

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Tuesday, 15 November 2016	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/15.11.16/4	Executive (Councillors Sean Anstee, Mrs. Evans, Hyman, Lamb, Myers, John Reilly and Williams)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

EXECUTIVE'S DRAFT REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2017/18 AND MTFS 2018/19 AND 2019/20

1. That approval be given to the 2017/18 to 2019/20 proposed budget strategy, draft revenue budget and MTFS including the income and savings proposals for the purposes of consultation only; and to the referral of these proposals also to the Scrutiny Committee for their consideration.
2. That the proposals be noted to increase Council Tax by 1.99% for the three years 2017/18 to 2019/20, and to levy the permitted 2% precept over the same period, which is only permitted to be allocated to adult social care.
3. That the budget gap for the years 2017/18, 2018/19 and 2019/20 be noted.
4. That it be noted that the draft proposals are subject to various consultation exercises and impact assessments, movements in core funding, specific grants, costing and robustness assessments.
5. That it be agreed that the decision is to be deemed urgent for the reasons set out in the report, and thus not subject to call-in.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable consultation with the public, businesses (s65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992), stakeholders, staff and Scrutiny Committee to take place.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Not to increase council tax, but there would be insufficient funding to pay for the Council's services in 2017/18. If this option were pursued then further savings of £3.35 million would need to be identified over and above the significant level of savings already included in this budget report. At this stage pursuing this course of action would compound difficulties in balancing the budget given there is currently a deficit of £2.02 million. Alternatively a decision could be made to increase council tax above the levels proposed in this report, however this would be likely to exceed the referendum limits (which are currently the subject of a Government consultation) which would mean a local referendum was required.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

Councillor Myers declared a Personal Interest in respect of Trafford Housing Trust and its Limelight development at Shrewsbury Street.

Scrutiny Call in Deadline

Not applicable: The decision has been deemed to be urgent and is therefore not

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subject to call in.

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Director of Legal & Democratic Services

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

INCREASING PHYSICAL ACTIVITY ACROSS THE BOROUGH

1. That the Physical Activity Vision be adopted.
2. That the recommendations of the Commercial Prospectus be noted and approved, in principle and subject to further consultation where required.
3. That approval be given to the principle of the Council making a capital investment of £24.39m identified as necessary in the Commercial Prospectus for all three phases/lots of works and subject to the need for further Executive approval, of any investment, once detailed business cases are produced demonstrating sufficient income growth to fund the capital costs;
4. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive, to procure project management support and develop detailed schemes for the first two phases and release £250,000 to fund this development work.
5. That approval be given to consultation on proposals for the closure of George H Carnall Leisure Centre and the consolidation of leisure services in that area at an improved Urmston Leisure Centre.
6. That the proposals for the consolidation of golf facilities in the Flixton area be noted and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director, Resources to enter into negotiations with existing providers to bring forward a detailed proposal in this regard.
7. That the appointment be approved of Trafford Leisure Community Interest Company Limited as the operator of leisure services at the Council's leisure facilities and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director, Resources in consultation with the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to negotiate the terms of and enter into a new operating agreement to support the delivery the Physical Activity Vision.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

By investing £24.39m in the modernisation and new build of leisure centres, it will increase the usage and generate significant additional income to meet the investment requirements. It will also offset the need to spend £10.363m on the backlog of routine maintenance, which would have no perceivable impact on improving the customer facing aspects of each centre and would therefore not generate additional revenue. There is also a risk of falling customer numbers without visible improvements, which would severely jeopardise the Council's ability to sustain a leisure centre offer in each of its key localities.

Also, of prime importance, this proposal aims to secure a significant improvement in health and wellbeing outcomes by improving the opportunities for residents to improve their physical activity levels with a resultant financial benefit in reducing pressure on health and social care services.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Invest £10.363m over eight years to rectify an urgent backlog of maintenance.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

Councillor Lamb declared a Personal Interest in respect of his Board Membership of the Trafford Leisure Company.

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<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
BUDGET MONITORING 2016/17 PERIOD 6 (APRIL - SEPTEMBER 2016)		
That the content of the report and the changes to the Capital Programme as detailed in paragraph 19 of the report be noted.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
To provide information for Members of the current 2016/17 forecast outturn figures relating to both Revenue and Capital budgets; and to summarise the latest forecast position for Council Tax and Business Rates within the Collection Fund.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
None.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
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