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AGENDA PAPERS FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 13 March 2019

Time: 6.30 p.m.

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

A G E N D A	PART I	Pages
1. ATTENDANCES		
To note attendances, including Officers, and any apologies for absence.		
2. MINUTES		1 - 6
To receive and, if so determined, to agree as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 9 January 2019 and 12 February 2019.		
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
Members to give notice of any interest and the nature of that interest relating to any item on the agenda in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.		
4. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC		
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5. EXECUTIVE RESPONSE TO BUDGET SCRUTINY		7 - 12
To receive a report from the Corporate Director for Finance and Systems.		

6. **OVERVIEW REPORT**

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To receive a report of the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee.

7. **URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)**

Any other item or items which, by reason of special circumstances (to be specified), the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered at this meeting as a matter of urgency.

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Chief Executive

Membership of the Committee

Councillors D. Acton (Chair), C. Boyes (Vice-Chair), R. Bowker, J. Coupe, J. Holden, A. New, B. Shaw, S. Taylor, S. Thomas, A.J. Williams, M. Young, R. Chilton (ex-Officio) and D. Western (ex-Officio).

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 JANUARY 2019

PRESENT

Councillor Acton (in the Chair).

Councillors C. Boyes (Vice-Chair), R. Bowker, A. New, S. Taylor, S. Thomas, A.J. Williams and D. Western (ex-Officio).

In attendance

Tim Rhodes	Principal Solicitor Place
Alexander Murray	Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

Also Present

Councillor Coggins	
Councillor Adshead	Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality, and Climate Change

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D. Acton, J. Coupe, J. Holden, B. Shaw, M. Young and R. Chilton.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on the 7 November be agreed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No additional declarations were made.

3. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

No questions were received.

4. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE'S DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2019-20

The Chair gave a brief summary of the report that had been circulated with the agenda. The Committee had two meetings covering the budget proposals for 2019/2020. One session had been devoted to social care as it made up a large proportion of the Councils budget with the other session covering the remainder of Council services. Members welcomed the progress that had been made in reducing the number of delayed transfers of care within the area and acknowledged the hard work that had gone into this work. There was still work to be done to achieve the targets set by the CQC and this would continue to be monitored by the Health Scrutiny Committee in 2019/2020. The Committee were

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reminded that adult social care was a demand led service so any changes in the expected level of demand would impact upon the budget projections.

The Councils reserves had been depleted over the last few years and the Committee would continue to monitor the situation. The Scrutiny Committee welcomed that a balanced budget had been proposed for 2019/20 but noted that there was an expected shortfall of £25M by 2021/22. Proposals were already being considered by the Executive to address this shortfall.

The Chair then noted that a motion had been passed at the Council meeting 28 November which called for the Council to declare a climate emergency and called for the creation of a new task and finish group to seek advice from experts to develop a carbon budget and set a date for carbon neutrality in Trafford. The hiring of the experts would generate a cost and so scrutiny requested that a budget be made available for this purpose.

Following the summary the Committee had an opportunity to raise questions but none were raised. The Committee agreed that the report was to be referred to the executive for the meeting on the 28 January 2019. The Chair thanked the executive Members and the officers for their work in creating a balanced budget without a loss of service.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be noted by the Committee
- 2) That the report be referred to the Executive meeting 28 January 2019.

5. PROCESS FOR MANAGING AND INTRODUCING TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (TRO'S)

The Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality, and Climate introduced the report. The Committee were informed of the reasons why a TRO would be raised these included public safety and environmental issues. The Executive Member then detailed the process for setting up TROs such as a residents parking scheme in an area and the possible. The process involved a large amount of consultation with affected residents with up to three rounds of consultation taking between 6 and 18 months. If there was support for such a scheme then it would be implemented which could also take a long time.

In addition to residents all other stakeholders were consulted in relation TROs including the Ambulance Service, Police, local businesses, and bus services. Smaller scale TROs would have a single round of Consultation and only experimental TROs did not require consultation as they were for a fixed period of time. If an experimental TRO was to become permanent then consultation would be conducted at that point. The Executive Member then told the Committee about the cost assessments for each TRO. The cost assessments reviewed all associated costs such as planning, the original implementation, monitoring, and enforcement. Part of the process included discussions with the police around enforcement.

