

EXECUTIVE

20 FEBRUARY 2023

PRESENT

Leader of the Council (Councillor Tom Ross), in the Chair.

Councillor C. Hynes	Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Children's Services
Councillor S. Adshead	Executive Member for Environmental Services / Labour Group Secretary
Councillor K.G. Carter	Executive Member for Adult Social Care
Councillor J. Harding	Executive Member for Culture, Leisure, and Strategic Partnerships
Councillor E. Patel	Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration
Councillor J. Slater	Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing and Equalities
Councillor A.J. Williams	Executive Member for Climate Change and Transport Strategy
Councillor J.A. Wright	Executive Member for Housing and Neighbourhoods

Also present: Councillors Blackburn, Butt, Ennis, Jerrome, Newgrosh, Welton, and Whetton.

Officers In attendance

Sara Todd	Chief Executive
Sara Saleh	Deputy Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Strategy and Resources.
Nathan Atkinson	Corporate Director of Adults and Wellbeing
Richard Roe	Corporate Director of Place
Jill McGregor	Corporate Director of Children's Services
Graeme Bentley	Director of Finance and Systems
Dominique Sykes	Director of Legal and Governance
Emma Malpas	Head of Legal and Governance
Alexander Murray	Governance Officer

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor New.

80. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made.

81. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held 23 January 2023 be agreed as an accurate record.

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

No matters were raised.

83. LEISURE STRATEGY REVIEW

The Executive Member for Culture, Leisure, and Strategic Partnerships introduced the report on the leisure strategy review. The report detailed that the renovations of Stretford Leisure Centre would follow the completion of Altrincham Leisure Centre. The Executive Member informed the Committee of the condition of Stretford Leisure Centre and how delighted she was to present the paper and especially the development of the active cricket centre. The strategy was focused upon making people healthier by having a more active lifestyle and providing adequate facilities for the community was an important element in achieving that goal. It was noted that the report contained a typo as the swimming pool in Stretford Leisure Centre had six lanes rather than five.

The Leader welcomed the report and the investment in Stretford Leisure centre. The Executive Member for Environmental Services added his support of the investment and the aims of the strategy to encourage people to live a healthy lifestyle.

The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration noted the large amount of community interest in this work and welcomed the involvement of UA 92 and other local partners.

The Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing, and Equalities welcomed the investment and noted that the facilities had deteriorated over the last few years and needed renovation.

Councillor Newgrosh noted the green energy generation mentioned within the report and asked whether Altrincham would have the same system fitted. The Corporate Director of Place informed Members that Altrincham Leisure Centre was currently undergoing the upgrade which was why it was closed.

Councillor Blackburn enquired about North Trafford General Practice and how long the NHS freeze on estates decisions would last. The Executive Member for Culture, Leisure, and Strategic Partnerships noted the question and responded that she would have to raise it with NHS colleagues.

Councillor Jerome welcomed the report, in particular the environmental aspects, and asked about the quality of cycling access for the leisure centre. In response to Councillor Jerrome the Corporate Director of Place stated that the site had a good

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level of accessibility for both public transport and active transport, including cycling. The Executive Member for Culture, Leisure, and Strategic Partnerships added that the strategy and update of the facilities would allow the Council to review how people accessed leisure facilities across the borough.

Councillor Butt welcomed the report and the modernisation schemes and enquired whether cricket academy would be usable by residents from all areas of the borough. The Executive Member for Culture, Leisure, and Strategic Partnerships responded to Councillor Butt by confirming that the strategy would support the whole borough to be active and informing the Committee that conversations were ongoing to have cricket facilities or activities in parks across Trafford.

Following the discussions the Leader moved the recommendations, which were approved.

RESOLVED:

- 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.

84. LONGFORD PARK HERITAGE FUND DELIVERY PHASE APPROVAL

The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration introduced the report which was the result of work to secure funding and the creation of a plan to develop the park. The Executive Member outlined the main elements that the update to the park would deliver. It was noted the project required match funding, with the Committee being informed of the partners who would be involved in

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providing funding. it was noted that a further update on the funding for the project was scheduled to come to the Committee in summer 2023.

The Leader welcomed the report and the development in the park which had a very rich heritage.

Councillor Blackburn asked for clarification as to when the senior engagement officer role would commence. The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration informed Members that the role would start in winter 2023.

Councillor Blackburn noted that the funding for the post was due to end in 2027 and enquired what would happen to the position. The Executive Member informed Members that while it was currently a time limited post, work was ongoing with a view to secure additional funding for the role to continue.

