



**TRAFFORD
COUNCIL**

**AGENDA PAPERS MARKED 'TO FOLLOW' FOR
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Date: Wednesday, 11 January 2023

Time: 6.30 p.m.

**Place: Committee Rooms 2 & 3, Trafford Town Hall, Talbot Road, Stretford,
M32 0TH**

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2.	MINUTES	To Follow
	To receive and, if so determined, to agree as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2022.	
5.	HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (HIAMP)	To Follow
	To consider a report from the Executive Member for Climate Change and Transport Strategy.	
6.	ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STRATEGY	1 - 18
	To consider a report from the Executive Member for Climate Change and Transport Strategy.	
7.	BUDGET SCRUTINY REPORT	19 - 26
	To consider and agree a report of the Chair of the Committee.	

SARA TODD
Chief Executive

Scrutiny Committee - Wednesday, 11 January 2023

Membership of the Committee

Councillors D. Acton (Chair), D. Butt (Vice-Chair), J.M. Axford, G. Carter, G. Coggins, W. Frass, K. Procter, R. Thompson, L. Walsh, B.G. Winstanley, S. Zhi, D. Western (ex-Officio) and M.P. Whetton (ex-Officio).

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Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging in Trafford

Progress To Date and Potential Next Steps - Scrutiny

Scrutiny Update Agenda

- The EV Journey so far – update
- Trafford's Phase 1 rollout
- Trafford's Phase 2 rollout
- Data and usage
- The Demand
- The Challenges and Risks
- Next Steps and Way Forward