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Following the overview of the report the Committee were given the opportunity to ask questions. The Executive Member explained that he had expected an officer to be present but he would answer as many questions as he could at the meeting and any he could not answer would be taken back and answers provided.

A Member of the Committee explained their involvement with TROs. The Member had received a list of all the TRO applications that were ongoing several years before. When they received the list they had found that there were hundreds of TROs with some of them going back ten years or more. As there was a large backlog of TROs and the service was only able to process a small number per year the Council prioritised all TRO applications and those of the highest priority were completed each year. This meant that there were many TROs on the Councils system which would never be completed. The Member explained that it was this process that they were interested in rather than the actual process of completing a TRO.

The Executive Member explained that while they were aware of the list they did not know about the processes related in maintaining and updating the lists. The Committee asked whether the list of TROs that had been submitted with the report was an exhaustive list. The Executive Member told the Committee that the list provided was not exhaustive and that such a list could be provided at a later meeting. The Committee agreed that further information relating process of adding and prioritising TROs along with an exhaustive list of ongoing TROs be provided at a later meeting.

A member asked about the proposed play streets scheme allowing residents to close streets temporarily to hold community events like street parties. The Executive Member informed the Committee that there were three pilot areas which would be holding events over the next twelve months. As these road closures were temporary they were not subject to the same procedures as permanent TROs. The residents who were part of the pilot scheme are expected to undertake consultation with the other residents on the street and put up posters on the street so that drivers are aware of the proposed closure. The Council is to be informed of the results of the consultation prior to the road closure going ahead. After the twelve month trial the Council would look at the feedback from the pilots and decide whether to roll out the scheme across the borough.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be noted.
- 2) That an exhaustive list of ongoing TROs along with a description of the review process for TROs be brought to a later Committee Meeting.

6. CLIMATE EMERGENCY - TASK & FINISH GROUP

The Committee were looking to establish a new task and finish group following the motion which was made to council in November declaring a climate emergency. The Committee were requested to consult experts in order to come up with a carbon, to consider the climate change impact of all of the council's activities, to

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set an ambitious timescale for the reduction of these impacts, and to look into the feasibility of making all risk assessments include carbon emission appraisals and requiring alternative options which reduce carbon emissions be listed. The group are asked to report back on each of these areas to full Council. The Chair recognised that whilst this was a Trafford piece of work that there was a lot of work already ongoing at the Greater Manchester level. Therefore the task and finish group would need to consult with officers involved with the GM work to avoid duplication.

The Chair then asked for volunteers from the Committee to take part in the task and finish group. A Member of the Committee commented that there was already a lot of task and finish work being conducted by the Committee and they asked whether all Councillors could be invited to volunteer to take part. The Chair agreed that this should be widened to all Trafford Councillors and asked officers to send out an email detailing what the Task and Finish Group was to do and asking for volunteers.

The Chair added that funds would be required for the hiring of experts and that this would need to be done through a procurement exercise.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Committee agree to set up a climate change Task and Finish Group.
- 2) That all Councillors be informed of the group and invited be part of the group.
- 3) That Officers from Greater Manchester be asked to attend the first meeting of the Group.

7. OVERVIEW REPORT

The Chair introduced the report which had been provided for the Committee's information. The Chair then drew Committee Members attention to the Task and Finish group reviewing the One Trafford Partnership. The Chair stated that a report with recommendations was being drafted and would be taken to a final meeting of the Task and Finish Group for agreement prior to it being brought to a special meeting of the Committee to consider the report for referral to the Executive.

A Member of the Committee requested that it be found out when the update on Fire Safety in High Rise Tower Blocks the Chair also requested that the Presentation by GMFRS on Retrofitting Sprinklers be scheduled for a meeting.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the report be noted.
- 2) That the updates on Fire Safety in High Rise Tower Blocks and Presentation by GMFRS on Retrofitting Sprinklers be scheduled on for a meeting on the work plan.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.25 pm

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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 FEBRUARY 2019

PRESENT

Councillor D. Acton (in the Chair).

Councillors R. Bowker, J. Coupe, J. Holden, B. Shaw, A.J. Williams and R. Chilton (ex-Officio)

In attendance

Tim Rhodes	Principal Solicitor for Place
Alexander Murray	Democratic and Scrutiny Officer

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Boyes, A. New, S. Taylor, S. Thomas, M. Young and D. Western

1. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions were received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No additional interests were declared.

