

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 29 October 2018	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/29.10.18/5&16	Executive (Councillors A. Western, Adshead, Cordingley, Hynes, Freeman, Lloyd, Procter and Wright)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

LEISURE CENTRE INVESTMENT STRATEGY

1. That the Leisure Centre Investment Strategy as set out in the report be approved, including the capital investment of £46.843m in the development of new leisure centres at Stretford and Altrincham and the associated prudential borrowing requirements of £34.698m.
2. That the release be approved of £2.180m from within the overall capital sum to develop the proposals to planning application stage.
3. That the proposed procurement process be approved to secure design and build contracts for Altrincham and Stretford Leisure Centres as set out in this report and that it be noted that further reports on the award of the contracts will be brought back to the Executive in due course.
4. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place in consultation with the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy to negotiate and agree the terms of agreements with Trafford Leisure CIC Limited in relation to the use and operation of the proposed new facilities and to secure income payments to cover the Council's cost of borrowing and future lifecycle costs.
5. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy to enter into and sign the said agreements on behalf of the Council.
6. That it be noted that a further report setting out the business case for capital funding related to the development of Sale Leisure Centre will be brought to the Executive in due course.
7. That the position in relation to George H Carnall (GHC) Leisure Centre be noted, and that a further report will be brought back to the Executive in December 2018 setting out proposals prior to public consultation on the same.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Old Trafford and Stretford have some of the starkest health inequalities in the Borough Physical exercise plays an important part in improving the health and wellbeing of the general population helping people to live longer and in better health. This has a direct impact on reducing the growing burden upon the health and social care system. Research suggests that the proximity of a leisure centre to where you live has a bearing upon the amount of exercise taken and leisure centres play an important role within the local community. Trafford has one of the biggest swimming programmes in the country that is enjoyed by many young school children from an early age and it is considered to be of vital importance to the future health of children in Trafford that these programmes are able to continue. Pools in their own right are not commercially viable when you take account of the capital costs associated so any loss in provision would likely not be met commercially through private sector operators. This would push residents towards more expensive options available in the market and swimming is such an important part of maintaining a healthy lifestyle and encouraging young people from an early age to use their local leisure facilities which has been so successful in Trafford through school swimming programmes and family swimming sessions and lessons. With the facilities in decline the strategic importance of this to the Council's aims and objectives is paramount. Doing nothing ultimately means closure as usage declines due to the extremely

poor condition of the existing facilities. The estimated cost of basic maintenance over next 30 years is in the region of £20m and this would do nothing in terms of generating additional income to offset this cost or help to encourage people to become active.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The consequences of alternative options of doing nothing or refurbishment are set out in detail at section 6 of the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

TRAFFORD YOUTH SERVICES

1. That the position in relation to the current service provision for young people in Trafford be noted.
2. That the work underway to develop a comprehensive proposal for the future delivery of youth services in Trafford be noted.
3. That approval be given to the proposed arrangements in relation to Trafford Youth Trust as set out in the report in particular:
 - o the transfer of responsibility from Trafford Youth Trust to the Council for existing contracts and grant agreements and any other potential liabilities;
 - o the cessation of any funding obligations on the part of the Council in relation to the Trafford Youth Trust;
 - o that the Council enters into a Transfer Agreement with Trafford Youth Trust to formally transfer liabilities and funding as set out in the report.
4. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy in consultation with the Acting Corporate Director for Children's Services to agree the detailed terms of the proposed Transfer Agreement in accordance with the terms set out in the report.
5. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy to enter into the Transfer Agreement with the Trafford Youth Trust.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable the Council to take over the management of existing TYT contracts whilst the Council carries out a full review of the provision of services for young people in Trafford with a view to the development of an integrated youth offer.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

No change to current structure; or continue to maintain the Trust as an independent entity, but with a partnership approach developed. Further details of the options are set out in section 5 of, and Appendix 1 to, the report.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

Councillor Lloyd declared a Personal Interest in respect of her directorship of Trafford Domestic Abuse Services. None

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<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
<u>HOUSING ALLOCATIONS POLICY</u>		
That the Trafford Housing Allocations Policy 2018 be approved for publication.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
To ensure that through the revised Trafford Housing Allocations Policy 2018, which takes into account the changes enacted by the Homelessness Reduction Act, the Council ensures that the rules, criteria and procedures that determine how households are nominated to social and affordable rented RP properties in the borough are clearly established.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
Not to adopt the revised Policy, which has been amended in line with changes to Homelessness Legislation. The Policy needs to be revised in line with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 to take into account the additional duties (Prevention and Relief). Without these amendments the Council is in breach of its statutory homelessness duty.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
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RECORD OF THE DECISION

