

EXECUTIVE – VIRTUAL MEETING

22 FEBRUARY 2021

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Leader of the Council (Councillor A. Western)(in the Chair),
Executive Member for Children’s Services (Councillor C. Hynes),
Executive Member for Adult Social Care (Councillor J. Harding),
Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships (Councillor G. Whitham),
Executive Member for Covid-19 Recovery and Reform (Councillor M. Freeman),
Executive Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor E. Patel),
Executive Member for Environmental and Regulatory Services (Councillor S. Adshead),
Executive Member for Finance and Governance (Councillor T. Ross),
Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Equalities (Councillor J. Slater),
Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration (Councillor J. Wright).

Also virtually participating: Councillors Acton, Barclay, Blackburn, Boyes, Brotherton, Butt, Carter, Coggins, Evans, Jerrome, Lamb, Lloyd, Morgan, Myers, Newgrosh, Thompson (part only), D. Western (part only) and Young.

Officers virtually in attendance:

Chief Executive (Ms. S. Todd),
Corporate Director, Place (Mr. R. Roe),
Corporate Director, Finance and Systems (Ms. N. Bishop),
Corporate Director, People (Ms. S. Saleh),
Corporate Director, Adult Services (Ms. D. Eaton),
Corporate Director, Children’s Services (Ms. J. McGregor),
Director of Finance (Mr. G. Bentley),
Head of Governance (Ms. D. Sykes),
Governance Officer (Mr. J.M.J. Maloney).

36. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was noted that no questions had been received for consideration at the current meeting.

37. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made by Executive Members.

38. MATTERS FROM COUNCIL OR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

It was noted that there were no issues to be reported to the current meeting.

39. ALL AGE TRAVEL ASSISTANCE POLICY 2021/22

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Executive Member for Children's Services submitted a report which set out the consultation approach taken and proposed that the revised All Age Travel Assistance Policy for 2021/22 be implemented.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the report be noted, including the methodology and approach used for the consultation process, the feedback received and the equality impact assessment.
- (2) That the revised policy be approved for implementation with effect from 1 June 2021 for travel in the academic year 2021/22.

40. FAIR PRICE FOR CARE

The Executive Member for Adult Social Care submitted two related reports in relation to the proposed fair Price for Care 2021/22, as set out in the following Minutes. In introducing the report the Executive Member expressed recognition of the efforts of the care sector in dealing with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

41. FAIR PRICE FOR CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLES' RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING HOMES 2021-2022 : CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Executive Member for Adult Social Care submitted a report which proposed a Fair Price for Care, in the light of consultation outcomes and the undertaking of a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the outcome of the consultation be considered and noted.
- (2) That the response to the consultation be considered and noted.
- (3) That the EIA be considered and noted.
- (4) That the following bed rates be approved for 2021/2:
 1. New bed rates from 1st April 2021.
 - **£571.76** for all residential beds
 - **£639.15** for all nursing beds

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2. An inflationary uplift of **2.1%** for all other existing beds, including block purchased beds.

(5) That it be confirmed that, in approving the above, the Executive has taken into consideration the Council's Public Sector Equality duty.

42. FAIR PRICE FOR CARE - HOMECARE 2021 - 2022 : CONSULTATION UPDATE

The Executive Member for Adult Social Care submitted a report which proposed a Fair Price for Care, in the light of consultation outcomes and the undertaking of a full Equalities Impact Assessment.

RESOLVED -

(1) That the outcome of the consultation be noted.

(2) That the response to the consultation be noted.

(3) That the outcome of the Equality Impact Assessment be noted.

(4) That an inflationary uplift be approved of 2.50% to the hourly rate for standard homecare which will be an increase from £15.99 per hour to £16.39 per hour for 2021/21.

(5.) That an additional £0.91 per hour be approved to framework homecare providers which reflects the transformation work to reach an hourly rate of £17.30. This does not include non-framework providers, supported living providers or direct payment packages.

(6.) That it be confirmed that in approving the above, the Executive has taken into consideration the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty.

43. PROGRESS REVIEW: RECOVERY UPDATE SINCE OCTOBER 2020

The Executive Member for COVID-19 Recovery and Reform submitted a report which provided a current update on Trafford Recovery Programme activity, across a range of activities undertaken by the Council and its partners. In discussion, Members drew attention to implementation issues on cycle lane schemes and other projects undertaken by the Council's delivery partner; and to the possibility of rationalisation of the Council's estate in response to changing working patterns prompted by the pandemic. It was noted that significant recovery challenges remained; and noted that a further update report would be brought to the Executive later in the year.

RESOLVED - That the content of the report, in particular the Recovery Programme progress to date, be noted.

44. TRAFFORD INCLUSIVE ECONOMY RECOVERY PLAN AND TRANSITION PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

The Executive Member for Covid-19 Recovery and Reform submitted a report which presented details of, and sought approval for, the Trafford Inclusive Economy Recovery Plan, which had been prepared to identify the specific actions required to ensure effective economic recovery and the delivery of a more inclusive economy in Trafford, and contributed to the wider Covid-19 recovery plan. In discussion Members raised questions regarding the interface with specific locality place plans; and it was noted that it was intended to hold further specific consultations on these in summer 2021, noting detailed timing issues raised by Members.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the Trafford Inclusive Economy Recovery Plan be approved.
- (2) That the Transition Preparedness Plan Update be noted.