Councillor Butt asked whether the work of the Rylands would be captured by the works within the park. The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration assured Councillor Butt that the Rylands and their work would be central part of the heritage work in the park.

RESOLVED:

- 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.

85. INCLUSIVE ECONOMY DELIVERY PLAN

The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration introduced the report by informing the Committee of the original economic recovery plan which was created following the pandemic and how the plan detailed within the report was a follow up plan to lead the area to further recovery. The report included a RAG rated review of the previous plan and identified six objectives for the new plan with associated KPIs for achieving each one. The Executive gave a brief overview of the six objectives listed.

Councillor Jerome noted the section on carbon reduction within the report and asked how the report could also support the development of the Carrington relief road. The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration informed Members that the report was not focused upon the Council's carbon neutral plans but was focused upon economic recovery, which included the economic benefits the Carrington relief road would bring to the local community.

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Councillor Blackburn asked when feedback could be expected from the green studies mentioned within the report. In response to Councillor Blackburn the Corporate Director of Place stated that there would be an item covering the studies on the Executive agenda in March.

Councillor Welton welcomed the report and note the levelling up fund bid disappointment and asked whether the mayors challenge fund funding would still come through. The Corporate Director of Place said that he would contact Councillor Welton after the meeting as it was a very complex picture of funding.

Councillor Butt commented that an economic plan was required to support existing business while generating new business and asked whether the digital solution put forward within the report would be adequate to achieve this. The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration responded that the digital solution referred to by Councillor Butt was only one element of a wide range of measures the Council were utilising to support the local economy.

RESOLVED:

- 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.

86. ALTRINCHAM TOWN HALL

The Leader stated that due to a communication received prior to the meeting he had determined that the agenda item would be considered at the next meeting instead.

RESOLVED: That the report be deferred to the next meeting of the Executive.

87. OLD TRAFFORD DERELICT BUILDINGS PROGRAMME

The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration introduced the report and informed the Committee that it contained details of a series of sites across Trafford and the issues associated with those buildings along with a set of actions for dealing with the developments. Members at the meeting welcomed the report and the Council's commitment to deliver quality development within the borough. During the discussions Members raised other areas of the borough with similar issues and spoke in support of the wider roll out of the approach.

RESOLVED: That the problem of derelict, vacant and non-compliant property within Old Trafford be noted and the need for further action be acknowledged.

88. CCTV PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

The Executive Member for Housing and Neighbourhoods introduced the report and stated it was an extension of the current partnership arrangements with Salford City Council. The Executive Member informed Members that he was very happy with the service that had been delivered and to recommend that it continue for another five years.

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Councillor Newgrosh noted that a lot of the hardware was coming to the end of its life cycle and asked whether the council would take the opportunity to upgrade the equipment. The Executive Member for Housing and Neighbourhoods assured Councillor Newgrosh that conversations were being held with a view to upgrading the equipment.

Councillor Blackburn asked whether the AMPR cameras would be used by the police. The Executive Member for Climate Change and Transport Strategy responded to Councillor Blackburn and informed her the use of AMPR cameras by the police was being looked at by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority rather than at the local level and that there would be consultation before anything was agreed.

RESOLVED:

- 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.

89. ANNUAL OMBUDSMAN REPORT

The Leader of the Council introduced the report and noted that there were no public interest reports were issued in 2021/22 and ten complaints were upheld by the ombudsman with several of those having begun in the previous year.

Following the introduction Councillor Blackburn noted that four of the ten complaints upheld related to issues with procedure or communication and asked if annual training could be provided. The Leader thanked Councillor Blackburn for her comments and agreed that training would be looked at.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

90. 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.

*Executive (20.2.23)***91. LEISURE STRATEGY REVIEW - PART II**

The Executive Member for Culture, Leisure, and Strategic Partnerships detailed the Part II elements of the report before giving Committee Members and those in attendance opportunity to comment or ask questions.

The Leader then moved the recommendations, which were approved.

RESOLVED:

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92. ALTRINCHAM TOWN HALL - PART II

RESOLVED: That this item be considered at the next meeting of the Executive.

93. OLD TRAFFORD DERELICT BUILDINGS PROGRAMME - PART II

The Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration outlined to Members the Part II report and noted that this was a new process the Council was implementing that would take some time to get used to.

Councillor Blackburn spoke about the areas covered within the report.

RESOLVED: That the proposed actions and timescales set out in the Appendix 1 of Part II of the report be endorsed by the Executive.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 p.m. and finished at 7.19 p.m.