GM MAYOR'S CYCLING & WALKING CHALLENGE FUND - UPDATE

1. That the schemes in Trafford which have been granted "Programme Entry" status through the MCF (Appendix 1, Table 1 to the report) be noted.
2. That the schemes in Appendix 1, Table 2 be approved for submission to the third tranche of the MCF in January 2019.
3. That the potential schemes for future tranches of the MCF (Appendix 1 Table 3) be noted.
4. That the process for submitting future schemes to the MCF as identified in section 8.4. of the report be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to enable bids to be submitted to the MCF in a timely fashion and to ensure that Trafford Council is able to secure the maximum benefits from the MCF.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Not to develop the existing PE schemes (Table 1, Appendix 1) to FBC status would mean that key additional elements of the Stretford Cycle Way would not be completed because insufficient funds would exist without the grant from the MCF. Additionally all resources spent to date on the additional elements of this scheme would not be recoverable because this can only be done once the FBC has been approved. Not to submit the scheme identified in Table 2 of Appendix 1 for PE status would mean that insufficient funds would exist to deliver a key link to important employment opportunities. Not to prepare a pipeline of potential schemes to submit under future tranches of the MCF PE status would result in Trafford not being able to secure any further funds through the MCF. Without securing these funds it is very unlikely that sufficient funding would exist to deliver the required step change in cycling and walking facilities in Trafford.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

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TRAFFORD CIVIC QUARTER MASTERPLAN: SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

1. That the draft Civic Quarter Masterplan SPD (Appendix 1 to the report) be approved for the purposes of public consultation.
2. That authority for the approval of the accompanying draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for public consultation purposes be delegated to the Head of Planning and Development.
3. That authority for approving any minor changes to the wording and / or layout of the SPD / SEA prior to commencement of public consultation and for the carrying out of all actions related to such consultation (Appendix 2 to the report) be delegated to the Corporate Director, Place.
4. That it be requested that a further report be brought back to the Executive setting out the results of the consultation and with a final version of the Civic Quarter Masterplan SPD for adoption.
5. That this decision be deemed to be urgent business, and not subject to call-in, to ensure that the public consultation on the SPD and SEA is not delayed.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

For the purposes of consultation on the draft Civic Quarter SPD and to secure other appropriate delegated authority for approvals and consultation to the Head of Planning and Development and the Corporate Director, Place.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Not to prepare the SPD or to prepare a different strategy. The continued absence of an overarching framework for the delivery of development in the Civic Quarter area will not provide the Council with a strategic context within which to make decisions on future development in support of its priorities for economic growth and development. The adoption of the Civic Quarter Masterplan as SPD will enable the Local Planning Authority to give it significant weight in the determination of planning applications, which will mean the document can meaningfully influence and shape development activity in the area.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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Not applicable. For the reasons set out in the report, this decision is urgent, and not

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subject to call-in.

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<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
<u>ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW LOCAL GOVERNMENT MUTUAL</u>		
<p>1. That the Council's participation as a Founding Member of Local Government Mutual be supported and the Leader and Executive Member for Finance be nominated to be Founding Member committee members.</p> <p>2. That the Corporate Director, Finance and Systems be authorised to share the Council's relevant risk transfer and protection data with the LGA officers working on the project on a strictly confidential basis.</p> <p>3. That it be noted that officers will consider the business case for utilising the Mutual at the appropriate time and to request them to report accordingly to the Executive on the same prior to any further decision being taken in relation to participation in the Mutual.</p>		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
To enable the Council to participate in the proposed scheme and to oversee its development.		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
Not to participate in the proposed scheme as a Founding Member.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
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<u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u>		
<u>CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME FOR 2019/20</u>		
That the proposed changes to the Council Tax Support scheme for 19/20 be recommended to Council.		
<u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u>		
The Council must adopt a local CTS scheme no later than 31 March before the start of the financial year to which the scheme applies in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 2012. The proposed changes are to modify the existing scheme by adopting changes that keep at large the existing scheme but adopt changes that ensure the local scheme is fair and consistent whilst still retaining a more favourable approach within the scheme to those who are out of work when compared to the schemes within GM (subject to a Band D cap and less any non-dependant deductions).		
<u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u>		
To decide not to change the scheme for 19/20. However, this would mean the continuation of elements within the local scheme that are no longer fit for purpose in relation to those affected by the £5 threshold, those with a non-dependent under 25 on benefits and those in receipt of UC.		
<u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u>		
None.		

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Not applicable. This decision is to make a recommendation to Council, as the substantive decision maker, and so call-in is not appropriate.

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