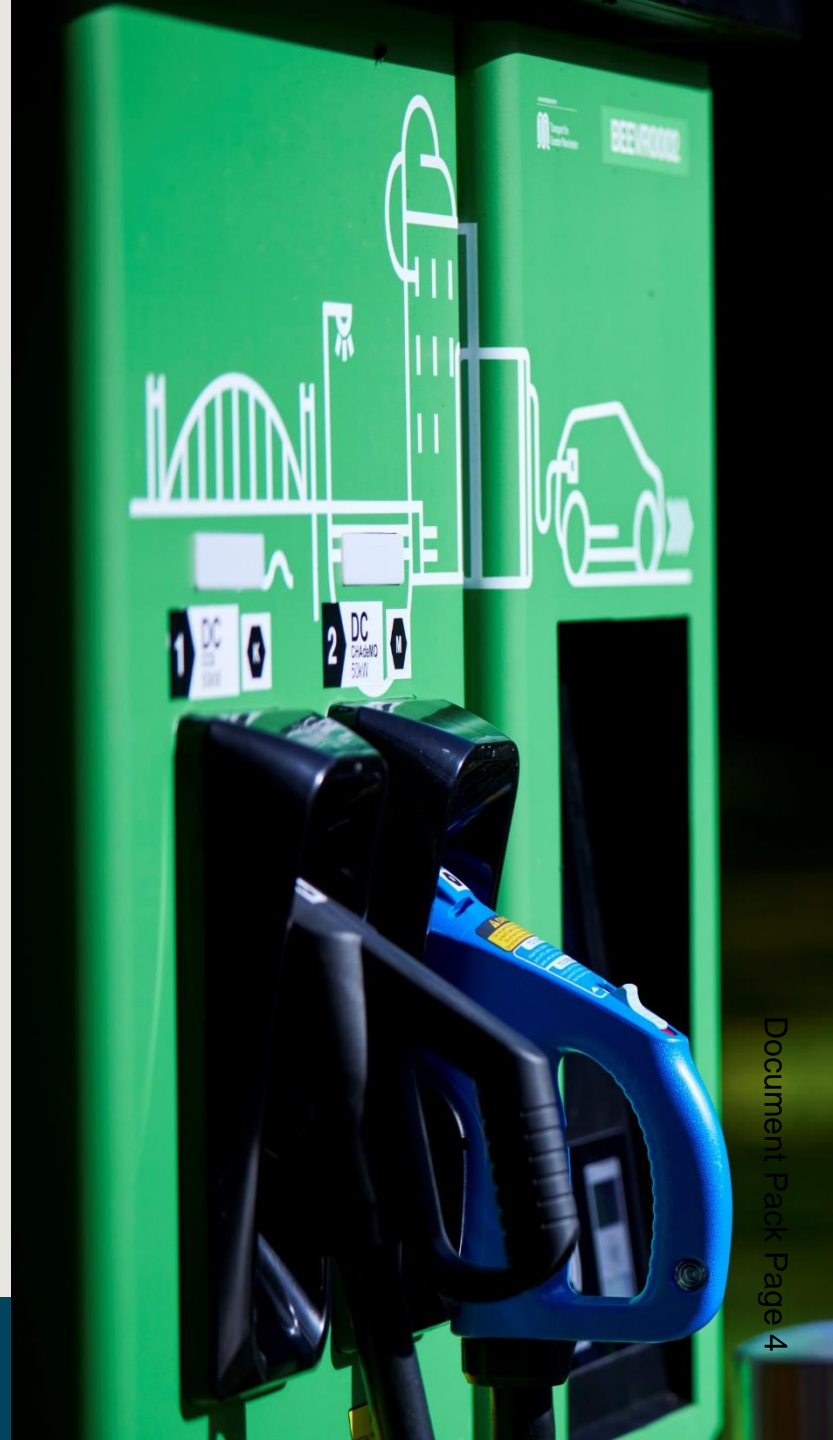
The Journey So Far

- In March 2020 Trafford Borough Council agreed to explore the EV charging market further through a soft market exercise, which included reviewing procurement options for the installation of EV charging points across Trafford.
- In November 2021, after considering a variety of options Be.EV became the approved provider for EV charging within Trafford. The initial agreement would include Trafford entering into a number of leases with Be.EV in order for a target of 100 new charging points being installed.

The Be.EV Journey

Introduction to Be.EV

- Be.EV was appointed by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to implement the EV charging infrastructure across the region. Be.EV work closely with TfGM, the 10 Greater Manchester Local Authorities, NHS Trusts, civic bodies, universities, and private businesses to develop and deliver a recognisable brand of EV charging infrastructure that is easy to use that support the Transport Strategy and clean air objectives for the region.
- As a Northwest based company, Be.EV are focused on developing a dense and accessible charging network with local businesses, reconnecting the infrastructure within the communities and creating a network that is not only sustainable but meets our social value objectives.
- The Be.EV network is one of the North West's largest publicly available EV charging network and is rapidly expanding across the North of England..
- Trafford engaged directly with Be.EV to accelerate and deliver the Be.EV network locally.



Phase 1 rollout

- In partnership with Trafford Council, Be.EV identified a number of sites that would be suitable for the development of EV charging infrastructure. The deployment of this infrastructure is a key part of the Clean Air Strategy and 2040 Transport Strategy and vision
- Initially over 60 sites were identified that comprised of council car parks, leisure centres, libraries, and other council owned assets.
- From these 60 sites a list of 10 from across 10 wards in Trafford were put forward as a phase 1a.



Phase 1 rollout

- Within the region we have seen a significant rise in the amount of power needed by businesses and residents as the UK and economy continues to grow
- As a result of this higher demand in electricity usage around 60% of phase 1a sites were not feasible due to lack of power or excessively expensive reinforcement of the electricity network.
- It is anticipated that the electrical infrastructure is likely to be upgraded to cope with demand over the coming years hence these sites may become viable in the future.
- Currently, there are four sites with signed leases, Brown Street Car Park, Thorley Lane Car Park, Flixton Road Car Park and Longford Park Car Park.
- Leases are due to be finalised on two remaining sites from the Phase 1a rollout: Regent Road and Greenbank Road Car Park.



