

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 23 January 2017	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/23.01.17/4a	Executive (Councillors Sean Anstee, Mrs. Evans, Hyman, Lamb, Myers and Williams)
<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
<p><u>Overview and Scrutiny Review of the Executive's Draft Budget Proposals for 2017-18</u></p> <p>1. That the content of the report be noted.</p> <p>2. That a formal response be made by the Executive as part of the Budget Report to be submitted to the Executive and Council on 22nd February 2017.</p>		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
To provide for a formal response to be made to the Scrutiny Committee report, in the context of the Executive's preparation for the Council's decisions on the 2017/18 Budget.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
None. The Executive is required to respond to Scrutiny Committee recommendations.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
None.		

Scrutiny Call in Deadline

As this decision is to provide for a response to be made to Scrutiny, call-in is not appropriate, and it is implementable with immediate effect.

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25/1/17

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Director of Legal & Democratic Services

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

REGIONAL ADOPTION AGENCY (RAA) PROPOSAL (ADOPTION COUNTS)

1. That Trafford support the establishment of a Regional Adoption Agency between Stockport, Manchester, Trafford, Salford and Cheshire East local authorities.
2. That, subject to the execution of a partnership agreement as set out below, Trafford agree that the Regional Adoption Agency will exercise delegated functions on its behalf with regard to the recruitment and assessment of adopters, adoption panels, family finding and adoption support.
3. That Stockport MBC become the host authority for the agency subject to the conclusion of a partnership agreement which will include:
 - The appointment of a Management Board with representation from each local authority and attendance by key voluntary sector partners.
 - Satisfactory secondment arrangements for staff to be managed by Stockport MBC and, a process whereby Stockport will take on responsibility for recruitment to vacant posts, at nil cost to Stockport and neutral cost to Trafford.
 - The agreement of a business plan, budget and funding formula to reflect Trafford's contribution to the regional agency.
 - Agreement of the commissioning needs and mechanisms for the new agency.
 - Identification of the ICT and information sharing requirements of the new agency.
 - The appointment of a Regional Adoption Manager as lead officer to be accountable to Stockport's Director of Children's Services.
4. That the Corporate Director, Children, Families and Well-being in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services, the Chief Finance Officer and the Executive Member for Children's Services, be authorised to agree the final details of the arrangement subject to there being no substantial changes to the current plan.
5. That this decision be deemed to be urgent, for the reasons set out in paragraph 5.0 of the report, and not subject to call-in.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In May 2015 the Government announced changes to the delivery of adoption services; by proposing that all adoption work would need to be delivered on a regional basis by 2020 by each local authority joining a RAA.

The premise for this was that RAA's would be better able to:

- Increase the number of children adopted.
- Reduce the length of time children wait to be adopted.
- Improve post adoption support services to families who have adopted children from care.
- improving efficiency and effectiveness by reducing the number of agencies delivering adoption

services.

Trafford have fully supported the early development of the RAA for Trafford, Stockport, Salford, Cheshire East and Manchester (known as 'Adoption Counts') since the Government published its paper 'Regionalising Adoption' in June 2015. Adoption Counts is now the only RAA in the north of England to achieve Demonstrator Site status from the Department of Education and will be the first fully functioning RAA in the north of the country if the proposals go ahead. There are key benefits to Trafford in being part of an RAA approach. We are helping to shape the future model of adoption as it will apply throughout the country, we can learn from the other local authorities who have better performance in terms of the number and pace of children adopted and we can support the other authorities to improve their performance on recruiting adult adopters. The RAA approach will enhance adoption in Trafford, and will increase the number of children adopted and speed up the process for them.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

1. Do nothing: The Government has made it clear that there is no option for local authority adoption services to remain as they currently are. If Trafford delays making its own arrangements then the government will select an adoption partnership for us to be part of. 2. Other partnership options: These were considered during the bid stage but the strength of established arrangements in 'Four4adoption' offered the greatest potential for success.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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Not Applicable. This decision has been deemed to be urgent, and is thus not subject to call-in.

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<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
<u>DETERMINATION OF THE 2018 ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOL AND APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS</u>		
That the arrangements, set out in the following documents, appended to the report, be approved:		
Appendix A 2018 Community School Published Admission Numbers (PAN).		
Appendix B Trafford Primary/Infant/Junior Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools – 2018 Admission Arrangements.		
Appendix C Lostock College – 2018 Admission Arrangements.		
Appendix D 2018 Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme (Primary).		
Appendix E 2018 Co-ordinated Admissions Scheme (Secondary).		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
To enable the admission authority, the Local Authority, to meet its duty to provide sufficient places and to allocate school places within a reasonable distance; and to meet the requirements of the School Admissions (Admission Arrangements and Co-ordination of Admission Arrangements) (England) Regulations 2012 and the School Admissions Code.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
None: Failure to reach a determination on the 2018 admission arrangements by 28 th February 2017 would be in contravention of the School Admissions Code and the School Admissions Regulations 2012.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
None.		

Scrutiny Call in Deadline

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

PROPOSAL FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER WORK AND HEALTH PROGRAMME

- 1) That the contents of the report be noted.
- 2) That Trafford Council assumes the lead authority role for the procurement process to procure a provider or providers on behalf of GMCA to carry out the services required under the Working and Health Programme.
- 3) That the publication of an OJEU notice for the required services, as set out in paragraph 2.3 of the report, be approved.
- 4) That the Director of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate the terms of an Inter Authority Agreement to regulate the position between Trafford Council, GMCA and the other AGMA authorities in relation to the proposed funding arrangements, the procurement of and the delivery of the services to be procured.
- 5) That a report be brought to the Executive setting out the outcome of the procurement process and terms of the Inter Authority Agreement in relation to the delivery of the required services for the Executive to consider and approve any proposal to proceed with an award of contract(s) for the provision of such services prior to any such contract being confirmed.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Trafford Council having previously acted as Lead Authority for the procurement of the Working Well Expansion Programme, a programme associated with the Work and Health Programme, Trafford Council have the resource and expertise to lead on the procurement of the future Work and Health Programme within the critical timelines.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The other option would be for Trafford Council not to act as lead procuring authority for the Work and Health Programme and GMCA having to appoint an alternative lead procuring authority, causing a delay to the procurement exercise and resulting in the loss of funding from ESF and Central Government.

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