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## RECORD OF THE DECISION

## Scrutiny Review of Cycling

- 1. That the outcome of the review by the Scrutiny topic group be received and noted.
- 2. That a response on behalf of the Executive be prepared by the Executive Member for Environment and Operations and referred to Scrutiny Committee.

## REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To provide for a formal Executive response to be made to the recommendations arising from the Scrutiny Review of Cycling.

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

None.

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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### **RECORD OF THE DECISION**

## SECONDARY SCHOOL SUFFICIENCY REVIEW

- 1. That the outcome of the Review be noted.
- 2. That the implementation of the proposals described in Section 4 of the report, in conjunction with Schools, be supported.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Local Authority has a general duty under section 14 of the Education Act 1996 to secure in its area sufficient schools in number, character and equipment to provide all pupils the opportunity of appropriate education.

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

A range of options were considered during the consultation phase and these are set out in the consultation documentation available in Section 3 of the report.

# CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

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### RECORD OF THE DECISION

#### ALTRINCHAM SCHOOL EXPANSIONS - FINAL APPROVAL

That the proposals to expand the 4 schools be approved.

## REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Local Authority (LA) has a general duty under Section 14 of the Education Act 1996 to secure in its area sufficient schools in number, character and equipment to provide all pupils the opportunity of appropriate education (s. 14 (2)). The demand for Primary School places in the Altrincham area has increased substantially and is predicted to continue increasing. The proposals are made to ensure that the LA can meet the demand for places in the Altrincham area from 2015 onwards.

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

There are 16 infant/primary schools in the Altrincham area, serving 15 defined areas (catchment areas) across Altrincham. In proposing increases, each school is considered for its relevance to the provision of places within the area it is designated as serving. The feasibility of the current building and the suitability of the site are also considered. As a result of these deliberations, Trafford has already completed the expansion of 3 schools and proposals are underway for a further 5 expansions (4 included within the Report and Oldfield Brow Primary School, where the proposal is still in the development stage).

2 of the 16 schools already admit 90 children into each year group and would not be considered suitable for further expansion. The feasibility of expansion at Stamford Park Infant and Junior Schools have been explored and found not to be suitable for further expansion. This leaves only 5 schools that might be considered for expansion in the future. Therefore the Local Authority considers that these proposals represent the only suitable options to meet the needs of families in the Altrincham area in the future.

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## **RECORD OF THE DECISION**

## ADOPTION OF NEW POLICY ON CYCLE LANE WIDTHS

That the Cycle Width Policy, attached as Annex 1 to the report, be adopted with immediate effect.

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The policy has been agreed with local cyclists through the Trafford Cycle Forum; it will enable the Council to provide facilities which enhance cyclists' safety and amenity, and to retain some sub-standard width cycle lanes which provide a particularly important amenity for cyclists, through consultation with the Trafford Cycle Forum on a location-specific basis.

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

Maintenance of the status quo, or to propose a different set of principles for cycle lanes for adoption.

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## RECORD OF THE DECISION

## ALTRINCHAM STRATEGY

That the Altrincham Strategy be approved.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To provide for the adoption of the Altrincham Strategy which will form the Council's strategy for securing the revitalisation of Altrincham Town Centre over the next ten years.

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

Not to approve the Strategy.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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## **RECORD OF THE DECISION**

#### DESIGNATION OF ALTRINCHAM BUSINESS NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN BOUNDARY AND FORUM

That the application be approved to designate:

- 1. The Altrincham Town Centre Business Neighbourhood Plan Area (as detailed in Appendix 1) as a Neighbourhood Area, in line with the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and;
- 2. The Altrincham Town Centre Business Neighbourhood Plan Forum as a Neighbourhood Forum (as detailed in the business neighbourhood plan constitution attached at Appendix 2 of this report) in line with the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

## REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is considered that the application has been prepared in accordance with the regulations; uncertainties over delivery of the Plan are not considered sufficient grounds to reject the application.

### <u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>

Two options exist in relation to the application to designate the Forum and the Area, i.e. the Council could either reject or approve the application. In respect of the first option, it is considered that the application has been prepared in accordance with the regulations; uncertainties over delivery of the Plan are not considered sufficient grounds to reject the application.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

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## **RECORD OF THE DECISION**

## REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2013/14 - PERIOD 12 OUTTURN (APRIL 2013 TO MARCH 2013)

- 1. That the pre-audited outturn be noted.
- 2. That the General Reserve and Collection Fund balances and commitments be noted and confirmed.

#### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure that the position on the pre-audited revenue budget outturn position is noted and the consequent position in relation to the General Reserve and Collection Fund balances and commitments is noted and confirmed by the Executive.

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

None.

# CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

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### **RECORD OF THE DECISION**

#### CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2013/14 OUTTURN

- 1. That the content of the summary report be noted.
- 2. That the changes to the 2014/17 Programme be approved.
- 3. That the additional expenditure, listed in Appendix B, be approved in accordance with Financial Procedure Rule No. 4.
- 4. That the outturn of the prudential indicators for 2013/14 as set out in paragraph 13 and Appendix C of the report be noted.

### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure that key information on the Capital Investment Programme is noted and approved by the Executive.

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

None.

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## RECORD OF THE DECISION

## REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING - QUARTER 1

That the latest forecast and planned actions be noted and agreed.

## REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To inform Members of current position regarding the monitoring of the current year's revenue budget and provide for appropriate measures in response.

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

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## RECORD OF THE DECISION

### CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME MONITORING - QUARTER 1

- 1. That the amendments to the 2014/15 Capital Investment Programme be approved.
- 2. That the monitoring report be noted.

## REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Authority is regularly assessed on the performance of its Capital Investment Programme and how delivery matches corporate policies and proposed spending plans. To reflect budgets in line with revised expectations will assist in evidencing that compliance with the above is being met.

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

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## **RECORD OF THE DECISION**

### OUTSIDE BODIES EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

- 1. That approval be given to the appointment of representatives to those outside and independent bodies set out in the Appendix to the report.
- 2. That the Chief Executive be delegated authority, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Opposition Group Leader(s) if necessary, to appoint members to any outside body vacancy that remains or arises after the meeting and to any additional bodies to which the Executive may be required to make appointment(s).

#### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To secure approval for appointment of representatives to those outside and independent bodies for which the Executive is responsible, and to provide a mechanism for the filling of vacancies or making of new appointments.

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

None.

### CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

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