Phase 2

- A further 30 sites have been identified and have recently been approved by the Executive that will be worked through
- An additional 7 Agreement for Leases have been signed in January 2023. The sites include Trafford Town Hall, Balmoral Road Car Park, The Causeway, Cecil Road Car Park, Golden Hill Car Park, James Street Car Park and Sale Water Park.
- Additional sites to assist the Taxi Trade will see a further 3 sites at Ashfield Road, Wharfside Road and The Quadrant having Be.EV installed
- This second rollout phase should allow Trafford to meet the councils targets of having 100 charge points (46 public chargers and 4 Taxi chargers (providing 92 and 8 charge points respectively) installed across the Borough.



Phase 2

Be.EV will continue to identify sites for further rollout phases to drive EV adoption and clean air in Trafford.

Site	Fast	Rapid	Ultra-rapid	Ultra-rapid dynamic
Brown Street	2			
Flixton Road Car Park	1	2		
Greenbank Road Car Park		2		
Longford Park Car Park		1		
Regent Road Car Park	5			
Thorley Lane Car Park	2	2		
Trafford Town Hall		1	1	
Balmoral Road Car Park		1	1	
The Causeway		2		
Cecil Road Car Park				6
Golden Hill Park				6
James Street CP		2		
Sale Water Park				8



Data

Below is the breakdown of the number of Be.EV connection points, by charger type for each of the Greater Manchester districts – along with the updated forecast for Trafford

Borough	Fast	Rapid	Ultra-Rapid	Ultra-Rapid Dynamic	Total
Trafford (live)	17	5			22
Trafford Forecast - Total	33	15	2	20	70
Bolton	7	2			9
Bury	11	2			13
Manchester	31	8			39
Oldham	15	2			17
Rochdale	5	2			7
Salford	23	2			25
Stockport	8	2			10
Tameside	4	2			6
Wigan	7	2			9

Be.EV November 2023 Summary	CPID	Charger Type	Total kWh	Number of Sessions
Brown Street Car Park	BEEVF0004	Fast	303	15
Brown Street Car Park	BEEVF0005	Fast	468	28
Thorley Lane Car Park	BEEVF0002	Fast	50	7
Thorley Lane Car Park	BEEVF0003	Fast	30	5
Thorley Lane Car Park	BEEVR0004	Rapid	2955	123
Thorley Lane Car Park	BEEVR0005	Rapid	2782	106
			6590	284

Be.EV will provide monthly performance reports for all installations installed in Trafford as sampled above

The Demand

- Demand for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging is growing but the number of public EV charging points isn't keeping up with demand.
- Today, there are approximately 600 publicly available EV chargers including those provided by private operators across Greater Manchester (providing over 1100 connection points for vehicles). 225 of these chargers will be part of the Be.EV network
- By 2025, it is estimated that this needs to grow to 2,700 fast and 300 rapid chargers across GM to meet forecast demand.
- Demand in Trafford therefore is estimated to be multiplied 5 times over to meet local demand with an estimated 600 publicly accessible connection points needed in Trafford alone.

The Demand

- Demand for private connections and the ability to charge from home is also increasing and there is funding for charge points to be installed by residents who can charge their electric vehicle off highway and on their driveway.
- The demand to charge on street from private properties who have no driveway is also increasing however, this presents challenges and risks for both residents and Trafford.
- Trafford has explored how to meet this demand with options including the following:
 - Temporary covering of charge cables across the footway
 - Installing covered channels that allow cables to be placed in the footway below ground
 - Installing kerb side charge points

The Challenges and Risks

Temporary covering of charge cables across the footway



If a passer-by is injured because of an EV cable, it is possible that residents and the council could face claim for personal injury.

The need to park as close as possible to property to charge vehicles is likely to increase and will present potential conflict with neighbours and increase local parking demand in an already competitive environment

The Challenges and Risks

Installing permanent channels that allow cables to be placed in the footway below ground



Requests for permanent solutions have increased however, there are risks due to access needed to public services below ground such as gas and electricity that means this could not be installed.

Large numbers of requests and installations could also lead to integrity of the footway being compromised, problems with repair and maintenance and increased parking demand outside properties becoming unmanageable

Alternative Charging Options

Charging at public available sites

Connecting EV to a charging point on or around private property with no driveway will prove difficult for everyone as use of electric cars increases. Residents can take advantage of the public charging network instead. Smartphone apps like Zap-Map will direct people to all the local charging points in the area or while you're out and about, meaning that anyone can charge their EV while at the supermarket, shopping centre or wherever an EV charge point has been installed much like using a petrol station.

