

STAR JOINT COMMITTEE

22 SEPTEMBER 2021

PRESENT

Councillors McGee (in the Chair), Ross, Ryan and Smith

In attendance

Lorraine Cox	Director, STAR Procurement
Elizabeth McKenna	Assistant Director, STAR Procurement
Nicola Cooke	Assistant Director, STAR Procurement
Julie Murphy	Director of Finance and Chief Finance Officer, Rochdale Council
Sajal Lenahan	Principal Solicitor, Trafford Council
Fabiola Fuschi	Governance Officer, Trafford Council

11. ATTENDANCES

There were no apologies for absence received.

This meeting had been scheduled to take place on 15th Sep 2021. However, due to the lack of quorum, the meeting had been adjourned and reconvened to today's date.

12. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th June 2021 be approved as a correct record

14. QUARTER ONE 5-STAR PERFORMANCE 2021/22

The Joint Committee gave consideration to a progress report of the STAR Assistant Director which outlined the 2021/22 Quarter 1 key performance measures of STAR Procurement.

The report author informed the Joint Committee that all performance indicators were on target. The Income indicator looked very strong and had improved since the publication of the report.

RESOLVED that the 5 - STAR 2021/22 Quarter 1 performance be noted.

15. STAR PROCUREMENT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

The Joint Committee gave consideration to a progress report of the STAR Procurement Assistant Director on the continuous improvements made against STAR Business Plan 2021/24.

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The author of the report outlined some of the main strands of work within the STAR Business Plan such as the establishment of a Continuous Improvement Working Group to further improve communication between STAR, the four partners, the two Clinical Commissioning Groups and STAR Legal. As part of the Income Plan for 2021/22, the report author informed that a number of commissions had been secured and were being delivered. With regards to Commercial Contract Management, this project had commenced with significant potential savings in connection with contract re-negotiation.

RESOLVED that the continuous improvements made against STAR Business Plan 2021-24 and future plans be noted.

16. STAR STAFF SURVEY RESULTS 2021

The Joint Committee considered a report of the STAR Assistant Director which provided an overview of the 2021 STAR staff survey.

The report author informed that the staff survey was conducted annually and it was considered a valid tool for organisational improvement and staff retention. This year's response rate remained very high, with the majority of responses being very positive. Staff acknowledged and valued health and wellbeing which had been a management's strong focus for the past 18 months. Where comments had been less positive, follow up sessions had been offered to members of staff to discuss their concerns. The survey results would inform STAR continuous improvement work plans.

RESOLVED that the results of the 2021 STAR Staff Survey be noted.

17. STAR PROCUREMENT AND SOCIAL VALUE

The Joint Committee gave consideration to a report of the Director of STAR which updated on progress to date on Social Value through procurement and next steps for STAR, its partner organisations and within the Greater Manchester region.

During the meeting, the Director of STAR delivered a presentation which outlined STAR approach to Social Value and its performance to date.

The Director of STAR continued the presentation informing Members of the 12 steps which had been identified as key themes to further embed Social Value and to support partner organisations to achieve their corporate objectives and contribute to the GM priorities.

The Director of STAR drew the attention of the Joint Committee on the importance of promoting the Social Value agenda at GM level, encouraging the consideration of a GM approach to targeting Social Value.

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Members acknowledged the effectiveness of the Social Value Portal which had been launched in 2019 and had significantly contributed to bring rigour and focus to the Social Value agenda. The three year contract for the Portal was coming to its end and the Joint Committee wanted to consider options and opportunities in relation to its position.

In response to the presentation, Members requested to receive a report at the next meeting of the Joint Committee in December on the options on the Social Value Portal. Members highlighted the importance of focusing on small businesses to facilitate their access to the Social Value Portal and their overall engagement with the Social Value agenda. Members also agreed to consider how to move forward the Social Value agenda within the GM context. Members requested information on sufficiency of resources to support the Social Value agenda.

RESOLVED:

1. That the progress to date be recognised;
2. That the twelve Next Steps for Social Value be approved;
3. That a report on the options on the Social Value Portal be presented at the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

18. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

There were no items of urgent business received

19. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Joint Committee noted the date and time of next meeting: Wednesday 15th Dec 2021 at 10.00 a.m. Venue: Stockport Council.

20. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, because of disclosure of “exempt information” which falls within category 3 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.

21. STAR PROCUREMENT BUDGET POSITION QUARTER 1 21/22

The Joint Committee gave consideration to a report of the STAR Assistant Director which updated on the STAR Procurement budget position at Quarter 1 2021/22.

RESOLVED that STAR Procurement budget position at quarter 1 2021/22 be noted.

The meeting commenced at 9.00 am and finished at 10.12 am