3. TASK AND FINISH GROUP REVIEW OF THE ONE TRAFFORD PARTNERSHIP

The Chair gave a brief introduction of the report to the Committee. He went over the details, the type of contract, and the main contract details. The Chair thanked the Members who had been involved in the task and finish group for their input. The Chair then gave a short summary of the approach that the group had taken starting with the first meeting in June 2018 and culminating in the last group meeting held on the 22 January to review the report and discuss recommendations. The Committee were informed that the group had met with a number of stakeholders including Trafford Officers, Amey Senior Management, and Trade Union Representatives. The report summarised the information that had been gathered from all of these meetings. The Chair stated that the group had been made aware of poor performance across a number of areas and poor morale amongst the staff across all services covered by the Contract.

Following the introduction by the Chair Members were given the opportunity to raise questions and put forward their views on the report and its recommendations. One Member stated that they that they could not support the recommendation that option one was the Committee's preferred choice. This was because it had not been shown that Trafford would be able to find another provider who could do better and that the Council could not afford to bring the services back in house. The Councillor stated that they thought option 3 was the best option given the financial position that the Council was in. The Chair responded that the contract had been running for three years and no one

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questioned that the provider had failed to meet the targets of the contract over those years. No one was questioning the validity of the information but rather the financial position of the council and the costs of the options put forward within the recommendations. The Chair reminded the Committee Members that it was not for the Committee to decide which of the options the Council could afford to take and that was for the Executive to decide.

The Committee discussed the recommendations within section nine of the report at length. It was agreed that some action needed to be taken and that the three options listed covered a broad spectrum of actions. The issue that a number of Councillors had was that the report stated that if all of the options were viable that the Committee's preferred option was option one. It was suggested that this be changed to if all options were feasible that the Committee preferred option one. The report was then agreed by the Committee to be referred to the executive once the recommendations had been amended.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the word viable be replaced with the word feasible within recommendations in section nine of the report.
- 2) That, following the above amendment, the Committee agreed the report to be submitted to the Executive.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and finished at 6.28 pm

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to: Scrutiny
Date: 13 March 2019
Report for: Decision
Report of: Executive Member for Finance and the Corporate Director of Finance and Systems

Report Title

Executive's Response to Scrutiny Committee's Recommendations to the Budget Proposals for 2019/20

Summary

At the Executive meeting on the 28 January 2019 a report was presented by the Scrutiny Committee chair, setting out their comments and findings from the review of the Executive's draft budget proposals for 2019/20.

The Executive values the contribution that the Scrutiny Committee makes to the budget process and is committed to working with Scrutiny Committee during the forthcoming year as part of their planned work programme.

This report contains a detailed response to each of the points raised by the Scrutiny Committee in their report.

Recommendation(s)

That the Executive's response to Scrutiny be approved.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Nikki Bishop
Extension: 4884

Background Papers: None

Relationship to Policy Framework/Corporate Priorities	The Scrutiny review of the budget is a requirement of the budget policy framework. It is relevant to all corporate priorities.
Financial	All financial implications are contained in the body of the report.
Legal Implications:	The Scrutiny review of the budget is a requirement of the Council's constitution.
Equality/Diversity Implications	There are none arising from this report.
Sustainability Implications	There are none arising from this report.

Resource Implications e.g. Staffing / ICT / Assets	There are none arising from this report.
Risk Management Implications	There are none arising from this report.
Health and Wellbeing Implications	There are none arising from this report.
Health and Safety Implications	There are none arising from this report.