Electric Car Charging For Drivers With A Disability

As a part of their 'worry-free' motoring package, Motability have partnered with Ohme, Easee and BP Pulse to offer a no-cost charging solution to Motability customers who lease a 100% electric car

Motability customers interested in an EV who don't have a driveway (or access to suitable off-street parking) can choose a complimentary subscription to the BP Pulse network of public charging points instead of having a home charger fitted.

Alternative Charging Options

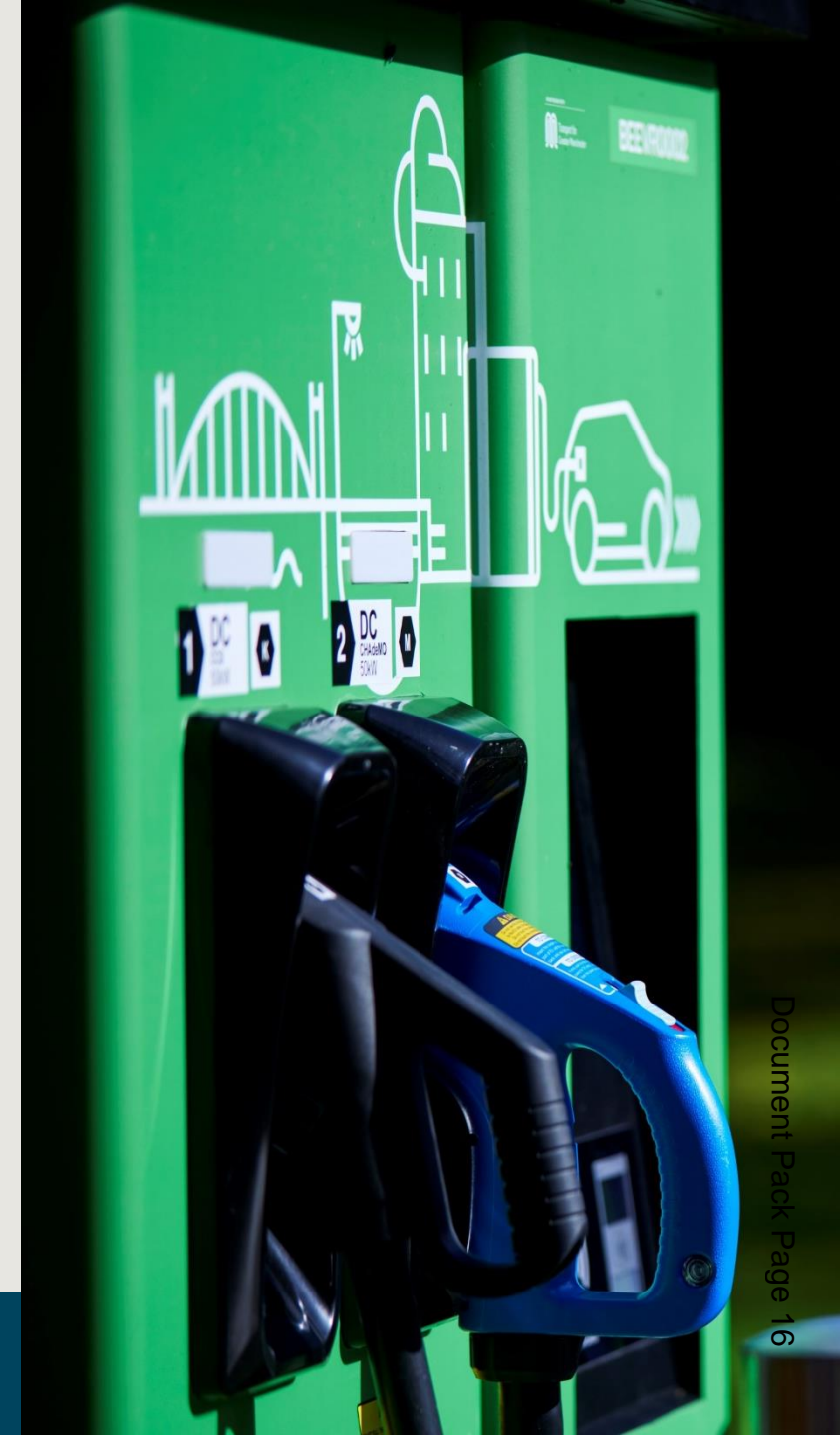
Installing kerbside charge points from dedicated equipment or lamp columns



