments, potential future movements in core funding and specific grants, revised costings and robustness assessments.
- (vii) It be noted that the review of the Capital Programme which is ongoing and agreed that no further contractual commitments are made on capital projects which are financed from either capital receipts or borrowing until the current review of the capital programme is completed.
- (viii) That the flexible use of capital receipts to support in part the cost of the Modernisation Team in developing the Council's Finance and Change Programme for the next two years be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable consultation with the public, businesses (s65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992), stakeholders, staff and Scrutiny Committee to take place.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The budget proposals included within the report assume an overall increase to the level of council tax of 2.99% in 2023/24 comprising an increase of 1.0% for the 'adult social care precept' to be earmarked for adult social care expenditure and 1.99% general increase in the 'relevant basic amount'.

An alternative option could be made to increase its 'relevant basic amount of council tax' above these levels. However, this would exceed the referendum limits, which would mean a local referendum would be required to be held before any such increase could be implemented.

Alternatively, not increasing council tax by the level recommended in this report, subject to the final referendum level being notified in December 2022, would increase the overall funding gap by up to £3.41m in 2023/24 which would mean further reductions to expenditure on council services would be necessary.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

FAIR PRICE FOR CARE RESIDENTIAL AND HOMECARE & NURSING HOMES 2023/24 (CONSULTATION)

- (i) That the content of the report be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council is required to consult with the public on the proposals detailed within the report before a final model can be proposed for formal approval. The Executive is recommended to note the detail contained in the report by way of an update on the current position in respect of Fair Price For Care consultation.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

None.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION**GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP**

- (i) That the proposal to establish the GM Integrated Care Partnership as a joint committee of the ICB and ten local authorities be approved.
- (ii) That the appointment of a member and a substitute member of the authority as members of the GM ICP be approved.
- (iii) The authority be delegated to that member and substitute member of the GM ICP, to discharge jointly the functions of the ICP, such functions include the doing of anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of those functions.
- (iv) That the proposed Terms of Reference of the GM ICP be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable the establishment of the GM Integrated Care Partnership Board and to appoint a member and a substitute member of the authority as members of the GM ICP.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

None. The ICP is a component of an Integrated Care System, alongside the Integrated Care Board (ICB). Section 26 Health and Care Act 2022 inserts s.116ZA into the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. s.116ZA requires each Responsible Authority to nominate a member.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

GREATER MANCHESTER JOINT CLEAN AIR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- (i) That the establishment of a GM Clean Air Joint Scrutiny Committee be agreed.
- (ii) That the Terms of Reference of the GM Clean Air Joint Scrutiny Committee as set out in Appendix A be agreed.
- (iii) That a member and a substitute be appointed to the GM Clean Air Joint Scrutiny Committee.
- (iv) That authority be delegated to that member and substitute member of the GM Clean Air Joint Scrutiny Committee, to discharge jointly the functions of the GM Clean Air Scrutiny Committee, such functions as detailed in the report which includes the doing of anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of those functions.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable the establishment of the GM Clean Air Scrutiny Committee and to appoint a member and a substitute member of the authority as members of the GM Clean Air Scrutiny Committee.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The authority could not agree the establishment of a joint GM scrutiny committee for clean air and/or it could not appoint a member for that joint scrutiny committee.

If the authority does not agree to the establishment of the GM Clean Air Scrutiny Committee and it does not appoint a member for that GM Clean Air Scrutiny Committee, the authority will need to continue to scrutinise the two clean air committees on an individual basis.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

MODERN SLAVERY

- (i) That the content of the Trafford Council Modern Slavery statement outlined in the body of the report, so that Trafford complies with the requirements implemented in 2021, be approved.
- (ii) That the intention to implement the 'minimum' recommendations (no 1 to 14 in appendix) and work towards the medium and long-term activity over time with the relevant services be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

As of 2021, it is requirement for organisations with a budget of £36 million or more in all sectors

to publish their modern slavery statements on a new digital government reporting service.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Council could not publish a Modern Slavery statement which would mean Trafford would not comply with the requirements implemented in 2021.

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