BUDGET SCRUTINY ACTION PLAN

Issue	Scrutiny Recommendation	Executive Response
Delayed Transfers of Care – Members still feel that this is an area of concern and has a significant effect on the budget.	Health Scrutiny will be closely monitoring Delayed Transfers of Care as part of its 2019/20 work programme.	The Executive note this position.
Demand led services – As has been the case in previous years with demand led services, any increase in the projected demand could cause a significant budget shortfall.	Scrutiny will continue to monitor the Adults and Social Care services and their budgets via the Health Scrutiny and Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committee work programmes in 2019/20, and ask that they be kept informed of any expected demand increases as they become apparent.	The Executive note this position and confirm that regular updates will be made available.
Adults and Children’s Social Care Budget Saving Proposals – Scrutiny has some concerns around the savings proposals associated with the Adults and Children’s Social Care budgets, as most of the proposals are considered to be ‘cost avoidance measures’ (as opposed to actualised savings), which are difficult to forecast accurately.	The Health Scrutiny and Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Committees will be monitoring the Let’s Talk, Reassessments, and Right Care For You, savings targets as part of their 2019/20 work programmes.	The Executive note this position.
Budget reserves and provisions – Scrutiny note the general downward trend for budget reserves and provisions over recent years, as well as the projected decrease in upcoming years.	Scrutiny asks that assurances be provided to ensure that this downward trend is appropriate, and that that future issues are identified and reported to Scrutiny at an early stage.	The Executive note this position and will provide Scrutiny with updates during the year. The financial strategy includes a priority to bolster reserves when possible.

		<p>This was the in the period 8 budget monitor when £4.5m, additional income from the MAG dividend and a one-off business rate reallocation from the GM Combined Authority, was transferred to earmarked reserves.</p>
<p>Budget Monitoring – Some Scrutiny Members feel that the information being presented and scrutinised at meetings of the Executive is at times out of date, and that the budget needs monitoring more closely in these times of economic uncertainty and funding reductions.</p>	<p>Scrutiny asks that the Executive provides more information on why the budget monitor changed from being produced monthly to bi-monthly to help them understand the reasons behind the change.</p> <p>Scrutiny asks that the Executive give consideration to producing budget monitors monthly again. However, Scrutiny would not want this to be implemented if it was to have significant staffing capacity and / or financial implications.</p>	<p>Executive see the budget monitoring process as highly important.</p> <p>It does require a lot of input from the Financial Management Service and strongly supported by all budget holders, service and corporate leadership teams.</p> <p>Whilst formal budget monitoring reports are presented to the Executive every two months, all high risk budget areas are monitored on a monthly basis. This includes all adults and children’s client budget areas with the results presented to CLT.</p> <p>Therefore, at this stage, it is not recommended to revert back to formal monthly budget monitoring reports through the formal Executive.</p>
<p>Scrutiny Budget to Seek Expert Advice – A motion was agreed at the full Council meeting on 28 November 2018, which committed the Council to declare a Climate Emergency. The motion also called for the establishment of a new Task and Finish which should seek advice from experts to develop a carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Trafford. The hiring of these</p>	<p>Scrutiny asks that a budget be made available to seek the relevant advice to inform the Task & Finish Group’s work.</p>	<p>A budget will be identified within the Place Directorate in due course and when costings are known.</p>

<p>experts would generate a cost.</p>		
<p>Future Budget Shortfall – Scrutiny welcomes the balanced budget proposals for 2019/20 but notes that a potential future shortfall of circa £25m by the end of the 2021/22 financial year remains.</p>	<p>Scrutiny would like assurances that proposals are already being discussed on how the potential shortfall will be addressed.</p>	<p>The Executive are fully aware of the challenges ahead in balancing the future year’s budget where the gap stands at nearly £29m.</p> <p>The hard reset of the business rate baselines, promised by MHCLG, in 2020/21 will mean that funding streams the Council has become reliant on could be lost and this is the major reason the funding gap in later years. It is unlikely that any indicative funding figures will be made available by Government until late summer or early autumn 2019, a concern that the Local Government Association has taken up directly with MHCLG, which will make financial planning difficult for 2020/21. In any event a number of potential mitigants exist:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Government are currently consulting on transitional arrangements which, whilst these will unwind over a period of time, could protect the Council from a sudden and significant fall in resources. ➤ The Council’s current budget contains a modest level of discretionary services which will be reviewed during 2019 as well as fees and charges ➤ Comprehensive Spending Review and the social care green paper could both signal