This will require significant investment in equipment and electricity supply in some areas

Be.EV Potential Next Steps

- The current Be.EV project is a fully funded model with all works, including power supply, building of sub-stations, design, installation and equipment costs being their responsibility.
- As a business Be.EV want to deliver EV charging infrastructure across Trafford to help residents and business switch to electric vehicles regardless of the socioeconomic status within the area.
- The ambition is to have chargers which are no more than 5 – 10 minutes away from residents in Trafford

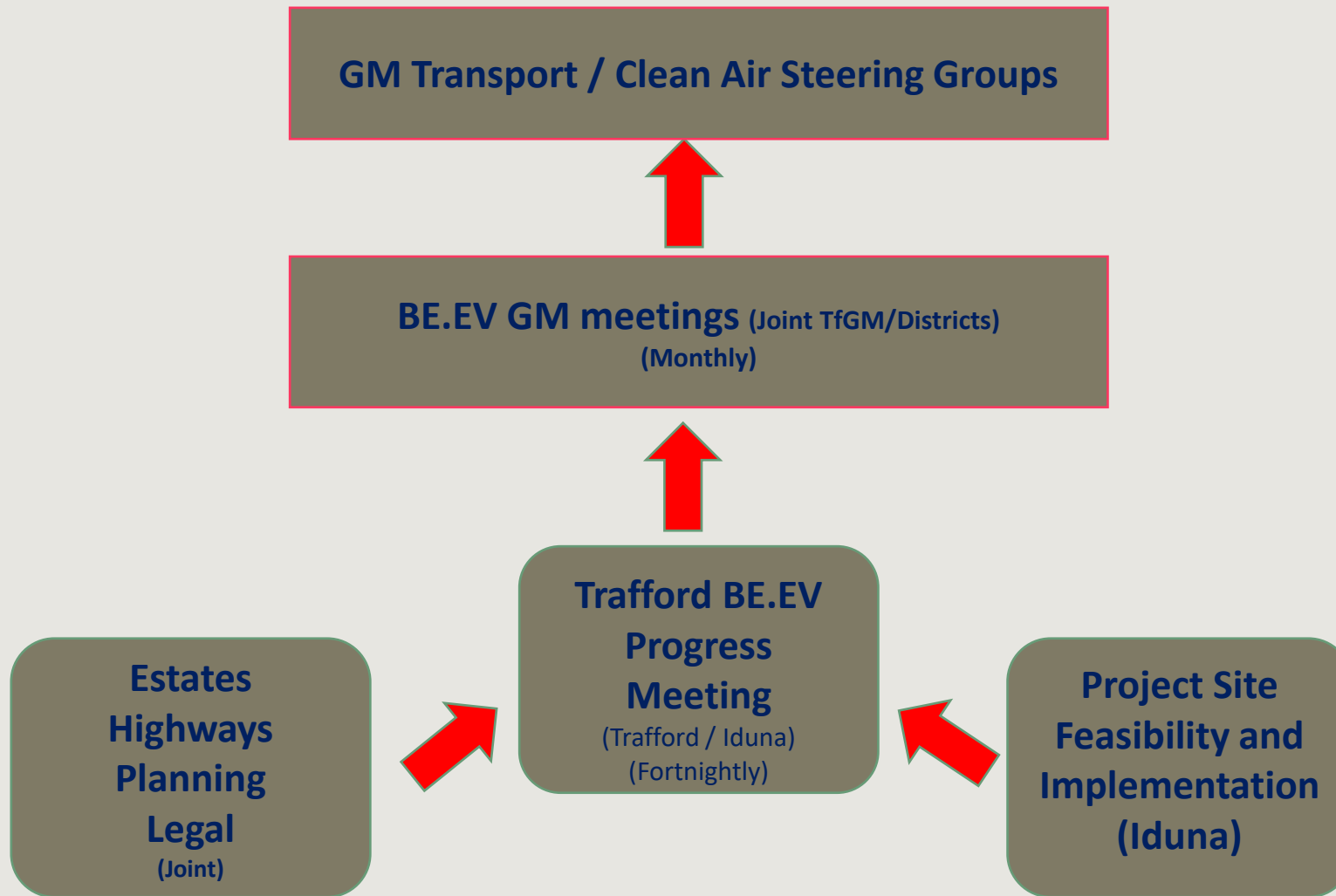


Be.EV Potential Next Steps

- The current Be.EV project has exhausted all easy options in council car parks.
- Be.EV are flexible on a variety of procurement options including joint ventures to expand further and offer investment opportunities for Trafford in this market.
- On Street Charging (lamp posts and chargers) and reviewing public owned land for larger scale installations is considered to be the next phase of the project which will require development and investment over 2-5 years.
- Following a review undertaken by TfGM CRSTS funding has been allocated for this purpose and existing Trafford allocated funding will be used to develop this next phase of the project.



EV Charging Governance



**GM The Greater Manchester
Transport Strategy 2040**

[Greater Manchester Transport Strategy |
Transport for Greater Manchester \(tfgm.com\)](#)

**GM EV Charging Infrastructure
Strategy 2021**

[Greater Manchester's EV charging strategy |
TfGM Electric Travel](#)

CRSTS Funding
£600k

**Trafford Capital
Funding**
£350k

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Scrutiny Committee
Date: 11th January 2023
Report for: Decision
Report of: Scrutiny Committee Chair
Report Title

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE'S DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2023-2024

Summary

The Executive's Draft Budget Proposals for 2023-2024 were agreed at its meeting held on 24th October 2022. The draft proposals were then presented to the Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on the 9th of November, which informed the structure of the budget scrutiny process.

Two Budget Scrutiny Working Group sessions were held on the 29th November and 1st December 2022 with the relevant Executive Members and Senior Officers in attendance to address Members questions. Members were also provided with background information on the budget proposals.

