

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 20 February 2023	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E.20/02/23.5	Executive (Councillors Participating: Ross, Adshead, Carter, Harding, Hynes, Patel, Slater, Williams, and Wright)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

LEISURE STRATEGY REVIEW

- 1) That, following the completion of RIBA stage 2 and updated business plan for Stretford Leisure Centre, the facility mix set out in this report and the business case in Appendix 1 Part II be approved.
- 2) That Stretford Leisure Centre is to follow Altrincham Leisure Centre within the phased refurbishment programme be approved.
- 3) That the continuation of the proposed capital investment into the refurbishment designs for Stretford Leisure Centre up to the end of RIBA Stage 3, including the re-allocation of the previously approved £300k for RIBA stage 3 design costs at Sale Leisure Centre, and an additional £270k at a total value of up to £570k and the delegation of authority to the Corporate Director of Place to negotiate and award any contracts which may be required to implement this decision be approved.
- 4) It be noted that, following the successful completion of RIBA stage 2 consultation, an updated business plan has been completed for Sale Leisure Centre. Appendix 1 Part II.
- 5) It be noted that, following the successful decision from the Governments Levelling Up Fund, Partington Leisure Centre and the associated projects will be brought back to the Executive in March 2023.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Leisure Centres help support the health and wellbeing of the community helping people to live longer, remain independent and in better health. In turn, reducing the growing burden upon the health and social care system.

Trafford has a declining leisure asset, which is leading to a loss of market share by Trafford Leisure and will also negatively impact on the ability to recover usage back to at least pre-COVID levels. The Council is currently subsidising Trafford Leisure losses from its approved revenue budget, £1.1m in 2022/23, and this is expected to rise as the assets decline.

With the facilities in decline the strategic importance of this to the Council's aims and corporate priorities is paramount.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

1. Do nothing – Doing nothing means ultimate closure of the leisure centre as usage continues

to decline due to the extremely poor condition of the existing facilities. During the decline, the Council will incur increasing annual revenue costs to subsidise Trafford Leisure CIC as a going concern over several years and will still need to undertake significant essential health and safety capital works during the same period. Strategic outcomes will not be delivered, and this option would directly impact on the Council's ability to directly address health inequalities and climate crisis.

2. Undertake short term ongoing maintenance works with associated costs required to ensure the centres can remain open. However, this wouldn't drive key outcomes such as health and wellbeing or provide a revenue opportunity but would provide some maintenance cover for a zero-to-five-year lifespan. This has the same financial pressures as above and would lead to ultimate closure as capital and revenue costs escalate.

A reduction in the number of leisure centres would reduce the overall level of investment required for the refurbishment programme and ongoing running costs. Any capital receipt could be re invested in the programme. Reducing the leisure asset base would limit the delivery of key strategic health and wellbeing outcomes. Closure costs would still need to be met including any redundancies incurred, building security and utilities required subject to securing the long-term future of the asset.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

LONGFORD PARK HERITAGE FUND DELIVERY PHASE APPROVAL

- 1) That submission of the NHLF Delivery Phase bid on 25th May 2023 be approved.
- 2) That the delegation of authority to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Director of Finance and Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration, to finalise the bid and compulsory supporting documents for submission be approved.
- 3) That the need to continue to develop proposals to sustain the project, associated posts, and outcomes beyond the period of NLHF funding be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Longford Park 'People, Place and Nature' project has the potential to contribute significantly to a number of key Council strategies and priorities relating to physical and mental wellbeing, sport and physical activity, biodiversity and access to nature, climate change adaptation and mitigation, skills development, green economy and volunteering.

The project also complements major local place shaping at Stretford Town Centre and The Civic Quarter, providing the primary major public park to meet the needs of planned residential growth, with strong physical and partnership links to the countryside of The Mersey Valley.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

No alternative viable option exists to secure the necessary levels of capital and revenue funding to realise the park's environmental, social and economic potential. A do-nothing option would fail to seize the opportunity to regenerate a major cultural and heritage asset beyond that which could be achieved within current available resources for park maintenance and development, whilst failing to unlock the potential of the site to achieve cross-cutting benefits for local residents, visitors, partner organisations and businesses.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

INCLUSIVE ECONOMY DELIVERY PLAN

- 1) That the progress achieved against the actions contained in the Inclusive Economy and Recovery Plan be noted.
- 2) That the new Trafford Inclusive Economy Delivery Plan 2022/23–2024/25 be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Executive was asked to approve the Trafford Inclusive Economy Delivery Plan to provide the strategy for the delivery of economic development and a more inclusive economy in Trafford.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Other options are not to progress the Trafford Inclusive Economy Delivery Plan or to prepare a different strategy. The absence of a clear and longer-term plan to support an inclusive economy for Trafford will not provide the Council with a strategic approach within which to make decisions on future activity to support its objectives, prioritise resources and meet ongoing challenges.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

CCTV PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

- 1) That the progress and success over the last six years of the current partnership agreement with Salford City Council for CCTV services be noted.
- 2) That the proposal to enter into a new 5year partnership agreement with Salford City Council for public space CCTV services be approved.
- 3) That the delegation of authority to the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance, to approve the final Terms and Conditions of the Partnership Agreement and enter into that Agreement on behalf of the Council be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This existing partnership between Trafford Council and Salford CC has proved to be very successful, and the recommendation to secure a new partnership agreement will mean that the authorities can build on the successful collaborative working to date. This option offers value for money as well as numerous other value-added benefits, as outlined in the report.

Trafford Council is required to comply with the procurement rules as set out in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015) for a contract of this value. However, where there is an arrangement between contracting authorities co-operating with one another to provide the public services that they have to perform with the aim of achieving common objectives, the usual requirements can be departed from. Instead, the council must comply with the conditions set out in Regulation 12(7) PCR 2015 for the exclusion to apply:

A contract concluded exclusively between two or more contracting authorities falls outside the scope of this Part where all of the following conditions are fulfilled: —

- (a) the contract establishes or implements a co-operation between the participating contracting authorities with the aim of ensuring that public services they have to perform are provided with a view to achieving objectives they have in common;
- (b) the implementation of that co-operation is governed solely by considerations relating to the public interest; and
- (c) the participating contracting authorities perform on the open market less than 20% of the activities concerned by the co-operation.

This collaboration between the parties complies with all of the above requirements and therefore a procurement process is not required.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

In House: The previous report to the Executive in 2016 outlined several obstacles around re-locating the control room to Trafford Town Hall. Conservative estimates of capital expenditure at that time were that in the region of £1.1m would be needed to build an industry compliant facility. Major building works would also be required which may be impossible to deliver given Trafford Town Hall's status as a listed building.

Significant ongoing investment would also be required to install equipment and technology to produce images of sufficient quality. An increase in staffing levels to give operational oversight, governance, and technical expertise would also be needed which would make this an expensive long-term option.

Go out to Tender: This option was also considered through soft market testing in 2015. This tried to identify the appetite from potential partners to deliver the service at a reduced cost. This exercise was inconclusive as there was little interest from the private sector to take over the public realm camera monitoring and no interest in emergency call handling.

The potential for large knowledge and skills gaps were also identified by not using Council staff. Local Authority statutory responsibilities rely heavily on skilled staff working closely with partners around sensitive issues for which Council operators have a good understanding.

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LEISURE STRATEGY REVIEW - PART II

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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The reasons for the decision are detailed within the Part II report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

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