		<p>the trajectory of funding in future years and specifically funding for social care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Population growth in Trafford is projected to rise faster than the national average which whilst meaning the pressure on Council services could increase is likely to mean improved levels of Government funding through the new formula which has its basis in population numbers. <p>The Asset Investment Strategy is realising both regeneration benefits and vital new income streams and proposal in this budget report to increase the size of the Investment Fund will provide greater scope to achieve further new income streams in 2019/20.</p> <p>With a budget gap for the following two years of £28.87m, the size of the challenge remains significant. For that reason the Council's Executive and Leadership Team will continue to work on developing further budget proposals during 2019/20 to meet this future financial challenge.</p>
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TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Scrutiny Committee
Date: 13 March 2019
Report for: Information
Report of: Chair of the Scrutiny Committee

Report Title

Overview Report

Purpose

This report provides information on the following:

- Work Programme
- Task & Finish Groups
- Recommendation Tracker
- Summary of Executive Decisions
- Greater Manchester Scrutiny Committee Meeting Updates

Recommendations

That the report be noted.

Contact person for access to background papers and further information:

Name: Alexander Murray, Democratic and Scrutiny Officer.
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1. Work Programme

Wednesday 4 July 2018 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall				
<i>Report submission deadline – midday Tuesday 26 June 2018</i>				
Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
Executive's Response to the Task & Finish Group Review of the Council's Scrutiny Processes	The Executive are to provide a response to the Committee's Task and Finish Group report following a review of the Council's Scrutiny Function, which was presented to the Executive at their meeting on 19 March 2018.	Cllr M Freeman - Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Peter Forrester	The Majority of recommendations have been accepted and are to be considered for adoption by the Constitutional Working Group.
Public Engagement with Scrutiny	The Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement would lead a discussion on public engagement with Scrutiny.	Cllr M Freeman - Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Peter Forrester	In principle support for webcasting / broadcasting and will be explored further by the Constitutional Working Group
Greater Manchester Strategy Implementation Plan and Current Performance Dashboard	The Executive Member for Equalities and Partnerships would provide an update on the development of the two year Greater Manchester Strategy Implementation Plan, along with a copy of the GMS performance dashboard.	Cllr C Hynes - The Executive Member for Equalities and Partnerships	N/A	The matter is to be discussed at the Scrutiny Chairs meeting with the Leader of the Council to see how it can be taken forward.
ADP Report (2017/18 Quarter Four)	A report providing a summary of performance against the Council's Annual Delivery Plan, 2017/18,	Cllr M Freeman - Executive Member for Constitutional	Peter Forrester	Performance noted and concerns raised about: sickness absence; litter; and delayed

	covering the period 1 January to 31 March 2018.	Reform and Resident Engagement		transfers of care (adult social care).
Work Programme	A report detailing the Committee's proposed work programme for the year.	N/A - Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Chris Gaffey	Noted the work programme and the prioritisation being given to the Task & Finish Group Review of the Amey Contract.

Wednesday 3 October 2018 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall

Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 25 September 2018

Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
2019/20 Budget Gap and Assumptions / Progress against the financial risks identified as part of the 2018/19 Budget Scrutiny process	<p>An update on the 2019/20 Budget Gap and the assumptions behind this to be provided to the Committee.</p> <p>As part of the 2018/19 Budget Scrutiny process, the Committee were provided a list of the proposed savings / income generation and the risks associated with achieving these. The Committee would like an update on progress against these.</p>	Cllr M Cordingley - Finance	Nikki Bishop	The Budget Gap and Assumptions were discussed, and the Chair met with the relevant officers following the meeting to discuss budget reserves in more detail. The Leader would present the draft budget proposals at the next meeting in November.
Executive's Response to the Task & Finish Group Review of the Council's CRM System	The Executive are to provide a response to the Committee's Task and Finish Group report following a review of the Council's CRM system, which was presented to the Executive	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	Scrutiny's recommendations were accepted and the report provided an update on the progress made in implementing the CRM service programme. A

	at their meeting on 29 January 2018.			further report would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
2017/18 Ombudsman Report	The Committee receives the annual report on Ombudsman complaints for information.	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	The report was noted.
Fire Safety in High Rise Tower Blocks - Update	To provide an update on safety in high rise tower blocks in Trafford. The last update was provided in March 2018.	Councillor Kevin Procter – Communities and Housing	Richard Roe	The report provided an update on high rise cladding in the borough. Remedial work was due to start soon, and a further update would be brought to the Committee in due course.
Reducing Single Use Plastic in Trafford	An amended Council motion relating to reducing single use plastic was agreed at full Council on 25 July. The motion recommended that this proposal be referred to Scrutiny for their input on delivery.	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe	The Committee welcomed the progress made so far. The report was noted.
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A - Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Chris Gaffey	The Chair confirmed that a new Task & Finish Group would be formed to conduct a review of aspects of the Council's Housing Strategy.

