

STAR JOINT COMMITTEE – VIRTUAL MEETING

16 SEPTEMBER 2020

PARTICIPATING

Councillor Ryan (Tameside) (in the Chair),
Councillors Ali (Rochdale), McGee (Stockport) and Ross (Trafford).

In Attendance:

Lorraine Cox (Director, STAR Procurement)
Nichola Cooke (Assistant Director, STAR Procurement)
Elizabeth McKenna (Assistant Director, STAR Procurement)
David Wilcock (Rochdale)
Michael Cullen (Stockport)
Stephen Tonge (Trafford)
Fabiola Fuschi (Trafford)
Joseph Maloney (Trafford)

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th June 2020 be approved as a correct record.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made by Members of the Joint Committee.

15. 5-STAR 2020/21 QUARTER 1 PROGRESS REPORT

The STAR Assistant Director introduced a report which provided information for the Committee on the 2020/21 Quarter 1 performance measures of STAR Procurement. These focussed in particular on the areas of ratified savings, income, return on investment, social value and verified spend. Whilst the savings achieved were lower than hoped, it was noted that none had yet been included from Tameside, and the officers were confident of reaching the target. On income, further increases were expected from a range of local and more widespread activity. Members noted that, as was to be expected, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic had had a significant impact during Quarter 1 across the range on indicators; but that an improvement in the position was already expected for Quarter 2.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report, and the observations now made by Members on the performance to the end of Quarter 1 for 2020/21, be noted.

16. NEW STAR BUSINESS PLAN 2020-23

The STAR Assistant Director (Development) introduced a report which presented to the Committee the final draft of STAR Business Plan and sought agreement for the next steps and the plan's launch. Members were reminded that it had been refreshed and updated in liaison with Members, the STAR Board and Team, and that it was intended to be a living document, embedded in STAR's operations. Attention was drawn to the guiding principles underpinning the plan – Communities, Commerciality, Collaboration, Confidence and Courageous, and the four "enablers" – Leadership & Governance, Communications & Engagement, Technology & Data and Talent Management. In discussion, Members endorsed the plan's content and proposals for its finalisation.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the new STAR Business Plan 2020-23 be agreed.
- (2) That authority for the final editing, formatting and artwork be delegated to the Director of STAR Procurement.

17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled to be held, virtually, on Wednesday, 16th December 2020.

18. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

It was noted that there was no urgent business to be transacted at the current meeting.

19. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

RESOLVED - That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, because of the likelihood of disclosure of "exempt information" which falls within one or more descriptive category or categories of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, and specified on the agenda item or report relating to each such item respectively.

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20. STAR PROCUREMENT BUDGET POSITION QUARTER 1 2020/21

The Assistant Director submitted a confidential report which provided for the Joint Committee an update on the STAR Procurement budget position as at Quarter 1 2020/21. In discussion, Members noted that the financial position had been difficult during the quarter, for reasons discussed elsewhere on the agenda; and were advised that measures were in place to mitigate the current shortfall, including expanding business with customers and partners, and an impetus to modify ways of working.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.00 p.m. and finished at 2.32 p.m.