

TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION

<u>DATE OF DECISION</u>	Monday, 19 June 2023	<u>DECISION MAKER</u>
<u>DECISION REFERENCE</u>	E.23/06/19.6	Executive (Councillors Participating: Ross, Adshead, Harding, Hynes, Patel, Thompson, and Williams)

RECORD OF THE DECISION

ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE IN TRAFFORD - WAY FORWARD

- 1) That phase 2 of the EV of charge point rollout in Trafford which includes on street charging options and trials as contained in the report be approved.
- 2) That the progress made to date on EV charge point rollout be noted.
- 3) That the delegation of authority to the Corporate Director of Place to negotiate, approve and finalise any agreements or documents which may be required to implement this decision be approved.
- 4) That the delegation of authority to Director of Legal and Governance to enter into any documents required to implement this decision be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To inform and seek approval from the Executive on the next Phase of the rollout in Trafford and agree the proposed approach to on street trials and filling gaps in coverage across Trafford.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The alternative option is to not agree the approach to filling the gaps and rolling out trials for on street charging solutions. This would however, impact on Trafford's ambition to rollout EV charge points across the Borough and would not support the agreed EV strategy for GM [Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Strategy \(ctfassets.net\)](http://ctfassets.net)

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION

None

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RECORD OF THE DECISION**HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (HIAMP)**

- 1) That the Mid Term Review of the HIAMP 2022-2027 as the guiding plan for highway infrastructure asset management for which Trafford Council is responsible be approved.
- 2) That the indicative highway maintenance funding allocations that would be required for the remainder of the HIAMP term to maintain the condition of assets be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Approval of the report and HIAMP is recommended, in order that Trafford Council can benefit from the implementation of good asset management principles that must be evidenced to the DfT via the Incentive Funding self-assessment each year. This will help the Council to avoid penalty reductions in the DfT's Incentive Fund allocations of up to £1m (worst case scenario) in the coming years.

Approval of the report and HIAMP also recognises the importance of the assets that Trafford are required to maintain and identifies the challenges and investment requirements that maybe needed in the future

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The alternative option would be not to adopt the Mid Term Review of the HIAMP 2022 – 2027 and associated investment recommendations. If that was the case, then opportunities would be lost for improved efficiencies and more effective use of council maintenance funding. In addition, the Council would be likely to suffer financial penalty though the loss of the Incentive Element of the Local Highway Maintenance Capital Funding, by not achieving Band 3 status, as identified in the report.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION**GRAFTON CENTRE UPDATE**

- 1) That the progress made since January 2022 be noted.
- 2) That the proposed future Centre/ Asset Management Strategy be approved.
- 3) That the future management strategy be approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure that the Council continues with its legal obligations for the Grafton Centre

To maintain the revenue for the Centre so that the Council can continue to make the repayments on their loan

To, where necessary, make improvements not only to benefit the existing tenants at the Centre and also the members of the public.

To deliver a continued asset management strategy providing a stable income for the Council in the medium term until it is the right time to consider further redevelopment.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

The Council could do nothing, but this would be a backward step following on from the improvements made and the fact that the Council is now ahead of business plan and the centre is generating improved income.

The Council could choose to progress with redevelopment, however, given the constraints noted in the report this would not be recommended at this time.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

STAR PROCUREMENT COLLABORATION AND EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE

- 1) That the disestablishment of the current STAR Joint Committee be approved.
- 2) That the expansion of the current shared procurement service to include the Fifth Partner and Sixth Partner which will continue to be hosted by Trafford Borough Council in accordance with the provisions detailed in the main body of the report be approved.
- 3) That the establishment of a new STAR Joint Committee for Stockport, Trafford, Rochdale, Tameside, the Fifth Partner and Sixth Partner that will support the delivery of the Shared Service and provide delegated authority to the Procurement Service to operate across the Stockport, Trafford, Rochdale, Tameside, Fifth Partner and Sixth Partner areas be approved.
- 4) That the governance arrangements and Terms of Reference of the new STAR Joint Committee as set out in the report be approved.
- 5) That the delegation authority to the Director of Legal and Governance to agree the final terms and conditions of and to enter into an Inter Authority Agreement ("IAA") in respect of the STAR Procurement shared service in similar terms to the existing IAA be approved.
- 6) That the proposed approach to those circumstances whereby staff would transfer to the new procurement service, and therefore to Trafford Council under TUPE, as outlined in the

report be noted and approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Adding the additional Partners will not only enhance STAR operations in terms of efficiency and effectiveness from being a 'bigger buyer' and collaborating for multi-partners but will also enhance STAR financial sustainability. This will also support recruitment and retention and enhance staffing levels in an efficient way.