Wednesday 7 November 2018 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall

Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 30 October

Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
2019/20 Budget Presentation by the Leader of the Council	The Committee will receive the 2019/20 draft budget proposals, accompanied by a presentation to be delivered by the Leader of the Council.	Cllr A Western – Leader of the Council Cllr M Cordingley - Finance	Nikki Bishop	The presentation (considered in conjunction with the update on the Investment Strategy) was presented to the Committee. The Chair and Vice-Chair would confirm the arrangements for the Budget Scrutiny sessions scheduled for 4 and 6 December 2018 in due course.
Clean Air Plan (GM)	<p>The plan is to be approved by all Greater Manchester Authorities by end of 2018.</p> <p>Ultimately it is to be approved by Council on 28 November 2018 but before then it's intended to go to Executive on 26 November. It is then proposed that the report and possibly a presentation go to the Scrutiny Committee on 3 October.</p>	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe	The Clean Air Plan was presented to Councillors at an all-Member briefing in October. No further input from Scrutiny is required; therefore the item has been removed from the agenda.
Investment Strategy	To receive an update on the Investment Strategy	Councillor James Wright – Investment, Regeneration and Strategic Planning	Jane Le Fevre Richard Roe	This was considered in conjunction with the Leader's 2019/20 draft budget presentation.

Constitution Working Group Report	A report of the Constitution Working Group setting out the proposed changes agreed by the Group. The report will also be referred to the Standards Committee and the Executive, before being considered by full Council on 28 November 2018.	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre Peter Forrester	The report was received and some alterations to the proposals around questions from members of the public were suggested. These suggestions were included in the final report to full Council on 28 November 2018.
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A	Chris Gaffey	The report was noted.

Budget Scrutiny

Two Budget Scrutiny sessions were held on 4 and 6 December 2018. Discussions at these sessions, along with the presentation received at the 7 November 2018 meeting, helped formulate the Scrutiny Committee's Budget Scrutiny report to the Executive (which was presented to Scrutiny at the 9 January 2019 meeting).

Wednesday 9 January 2019 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall*Report submission deadline – midday on Thursday 20 December 2018*

Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
2019/20 Budget Scrutiny Report	A report produced by the Scrutiny Committee providing its recommendations on the 2019/20 Budget Proposals.	N/A – Report of the Scrutiny Committee	Peter Forrester	
Traffic Regulation Orders	A report to provide an update on Traffic Regulation Orders in Trafford.	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe Simon Dale	
Climate Emergency – Task & Finish Group Review	A motion was agreed at the full Council meeting on 28 November 2018, which committed the Council to declare a Climate Emergency. A new Task & Finish Group would be established to develop a carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Trafford. The Committee will be asked to discuss how they want to proceed with this review.	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe	
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A	Peter Forrester	

Wednesday 13 March 2019 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall*Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 5 March 2019*

Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
Executive Response to the 2019/20 Budget Scrutiny Report	A report providing a response to the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee as part of the 2019/20 Budget Scrutiny process.	Cllr A Western – Leader of the Council Cllr M Cordingley - Finance	Nikki Bishop	
Social Investment Framework – Trafford Housing Trust	A report providing a further update on the arrangements for Trafford Housing Trust's Social Investment Framework.	Councillor Kevin Procter – Communities and Housing	Richard Roe	Following an update at the Scrutiny Committee meeting in March 2018, it was agreed that a further update be brought to the Committee to provide a progress update.
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A	Peter Forrester	

