

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 13 March 2023	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>		Executive (Councillors Participating: A. Western, Adshead, Freeman, Harding, Hynes, Patel, Ross, Slater, Whitham and Wright)
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
<u>GREENING TRAFFORD PARK AND LOW CARBON TRAFFORD PARK STUDIES</u>		
That the Executive:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Noted the Greening Trafford Park and Low Carbon Trafford Park studies.(ii) Agreed that a prioritised list of interventions is developed for both studies, led by the Trafford Climate Change Commission, and research undertaken on potential funding sources for delivery.(iii) Agreed that an initial scoping exercise is undertaken to consider whether a Business Improvement District (BID) may be a suitable vehicle to take a lead role on the delivery of specific actions arising from the studies.(iv) Agreed that the studies are communicated to key stakeholders and consultees.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
Prioritising the potential projects arising from the studies will enable a focussed approach to be taken in identifying and bidding for external funding and resources to take forwards high priority areas of the studies.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
There is the option to simply note the work that has been undertaken as part of the studies, however, given the information the Council is in receipt of it would appear there is now the opportunity to focus time on prioritising activities that may address the issues raised and investigate where there may be additional resource and expertise to take forwards the findings.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
None		

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

LEISURE INVESTMENT - LEVELLING UP FUND 2 - PARTINGTON SPORTS VILLAGE

That the Executive:

- i) Approved that the Council enters into a grant agreement with the DLUHC to access grant award from the Levelling Up Fund to support the delivery of the programme of works.
- ii) Delegated authority to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance and Director of Finance and Systems, to agree the terms and conditions of the grant funding agreement.
- iii) Delegated authority to Director of Legal and Governance to enter into the grant agreement required to finalise the transaction.
- iv) Delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Place to negotiate and award any contracts which may be required to implement this decision.
- v) Noted that the outcomes of the RIBA Stage 2 report for Partington Leisure Centre will be presented to the Executive prior to submitting a planning 2 application in 2024.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council is required to enter into a grant agreement with DLUHC in order to access grant monies to support the immediate implementation of the works within the timeframe of the grant agreement

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.
3. 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.

4. 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, 7 building security and utilities required subject to securing the long-term future of the asset.

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TRAFFORD MOVING REFRESH

That the Executive:

- a) Approved the refreshed Trafford Moving Strategy
- b) Approved the development of Community Based Activity Plans

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Endorse a 10-year time-line to align with GM Moving and Sport England

- Both organisations, who are key policy makers and funder's, have recognised that behavior change takes time. Aligning the borough's strategy with this approach will enable projects and funding opportunities as well provide the time to make the necessary impact.

Endorse the development of Community Based Activity Plans, as set out in this report

- The issues of inactivity are localised and so the approach needs to address this by ensuring plans are locally led and able to address health inequalities.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

If no other option is considered the impact of inactivity will go unchecked and this will affect resident's health and wellbeing being and have an adverse effect on Trafford's health care system

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WALKING WHEELING AND CYCLING STRATEGY

That the Executive Adopt the Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Strategy and enable the boroughs and Greater Manchester's vision for Active Travel.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Enable the council and in conjunction with Trafford Moving to improve the health and wellbeing of residents through increased activity rates by walking, wheeling and cycling.

Reduce the number of short journeys taken by cars, by providing leadership and enabling behaviour change that gives residents confidence to make these journeys via active travel.

Address our climate crisis by reducing the number of motorised vehicles on the roads and reducing congestion by enable residents to make the change to active travel.

Connecting with the GM Active Travel Commissioners Refresh the Mission Strategy and ensure a joined

up approach to active travel that benefits all residents in Trafford.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

If no other option is considered the impact of air quality and inactivity will go unchecked and this will affect resident's health and wellbeing being. The number of pollutant producing vehicles on Trafford roads is reaching an unsustainable level and a major contributor to poor air quality and 7 our climate crisis. If this trend continues, then journey times will continue to increase as will congestion and the amount of air pollution produced. By not encouraging Trafford residents to make the change to walking, wheeling and cycling we will also see an impact on health, wellbeing and inactivity and the ability to achieve the ambitions of Trafford Moving, the boroughs strategy for tackling inactivity through sport and physical activity. This will also have a financial impact on local services as demand for health services increase through poor health.