The creation of a collaborative approach in procurement has already brought significant financial and reputational benefits to the participating authorities of STAR. It has enabled greater influence over the market and provided for more effective control over the spending of limited resources.

The report details the rationale for expanding the collaborative service beyond the existing four member authorities.

Any change of membership of the current STAR Procurement Shared Service and the STAR Executive Joint Committee is a matter for the Executive to determine

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

STAR Procurement considered the option of not growing the shared procurement service to include the two additional Councils but, it was felt that this would conflict with the STAR Procurement Business Plan, agreed by the STAR Joint Committee and which focuses on growth in the period 2021-24. This growth consideration also supports STAR in having a sustainable budget moving forwards.

STAR Procurement could undertake procurement support to the two further Councils through SLAs rather than direct membership of the shared service. This would put the current four STAR Councils at risk if existing resources had to be focussed on delivering SLA obligations. Additionally, the employment of additional resources to deliver such SLA obligations would be at risk of those SLAs being subsequently ended.

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RECORD OF THE DECISION

TRAFFORD DESIGN GUIDE AND CODE

- 1) That the consultation draft Trafford Design Code (TDC) Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) be approved.
- 2) That the content of the consultation draft Trafford Design Guide (TDG) SPD (June 2022) has been incorporated into the Trafford Design Code and supersedes it, cancelling this document with immediate effect be noted.
- 3) That the next stage of publicity and consultation arrangements for the Trafford Design Code SPD be approved.
- 4) That the approval of the draft Code represents the successful completion of a Design Code within the 12 month DLUHC Design Code Pathfinders Programme be noted.
- 5) That, following the consultation process described in the report, a further report will seek approval for the content of the final Trafford Design Code SPD be noted.
- 6) That an updated planning application Validation Checklist will be brought forward alongside the adopted TDC be noted.
- 7) That a future report will seek approval for the consultation draft Trafford Wharfside Development Framework and Trafford Wharfside Masterplan be noted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The adoption of the Trafford Design Code will put into place a robust, government backed set of design policy and guidance for use in planning decisions, which will enable the Council to elevate design standards and bring forward high quality new development, with community buy in.

The Code would support the Council's corporate priorities and send a clear message about the quality of new development expected in the Borough to contribute to these.

The approval of the consultation draft Code will enable officers to report to DLUHC that they have successfully produced a Design Code within the 12 month Design Code Pathfinders Programme;

The adoption of the Code will enable the continued upskilling of existing staff and will be of

benefit in staff recruitment, retention, and succession.

The Code will provide a framework for the adoption of future master planning and relevant planning guidance.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS

Other options are not to approve the consultation draft Trafford Design Code. However, the Council has been awarded £160,000 from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) as part of the Design Code Pathfinder programme in order to progress the Code. It is likely that in time design guidance and coding will become a statutory requirement and the Pathfinder programme enables the Council to be an early adopter. It will give officers and Members of the Planning Committee a tool kit to resist developments of poor design and to improve design quality in the Borough. The Council's case at planning appeals will be further strengthened as a result of adoption, where planning applications have been refused on design grounds. Adoption as SPD will give the Design Code more weight as a material planning consideration.

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STAR PROCUREMENT COLLABORATION AND EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE - PART II

- 1) That the disestablishment of the current STAR Joint Committee be approved.

- 2) That the expansion of the current shared procurement service to include additional partners, which will continue to be hosted by Trafford Borough Council in accordance with the provisions detailed in the main body of the report be approved.
- 3) That the establishment of a new STAR Joint Committee that will support the delivery of the Shared Service and provide delegated authority to the Procurement Service to operate across all partner authority areas be approved.
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