Items to be scheduled				
Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
2018/19 ADP	To receive the proposed 2018/19 Annual Delivery Plan for any comments	Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	The format of the 2018/19 ADP is still under consideration and will be brought to the Committee once it has been agreed.
Further update on the Implementation of the CRM Services Programme	To receive a report providing an update on the implementation of the CRM Service Programme.	Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	At the meeting in October 2018, the Committee received the Executive's response to the Task & Finish Group review conducted by the Committee. It was agreed that a further update on implementation be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
Fire Safety in High Rise Tower Blocks	To receive a further update on safety in high rise tower blocks in Trafford.	Executive Member for Communities and Housing	Richard Roe	The Committee received an update on this topic at their meeting in October 2018. It was agreed that a further report be brought to a future meeting to provide an update on progress.
Presentation by GMFRS on Retrofitting Sprinklers	To receive a presentation on the options available for retrofitting sprinkler systems in buildings	Executive Member for Communities and Housing	N/A	At the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 3 October 2018, the Chair requested that Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) provide a presentation to the Committee on how retrofitting sprinkler systems in buildings could be

				done. The Chair will contact the relevant people to schedule this.
TRO List and Prioritisation Process	To receive an exhaustive list of all TROs ongoing. To receive a report detailing the process by which TROs are added to the list and how they are prioritised. The Committee would also like to receive information explaining how often the list is reviewed and what actions are taken regarding low priority TROs which will not be fulfilled.	Executive Member Environment, Clean Air, and Climate Change.		The information required is a follow on request from the Committee Meeting held on 9 January 2019

2. Task & Finish Groups

Topic	Information	Members	Status
One Trafford Partnership Review	The Committee have agreed to conduct a Task & Finish Group review of the One Trafford Partnership.	Cllrs Acton (Chair), Bowker, Boyes, Coupe, Longden, Shaw, Thomas and Williams.	A report has been written and agreed with recommendations. The report is going to the Executive Meeting on the 18 Marc 2019.
Affordable Housing in Trafford	This has been identified as a possible area of focus for a Task & Finish Group review.	Cllrs A. Williams (Chair), D. Acton, R. Bowker, J. Coupe and J. Holden.	A second meeting has been held and documents responding to the Groups initial questions have been received.
Climate Emergency	A motion was agreed at the full Council meeting on 28 November 2018, which committed the Council to declare a Climate Emergency. A new Task & Finish Group would be established to develop a carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Trafford.	Councillors Acton, Boyes, Brophy, Carey, Coggins, Jerrome, Longden, Shaw, and Slater.	The first meeting of the group has been scheduled for the 11 March 2019. The meeting is to be attended by officers from Greater Manchester Combined Authority working on climate change.

3. Recommendation Tracker

There are no formal Scrutiny Committee recommendations awaiting an Executive response.

Scrutiny Recommendation	Executive Response
<p>Recommendation 1 - That the Executive conduct an assessment of the feasibility of the following 3 options;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Consider alternative models of service delivery, including the development of an In-House Service model, with a view to ending the contract with Amey.2. Review the contract with Amey with a clear intent that there should be a wholesale reshaping of the contract and partnership between Amey and the Council.3. Continue the Amey Contract and seek significant improvements to the delivery of existing services. <p>If it is determined that all options are feasible then option 1 is the preferred option of the Scrutiny Committee.</p>	<p>To be considered at the Executive Meeting 18 March 2019</p>
<p>Recommendation 2 – That an update be provided to Scrutiny once the Executive has considered the report.</p>	<p>To be considered at the Executive Meeting 18 March 2019</p>

4. Executive Decisions

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS 09 JANUARY – 5 MARCH 2019

<u>Decision Reference</u>	<u>Subject Area for Decision</u>	<u>Date of decision</u>	<u>Decision Taker</u>
I035026	CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND WELLBEING ALL AGE TRAVEL ASSISTANCE POLICY 2019/2020 ref: 788	25/02/2019	Executive
I035025	TRAFFORD INTEGRATED YOUTH OFFER (TIYO) PROPOSAL ref: 787	25/02/2019	Executive
I034998	CAPITAL STRATEGY, CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND PRUDENTIAL & LOCAL INDICATORS 2019/22 ref: 783	20/02/2019	Executive
I034999	TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2019/20 - 2021/22 ref: 784	20/02/2019	Executive
I035001	EXECUTIVE'S RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2019/20 ref: 786	20/02/2019	Executive
I035000	FEEES, CHARGES & ALLOWANCES 2019/20 ref:	20/02/2019	Head of Planning and Development