This report reflects the outcome of those discussions, summarises areas, and provides recommendations for the Executive to consider in developing its final budget proposals and response to the Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation(s)

The Scrutiny Committee are asked to approve the following recommendations for submission to the Executive:

- 1. That the Executive Member for Finance and Governance inform Scrutiny of the total Council tax increase following the decision at the GM Level.**
- 2. That a report on expected impact of the cost-of-living crisis on residents and the Council's budget, including details of the mitigating steps the Council is taking, be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee first meeting of the 2023/24 municipal year.**
- 3. That a report be provided to Health Scrutiny there is a significant increase in the number of residents cancelling care.**

4. That the Executive continue to monitor the rate of inflation closely and the Scrutiny Committee be informed if the level of inflation puts the Council's budget at risk.
5. That the Executive continue to monitor the reserves closely and inform the Scrutiny Committee the if a higher level of reserves are to be used than set out within the budget.
6. That a breakdown of the financial implications of changing the loan repayment process be provided to Scrutiny Members.
7. That the executive include the full financial implications of changing the Council's repayment of loans as part of the budget consultation.
8. That the Executive closely monitor wider the impact of dimming streetlighting and submit a report to the Scrutiny Committee if a significant increase in accidents is identified.
9. That in-depth reports on income/savings proposals for Strategic Investment Income, Children's Placements, and Home Care be submitted to the relevant Scrutiny Committee in March 2023.
10. That exception reports be submitted to the relevant scrutiny committee if the income/savings proposals for Strategic Investment Income, Children's Placements, and Home Care fail to meet the income/savings targets.
11. That the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee be kept up to date on the development of additional residential care within Greater Manchester.
12. That the Health Scrutiny Committee receive a report on the measures being taken by the council to mitigate the impact of volatility within Adult services.

