

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 25 January 2021	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E/25.1.21/5a	Executive (Virtual Meeting) (Councillors Participating: A. Western, Adshead, Freeman, Harding, Hynes, Patel, Ross, Slater, Whitham and Wright)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW OF THE EXECUTIVE'S DRAFT BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR 2021-2022

1. That the content of the report and its recommendations be noted.
2. That a formal response be made to Scrutiny in due course.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To provide for a formal response to be made to the recommendations set out in the Overview and Scrutiny Review of the Executive's Draft Budget Proposals for 2021-2022.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

None - There is a requirement for the Executive to respond to formal recommendations from Scrutiny.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

Scrutiny Call in Deadline

Not applicable. This decision is made to provide a response to Scrutiny recommendations, so call-in is not appropriate.

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26th January 2021

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

LEISURE STRATEGY REVIEW - PART I

1. That the outcome of stage 1 and stage 2 of the Strategic Outcomes Planning Model (SOPM) be noted and the undertaking of stages 3 and 4 approved.
2. That a proposed revised leisure strategy be noted in line with a refurbishment programme for the three leisure centres of Altrincham, Sale and Stretford, subject to completion of the SOPM stages 3 and 4 which will be submitted to the Executive in 2021.
3. That it be noted that Trafford is developing an Active Travel Plan for 2021 that will include integrated walking and cycling strategy and connectivity to the leisure estate.
4. That it be noted that as part of the formulation of the capital programme for 2021/24 this will include for the development and delivery of the business case for three Leisure Centre refurbishments, along with essential maintenance works across the leisure estate.
5. That it be approved that Trafford Leisure CIC continue the role of managing Council owned leisure facilities within new Governance arrangements based on a new contract and operating agreement.
6. 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 new agreements and leases with Trafford Leisure CIC Limited in relation to the use and operation of the facilities.
7. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy to enter into and sign and/or seal the said agreements and leases on behalf of the Council.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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 and access of a leisure centre 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 taking 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 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 corporate priorities is paramount.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

In terms of the assets: do nothing - which ultimately means closure of the leisure centres as usage continues to decline due to the extremely poor condition of the existing facilities as well as ongoing

costs in relation to ongoing maintenance until closure; carry on with current approval to build new sites from the previous Executive decision; or have a mix of refurbishments and new builds across the leisure estate.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS BASIC NEED AND S.E.N.D. CAPITAL REPORT

That the proposals contained within the report be agreed as the detailed capital programme for 2020/21, specifically -

1. Agree to the reallocation of funding streams of Egerton High School and Delamere School in order to carry out work to improve the facilities and expand provision for pupils with special education needs and disabilities (SEND) detailed in Appendix A to the report: Proposed Capital Projects, SEND Capital Programme, Table 2.
2. Note the demand for primary and secondary school places, Section 2 and 3 of the report and approve the proposal to expand Firs Primary from 2FE to 3FE as detailed in Section 7.
3. Note and agree the completion of previous schemes and the demand for early years places, Section 5 of the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure compliance with the Council's statutory duties as highlighted in Section 8 of the report - Legal Position; to enhance facilities and expand the local offer of special educational provision in Trafford schools for children and young people with Education, Health and Care Plans; and to support Trafford's

vision of Excellence in Education and ensure that pupils are able to thrive and achieve their educational outcomes through fit for purpose and high quality learning environments.

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When considering the expansion of a school, the LA must consider the impact on neighbouring schools. The option to expansion Firs Primary School will meet the needs of both current and future catchment area children and allow the LA to accommodate in year applicants that cannot achieve places elsewhere. This option will create the least impact on other schools. If the revision to funding streams for SEND capital schemes are not approved then improvements cannot be made to school buildings and facilities. There would continue to be a gap in local provision which could result in more pupils having to travel considerable distances to often more costly out of borough provision. None of the Capital grants are ring-fenced and could be used for other Council priorities; however they meet the Council’s Corporate Priorities of “ensuring a fair start for all children and young people” and “supporting our residents when they need it most”.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

CORPORATE EQUALITY STRATEGY 2021-2025

1. That the content of the report be noted.
2. That the Corporate Equality Strategy 2021-2025 be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

There is a requirement for the Council to publish its Equality Objectives. It has developed this strategy together with the CCG in order to be consistent with its key partner for Health and social care commissioning in the work the Council will undertake to meet its objectives. By publishing the strategy the Council's plans for delivery are clearly and widely communicated, that they can be more easily debated and discussed and that the Council can be better held to account.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

There is a statutory duty to ensure that the Council addresses inequalities in the borough, so by publishing its strategy it is able to be more easily held accountable for its delivery. If this strategy is not approved then it could be revised so that the Council has an acceptable strategy. However, it is seen as an iterative document with built in scope for development and improvement.

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