

STAR JOINT COMMITTEE

10 JULY 2023

PRESENT

Councillors: Ali, North, Patel, Julian

In Attendance

Ashley Hughes	Tameside Council
Jonathon Davies	Stockport Council
Sara Saleh	Trafford Council
Nichola Cooke	STAR
Elizabeth McKenna	STAR
Max Miskelly	STAR
Sajal Lenahan	Trafford Council
Ian Cockill	Trafford Council
Michael Cullen	Stockport Council
Gemma McNamara	Tameside Council
Julie Murphy	Rochdale Council
Stephanie Ferraioli	Trafford Council

1 ATTENDANCES

An apology for absence was received from Dominique Sykes and Lorraine Cox.

2. 2023/24 STAR JOINT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED – That Councillor Ali is nominated Chair of the Joint Committee for the new municipal year 2023-24 and Councillor North Vice Chair for the same period.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There was no disclosure of interest in relation to any of the items presented in the Agenda for the meeting today.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2023 be noted as a true and correct record.

5. START Q4 STAR PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

The Assistant Director (Development) at STAR informed the Committee of the Quarter 4 2022/23 performance and presented the KPI measure for the year 2023/24 as agreed at the Joint Committee meeting in March 2023.

Councillor North requested a breakdown of how efficiencies will be calculated.

Councillor Patel thanked the Assistant Director and team for the comprehensive work and the new measures presented today which provide a positive outlook.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be noted
- 2) That a breakdown of Efficiencies figures be provided to STAR Board
- 3) That the Committee note the agreed key performance measures.

6. CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

The Committee were asked to consider the continuous improvement report. On 7th February 2023 the Continuous Improvement Group met with partners to provide an update on current topics such as the Strategic Review and the Procurement Bill.

Updates are being made to the Social Value Portal to aid reporting. This will assist with timely reporting as well as managing Social Value delivery per project.

The Community Impact Fund (CIF) was created through the Portal and it has already raised £20,000 which has been shared in equal part amongst the four Council partners. Each partner has decided to donate the funds to local causes as per below:

Stockport: Stockport 4 Slow Cookers
Tameside: Care Leavers Attending University
Trafford: Trafford Community Response Hub
Rochdale: Rochdale Toy Appeal

STAR is working with each Council Member to establish an effective and efficient Social Value Steering Group.

Councillor Patel enquired whether STAR will be able to pull down tangible Social Value reporting at borough level via the Portal and was informed that this was going to be possible.

STAR is working closely with Stockport on a pilot to help them assess their Net Zero target by identifying specific suppliers and inspecting the top live contracts.

Meet the Buyer roadshows will be held later on in the Summer. The events are aimed at SMEs and local businesses and the first one is due to take place in Rochdale in September.

STAR is also assisting partners with their Real Living Wage accreditation and Stockport and Trafford Council have already obtained theirs.

The team has met with Greater Manchester's Mayor and the Federation of Small Businesses where they highlighted how STAR is helping partners progress the Greater Manchester 6 priorities and local spend.

STAR have made big progress in retaining staff with Managers continuing with the 'touch base' sessions which have proved very productive.

To ensure a seamless transition to the new Procurement Regulations, STAR is attending task and finish groups across Greater Manchester and will update the Committee regularly going forward. The team at STAR have also attended networking and training events such as the GMCA Growth Hub Round Table SME event and the National Social Value conference.

STAR won the Best Video Award for the '12 steps to Social Value' as part of the I-Network along with being in the final of the National GO Awards.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

7. RISK REGISTER

The Committee was informed that there had been a slight reduction in the number of identified risks.

One potential risk that will require further exploring is the impact AI could have on procurement and work is continuing with IT and Audit teams to assess this and once further discussion have taken place with the Wider Leadership Team Members will be updated.

Julie Murphy noted the income generation was removed from the risk register as it was in green for the current year but queried the long term future and was reassured that measures were in place. Risk to be added back in but low risk

Ashley Hughes asked whether the risks were inherent risks. Assistant Director (Development) responded that the scores reflected the position after mitigation

actions. Trafford Council risk register template used but will discuss options for other templates with STAR Audit.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

Cllr North asked whether future Joint Committee meetings could be held on-line. Assistant Director (Development) responded that as this was an executive committee meeting that wasn't possible under the current legislation but STAR Legal could advise on possible options.

RESOLVED – That Legal review options for review at next Joint Committee meeting.

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next STAR Joint Committee Meeting will take place on 21st September 2023 at 11 am at Stockport Council and Members will be informed of the exact venue nearer the time.

10. 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.

11. STAR BUDGET OUT-TURN 2022/23 AND BUDGET FOR 2023/24 – 2025/26

RESOLVED - That the Committee approve the recommendations presented in the report.

12. GROWTH UPDATE

The Assistant Director (Development) at STAR provided a verbal update for Members.

RESOLVED – That the verbal update be noted.