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BETTER CARE FUND

That the Executive:

1. Approved the proposal to review and update the current s75 partnership agreement between GM ICB Trafford and the Council for the Better Care Fund with a view to creating a new s75 partnership agreement for 2023/24 as detailed in the report; and
2. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Adults and Well-Being in consultation with the Director of Legal Governance to agree the terms and conditions of the partnership 23/24 agreement and to enter into the 23/24 Agreement on behalf of the Council.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a requirement of the Better Care Fund national guidance to enter into a Section 75 partnership agreement between the Council and the ICB. The guidance sets out the expectations of the required s75 partnership agreement and a national template has been provided on which the Trafford agreement is based.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

It is a requirement of the Better Care Fund national guidance to enter into a Section 75 agreement between the Council and the ICB.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION**SECTION 75 AGREEMENT WITH MFT**

That the Executive:

1. Approved the proposal to enter into a Section 75 Strategic Partnership Agreement for the integrated delivery of Health and Social Care services with Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust for 2023-24 as detailed in the report;
2. Delegated authority to the Executive member for Adult Social Care, in consultation with the Corporate Director Adults & Wellbeing and the Director of Legal and Governance to agree the revised terms and conditions of the Section 75 agreement for 2023-24;
3. Noted the proposal to undertake a detailed holistic review of s75 arrangements during 2023/24 with a view to a further new s75 agreement for 2024/25. which will align with the development of

Trafford Local Care Organisation (TLCO) target operating model setting out a clear three-year vision for the 2 LCO;

4. Noted that the renewal of the section 75 is a key enabling and strategic tool to develop closer working arrangement through 2023/24 and beyond.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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10 YEAR ESTATES STRATEGY

That the Executive:

1. Approved the 10 Year Estates Strategy
2. Approved the Community Estates Policy
3. Delegated authority to the Corporate Director of Place to authorise short term lettings at undervalue of assets or parts of assets contained within the Community Estate for community purposes

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council is committed to deliver a fit for purpose estate, aligned to the Corporate Priorities. The approach outlined in this report will ensure that the Council has a long term, sustainable property estate that provides income to support service delivery, and provides the assets that are required to deliver good quality services.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The alternative to the recommended approach would be to do nothing. This would mean that the Council's property estate is not aligned to the Corporate Plan which would hinder the delivery of good services and would not support the savings and change programme.

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ALTRINCHAM TOWN HALL

That the Executive:

1. Noted the update in respect of the process to secure the leasehold disposal of Altrincham Town Hall as a site which has been approved and included within the Council's Strategic Land Review Programme for 2022/23 as detailed in the report;
2. Approved the commencement of a formal open tender process to explore the disposal of Altrincham Town Hall via a lease;
3. Delegated approval to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration, to agree the final tender assessment criteria;

4. In accordance with previous delegations, reaffirmed the approval to delegate to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Economy and Regeneration, the authority to identify and confirm the successful bidder following the conclusion of the open tender process;
5. In accordance with previous delegations, reaffirmed the approval to delegate to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance, the authority to agree the terms and conditions of, and to enter into, all legal documents and/or agreements in respect of the leasehold disposal of Altrincham Town Hall;
6. Noted the previous approvals and delegations in respect of the disposal of Altrincham Town Hall as detailed in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To note the update in respect of the process to secure the leasehold disposal of Altrincham Town Hall as a site which has been approved and included within the Council’s Strategic Land Review Programme for 2022/23.

The recommendation gives the Council the best opportunity to achieve the following objectives in relation to the asset; a) Sustainability – to protect the Town Hall for future generations b) Utilisation – to ensure that the Town Hall has a positive impact on the local community/ economy c) Financial – to support the Council’s financial health by reducing maintenance and running costs

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Council could continue to operate the Town Hall in-house and find additional revenue and capital budget to fund the increasing costs of the asset. This option does not meet the Council’s agreed objectives as detailed in the report.

The Council could accept the one existing viable business case proposals but this might not capture the best outcome given the new interest in the asset.

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SUPPORTED HOUSING STRATEGY

That the Executive approved the Trafford Supported Housing Strategy and Action Plan 2023-2028 for publication.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Executive is asked to approve the Trafford Supported Housing Strategy and Draft Action Plan 2023-2028 which sets the key priorities for the borough and the actions required to deliver them by the Council and other key partners. The overarching Supported Strategy will provide the mechanism to supported housing in the borough and meet the Council's Corporate Priorities, actions contained within the Trafford Housing Strategy 2018-2023 and Homelessness Strategy 2019-2024, and wider GM priorities.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

An option is not to have a Supported Housing Strategy for the borough. The absence of a Supported Housing Strategy would mean that Trafford would not have a strategic and coordinated approach to meeting the challenge of delivering supported housing to meet the needs of residents

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BAME TERMINOLOGY

That the Executive:

1. Reviewed the summary analysis and feedback from the Citizens Survey for ‘Moving on from BAME Terminology’.
2. Agreed that the results of this survey will be used to help determine an acceptable and appropriate term to use in the Council’s future documents and publications
3. Approved the proposal that specific terms to describe various ethnic groups be used in Council documents as far as is possible and practical.
4. Approved the proposal that the term ‘ethnically diverse communities’ be used in the Council’s future documents and publications instead of 2 BAME – Black and minority ethnic.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Consulting with a wide range of people living and working in Trafford demonstrates that we are respecting people’s dignity when we ask them what terms they would like to be described by.

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