Background Papers: None

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BUDGET SCRUTINY REPORT – 2022/23

Foreword by the Chair of Scrutiny Committee

I welcome the opportunity for Scrutiny to review and comment on the draft proposals at an early stage. On behalf of Scrutiny Members, I would like to thank the Executive Members and Corporate Leadership Team for their commitment, help and contribution to our scrutiny of the draft budget proposals. I would also like to thank Scrutiny Members who played an important part in the process and whose contribution was invaluable.

Trafford Council, like many Councils across the UK, are operating in very uncertain and challenging times. This is due to a long period of Austerity, followed by the Pandemic (which is still rife in the UK), and now the Country is in the grip of a “Cost of Living” crisis. The combined consequence of this has created turmoil which is massively affecting our residents, businesses, and organisations. All of which is also causing pressure on the Council Budget. Scrutiny Members raised a great deal of concern for the vulnerable members of our communities with regard to the adverse effect the “Cost of Living” crises will have on them and expressed the need for the Council to support them as much as we can to help mitigate the financial impact of this crisis. It is recognised that the financial situation for the Council has been, and still is, extremely challenging.

I would like to put on record my thanks to the Executive Members and Corporate Leadership Team for the work they have carried out during this very difficult period in managing the budget. I would also like to thank all the Council Staff, Partners, volunteers, and Council Members for the support and dedication they have all shown to Trafford residents and businesses throughout the Pandemic.

We hope that our Budget Scrutiny will contribute to the decision-making process in ensuring that robust measures are in place to manage the challenges Trafford faces. We have identified areas where we feel that there are risks and we look forward to receiving details of how the Executive will address these. We will be following up on a number of areas in our work programme for the next municipal year.

Councillor David Acton

Chair, Scrutiny Committee.

January 2023

Background

1.1 Following the presentation of the budget proposals to the Scrutiny Committee on the 9th November it was decided that Budget Scrutiny would focus upon the Place Directorate, the Council's reserves, the investment strategy, treasury management, Children's Services, Adults Services, and all savings proposals. The first session covered the Place directorate, the reserves, investment strategy, and treasury management with the second session focused upon Children's and Ault's Services. In addition to those areas Scrutiny Members were provided with a list of discretionary services provided by the Council following a request at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 9th November.

1.2 A presentation was produced, covering information for both sessions, and circulated to Councillors on the 25th November 2022, which gave Scrutiny Members time to review the documents prior to the sessions and request additional information.

2. Key Messages

2.1 Over the course of Budget Scrutiny process several key themes, detailed below, emerged as being of particular interest to Scrutiny Members.

2.2 Council Tax

2.2.1 With the Council due to raise Council tax by up to 5% and the Greater Manchester rise unknown it is felt that the increase could impact residents living standards and the Council's budget. Scrutiny would like to be informed of the final rise agreed at the GM level in January.

Recommendation: That the Executive Member for Finance and Governance informs Scrutiny of the total Council tax increase following the decision at the GM Level.

2.3 Cost of living Crisis

2.3.1 Over the course of both sessions there were many references to the cost-of-living crisis. Concerns were raised about the impact the crisis will have upon residents and the Council's budget. Scrutiny requests that a report be provided to the Scrutiny Committee at the first meeting of the 2023/24 Municipal year outlining the expected impact of the cost-of-living crisis upon residents and the Council's budget, along with details of mitigating steps the Council is taking.

2.3.2 The Corporate Director of Adult Social Services assured Scrutiny Members that the service is monitoring residents who stop receiving care and is checking that finances are not the reason for the stoppage. Scrutiny supports the Executive in monitoring this and ask that a report be provided to the Health Scrutiny Committee if the numbers start to increase significantly. Scrutiny also supports the steps being

taken to increase the welfare rights team to aid residents access the benefits they are entitled to.