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I034997	EXECUTIVE'S REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2019/20 & MTFS 2020/21 - 2021/22 ref: 782	20/02/2019	Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change
I035003	FAIR PRICE FOR CARE ANNUAL UPLIFT TO THE HOURLY RATE PAID TO PROVIDERS TO DELIVER HOMECARE IN TRAFFORD IN 2019/20 ref: 781	20/02/2019	Executive
I035002	FAIR PRICE FOR CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE'S RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING HOMES 2019-2020 ref: 780	20/02/2019	Executive
I034811	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY ref: 776	28/01/2019	Executive
I034789	S.75 BETTER CARE FUND AND IMPROVED BETTER CARE FUND AGREEMENT 2018-19 BETWEEN TRAFFORD CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP AND TRAFFORD COUNCIL ref: 770	28/01/2019	Executive
I034787	HIGHWAYS CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 - UPDATE ON PROGRAMME PROGRESS AND ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS FOR INVESTMENT ref:	28/01/2019	Executive

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I034785	DETERMINATION OF THE 2020 ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS AND APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS ref: 771	28/01/2019	Executive
I034784	BUSINESS RATES DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF POLICY 2019-20 - AMENDMENTS TO REFLECT THE AUTUMN BUDGET 2018 BUSINESS RATES MEASURES ref: 775	28/01/2019	Executive

Information on past Executive decisions can be found at <http://www.trafford.gov.uk/about-your-council/councillors-and-committees/councillors-and-committees.aspx>

5. Greater Manchester Scrutiny Committee Updates

Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes and documents from 14th February 2019 available at

https://www.gmcameetings.co.uk/meetings/meeting/622/housing_planning_and_environment_overview_and_scrutiny_committee

Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes and documents from 12th February 2019 available at

https://www.gmcameetings.co.uk/meetings/meeting/546/corporate_issues_and_reform_overview_and_scrutiny_committee

Economy, Business Growth and Skills Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting: 8 February 2019 at GMCA Offices, Churchgate House, Manchester, M1 6EU

Brexit Report

There is some evidence that companies are stockpiling requirements as a prudent measure in case of a No-Deal Brexit. Manchester Airport is preparing contingency plans. NHS anticipate a skills shortage. Waste disposal may face problems as some waste is currently exported.

Work and skills Update

Report by Cllr Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeships.

This report provided an overview of progress in delivering the 10 priorities identified in the GM Work and Skills Strategy.

The 10 priorities are:-

1. Improving Careers Education, Information, Advice & Guidance.
2. Reforming the work and skills system to focus on outcomes not outputs

3. Developing GM's work and skills infrastructure to meet the needs of the economy
4. Improving attainment from compulsory education
5. Strengthening Employer Engagement
6. Growing the quality and quantity of Apprenticeships
7. Developing higher level skills &ESF
8. Redesigning universal support provision
9. Developing specialist support for hard to reach groups
10. Ensuring GM commissioned programmes have a skills and work focus.

Draft GM Good Employment Charter

Report by Cllr Sean Fielding, Portfolio Lead for Education, Skills, Work and Apprenticeships.

Report set out plans for the establishment of a GM good Employment Charter, based on the model developed through co-design with employers, employees and others.

Some member expressed concern at the apparent delay in introducing the Charter.

Cllr Kate Lewis mentioned that the "Task and Finish" report on equality and diversity was relevant to the Charter.

GM Full Fibre Programme – Implementation Update

Paper by Cllr Andrew Western, Portfolio Lead Leader for Digital City Region.

This large and complex programme is now moving towards procurement.

The £21.3m grant from DCMS for Local Full Fibre Networks funding (LFFN) is allocated between the 10 Districts and GMCA is to maximise full fibre site coverage across each District. Following market response to the procurement, CA agreement will be sought regarding the final grant splits.

GM Local Industrial Strategy Update

This was a paper that Sir Richard Leese was to submit to the GMCA Meeting on 15 February 2019.

The Independent Prosperity Review final report was now available. Ten years on from the Manchester Independent Economic Review, it provides a fresh understanding of what needs to be done to improve productivity and prosperity across our region.

Officers are now tasked with developing a paper responding to the recommendations of the Review.

I am sure that it will be appreciated that it is difficult to summarise the lengthy and complex reports on the agenda of this Scrutiny Committee.

All the relevant papers can be downloaded from the GMCA website at https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/info/20016/combined_authority/192/meetings

Regards.

Cllr Barry Brotherton