45. CORPORATE OPERATIONAL ESTATE STRATEGY

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration submitted a report presenting for consideration and adoption the Corporate Operational Estate Strategy, which set out a strategic purpose to the management of the Council's buildings from which public sector services are delivered, forming the operational estate. The strategy set out a vision, key principles and core objectives that will result in the improved strategic management of the buildings needed to deliver public sector services. In discussion, the distinction was noted between the operational estate and the Council's wider property holdings; and it was agreed that a further response would be made outside the meeting to a Member's query on the scale of the impact of efficiencies on the Council's wider estate. It was also noted that the measures proposed would have an impact on broader carbon emissions targets.

RESOLVED - That the Corporate Operational Estate Strategy be adopted by the Council.

46. GREATER MANCHESTER CLEAN AIR PLAN UPDATE AND CONSULTATION REVIEW

The Leader of the Council submitted a report which set out the progress made on the development of Greater Manchester's Clean Air Plan (GM CAP) following a

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public consultation on proposals relating to the link to taxi and private hire common minimum licensing standards (MLS). Both GM CAP and MLS consultation responses were being analysed and reported on by an independent research agency. GM authorities would fully consider all of the information and evidence gathered, to understand the consequences COVID-19 had had on vehicle owners and trades which will be directly affected by the GM CAP and MLS. The report and appendices also set out the work TfGM was undertaking on behalf of the ten Greater Manchester Authorities in the preparatory implementation and contract arrangements required to deliver the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) and other GM CAP measures. It also set out the governance approach to both GM CAP and MLS, with the GM CAP final plan to be brought forward for decision makers as soon as was reasonably practicable and no later than summer 2021, and the outputs of the MLS to be reported alongside the GM CAP at the same time.

In discussion of the rationale for proceeding with the plan, the Leader made reference to the expressed expectations of the Government, and also to the expected levels of exceedance across Greater Manchester, with associated implications for public health. It was noted that further information would be available, once the consultation outcomes were known, on timescales for the scrappage scheme; and also that the question had been raised with ministers of the impact of the strategic road network on local emission levels.

RESOLVED -

1. That the progress of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan be noted.
2. That the next steps for the development of the Clean Air Plan and Minimum Licensing Standards, listed at Section 12 of the report, be noted.
3. That it be noted that the distribution of Bus Retrofit funding commenced in December 2020.
4. That it be noted that Government ministers have agreed to consider extending Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone (CAZ) charges to the sections of the A628/A57 which form part of the Strategic Road Network, within the proposed CAZ boundary, subject to the outcomes of an assessment, which is expected to be completed by early 2021.
5. That it be noted that the GM Clean Air Plan is required to take action tackle nitrogen dioxide exceedances until compliance with the legal limits has been demonstrated and that the nearer term influence of COVID-19 on air quality is not expected to lead to sufficiently long term reductions in pollution such that the exceedances of the legal limits of nitrogen dioxide will not occur without implementing a Clean Air Zone.
6. That it be noted that the GM CAP final plan will be brought forward for decision makers as soon as is reasonably practicable and no later than summer 2021.

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7. That it be noted that the outputs of the MLS will be reported alongside the GM CAP as soon as is reasonably practicable and no later than summer 2021.
 8. That the establishment be agreed of joint committees for the purposes as set out in the report at paragraph 9.5 with specific terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 6.
 9. That the Executive Member for Environmental and Regulatory Services be appointed to sit on both committees for purposes as set out in the report at paragraph 9.5 with specific terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 6.
 10. That it be agreed to enter into a collaboration agreement with the other 9 GM local authorities and GMCA/TfGM to clarify the rights, responsibilities and obligations of the authorities in relation to those contracts set out in Appendix 2 to the report that are required to maintain delivery momentum in line with JAQU funding agreements.
 11. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy, to agree the final form of the collaboration agreement.
 12. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Place to approve the award of the contracts set out in Appendix 2 to the report (subject to government funding) that are required to implement a charging Clean Air Zone in Spring 2022 to ensure the achievement of Nitrogen Dioxide compliance in the shortest possible time and by 2024 at the latest as required by the Ministerial Direction.
 13. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy to enter into the agreement and contracts referred to in 11. and 12 on the terms set out in the report.

47. CORPORATE PLAN 2020/21 QUARTER 3

The Executive Member for COVID-19 Recovery and Reform submitted a report which provided a summary of performance against the Council's Corporate Plan, 2020/21, covering the period 1st October to 31st December 2020. In discussion it was noted that none of the indicators were subject to exception reports during the quarter, and that it was intended to review the priorities set out in the Plan during the coming year.

RESOLVED – That the content of the Corporate Plan Quarter 3 report be noted.

48. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

a) Retirement of Nikki Bishop, Corporate Director, Finance and Systems

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[Note: The Chair agreed to allow consideration of this item as Urgent Business in order for Members' thanks to be conveyed in a timely manner.]

The Leader of the Council noted that this would be the last meeting of the Executive attended by Nikki Bishop in her role as Corporate Director, Finance and Systems. He made reference to and reiterated the appreciation expressed by Members at the recent Council Meeting; and joined with other Members in conveying his thanks to Nikki Bishop for her effective and good-natured service to the Council, and best wishes for her future.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.35 pm