Recommendation: That a report on expected impact of the cost-of-living crisis on residents and the Council's budget, including details of the mitigating steps the Council is taking, be submitted to the Scrutiny Committee first meeting of the 2023/24 municipal year.

That a report be provided to Health Scrutiny if there is a significant increase in the number of residents cancelling care.

2.4 High Levels of Inflation

2.4.1 Scrutiny welcomes the Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Director of Finances diligent approach to monitoring the levels of inflation and to reducing the effect inflation will have on the Council's budget. Scrutiny request that the Executive continue to monitor the rate of inflation and its impact on the Council's budget closely. Scrutiny also requests that the Scrutiny Committee is to be informed if the rate of inflation puts the Council's ability to meet the budget at risk.

Recommendation - That the Executive continue to monitor the rate of inflation closely and the Scrutiny Committee be informed if the level of inflation puts the Council's budget at risk.

2.5 Council's Reserves

2.5.1 Trafford has operated at a low level of reserves for many years and it has been of continued concern for Scrutiny, having been highlighted by the budget scrutiny process for the past five years. Scrutiny requests that the reserves continue to be monitored closely and that the Scrutiny Committee is to be informed if the level of reserves used goes above those detailed within the budget.

Recommendation – That the Executive continue to monitor the reserves closely and inform the Scrutiny Committee the if a higher level of reserves are to be used than set out within the budget.

2.6 Changes to Loan Repayment Process

2.6.1 In the first session Scrutiny Members were told that the £4M savings against treasury management would be delivered through changes to the way the Council repaid loans against assets, which would increase cost to the Council in 10 to 15 years' time. Scrutiny would like the full details of the financial implications of this strategy to be explained within the budget consultation process.

Recommendation – That a breakdown of the financial implications of changing the loan repayment process be provided to Scrutiny Members.

That the executive include the full financial implications of changing the Council's repayment of loans as part of the budget consultation.

2.7 Dimming of Street Lighting

2.7.1 Scrutiny raised concerns that the dimming of streetlighting could lead to an increase in the number of accidents. Scrutiny request that the impact of the dimming of street lighting be closely monitored to ensure there is no adverse effect on public safety. Scrutiny also requests that a report be provided to the Scrutiny Committee if any significant increase in accidents is identified.

Recommendation – That the Executive closely monitor wider the impact of dimming streetlighting and submit a report to the Scrutiny Committee if a significant increase in accidents is identified.

2.8 Achievement of Savings

2.8.1 Within the presentation there were three areas across Place, Children's, and Adult Services which were to deliver in excess of £1M each in savings or income. Those three areas were Strategic Investment Income (Place), Children's Placements (Children's Services), and Home Care (Adults Services). Those three areas represent more than half of the Council's total savings proposals for 2023/24. Due to the significance of these areas Scrutiny would like an in-depth report on each of these savings or income proposals to come to the relevant Scrutiny Committee in March 2023 with subsequent exception reports delivered over the 2023/24 municipal year if those targets are not going to be achieved.

Of particular interest was the discussions around the possibility of increased complex care provision within GM. Scrutiny has supported the development of this provision is for a number of years and would like to be kept up to date with the developments.

Recommendation – That in-depth reports on income/savings proposals for Strategic Investment Income, Children's Placements, and Home Care be submitted to the relevant Scrutiny Committees in March 2023.

That exception reports be submitted to the relevant scrutiny committee if the income/savings proposals for Strategic Investment Income, Children's Placements, and Home Care fail to meet the income/savings targets.

That the Children and Young People's Scrutiny Committee be kept up to date on the development of additional residential care within Greater Manchester.

2.9 Volatility within Adult Services

2.9.1 Scrutiny Members noted that there had been a large amount of volatility within the 2022/23 and officers confirmed that this volatility was likely to continue going forward due to the wide range of external factors that could impact the services.

Scrutiny would like to receive a report on the measures being taken to mitigate the potential impact of the volatility within Adult Services.

Recommendation – That the Health Scrutiny Committee receive a report on the measures being taken by the council to mitigate the impact of volatility within Adult Services.

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