

**TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

<b><u>DATE OF DECISION</u></b>	Monday, 24 June 2013	<b><u>DECISION MAKER</u></b>
<b><u>DECISION REFERENCE</u></b>		<b>Executive</b> (Councillors Dr. Barclay, Miss Blackburn, Colledge, Cornes, Coupe, Hyman, Mitchell)
<b><u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u></b>		
<b><u>REVIEW OF SCRUTINY TOPIC GROUP - DOORSTEP CRIME</u></b>		
1. That the recommendations set out in the report be noted and considered.		
2. That the Executive Member for Environment and Transportation, in consultation with the Executive Member for Safe, Strong Communities, co-ordinate a response to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee.		
<b><u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u></b>		
To provide for a response to be made on behalf of the Executive to the Scrutiny Review of Doorstep Crime.		
<b><u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u></b>		
None - the Executive is required to respond to Scrutiny recommendations.		
<b><u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u></b>		
None.		

<b><u>Scrutiny Call in Deadline</u></b>
None

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<b><u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u></b>		
<b><u>REPORT OF SCRUTINY TOPIC GROUP - COMMUNITY ASSET FRAMEWORK</u></b>		
That the content of the report, and the comments made by the Scrutiny Topic Group, be noted in the development of the Council's Community Asset Framework.		
<b><u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u></b>		
To provide for the outcomes of the Scrutiny Topic Group's review to be taken into account in the development of the Council's Community Asset Framework.		
<b><u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u></b>		
None – the Executive is required to take into account representations from Scrutiny.		
<b><u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u></b>		
None		

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**RECORD OF THE DECISION**

**TRAFFORD COMMUNITY ASSET STRATEGY, COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER STRATEGY AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO BID PROCEDURE**

1. (i) That endorsement in principle be given to the criteria and the process for the award of Rent Grants set out in the report.  
(ii) That endorsement be given to the principles for property support in the report.  
(iii) That it be noted that a further report will be brought to Executive with an update on Rent Grants and property agreements.
2. That the proposed approach to Community Asset Transfer be endorsed in principle.
3. That it be noted that the agreement of a process of decision making and review of applications for Community Right to Bid had been delegated to the Executive Member for Economic Growth and Prosperity in conjunction with the Corporate Director for Economic Growth and Prosperity and Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services.
4. That the potential budget implications arising from compensation payments payable under Community Right to Bid scheme be noted.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To improve the management of Council owned land and premises used by the voluntary and community sector by regularising property agreements and Rent Grants; to secure approval for the Council's approach to Community Asset Transfer; and to implement the procedure established to meet the new legal duty for the Council to manage the Community Right to Bid in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

To continue with an ad hoc approach to Asset Transfers. Taking no action is not considered to be an option as there are currently a number of organisations who occupy Council premises with no formal agreement in place.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION**

Councillor Coupe declared a Personal Interest in this item in view of his Vice-Presidency of the Urmston Meadowside Football Club.

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**PROPOSALS FOR A NEW ALTRINCHAM LIBRARY**

- 1) That the proposal for the relocation of Altrincham Library be agreed.
- 2) That the Corporate Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity be authorised to finalise lease terms with Citybranch.
- 3) That the Acting Director of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised to complete the legal documentation for a 125 year lease.
- 4) That agreement be given to the funding proposals for lease premium of £1,998,750 to be funded by ring-fenced land receipts from the planned 13/14 and 14/15 land sales programme along with the allocation of capital receipts from over achievement of sales already in the Land Sales Programme.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The proposal for a new modern, flexible library space as part of the redevelopment of the hospital site allows the Council to take a significant step forward towards the regeneration of Altrincham town centre and will deliver a high quality community space as part of the Market Quarter regeneration.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

The location of the proposed new library in the Market Quarter in the heart of Altrincham is considered to be critical. There are no other available sites in this area. The use of Altrincham Town Hall has been considered and discounted as the space is too small (approximately half the size of the proposed library) and the necessary adaptations to the building would be extremely difficult due to its listed status.

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**WOODSEND CIRCLE REDEVELOPMENT - PROGRESS UPDATE**

- a) That the appointment be confirmed of LSP Developments as preferred developer for the redevelopment of Woodsend Circle.
- b) That approval be given that all the land within the black edging on the attached plan be appropriated to Section 227 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.
- c) That the Corporate Director of Economic Growth and Prosperity be authorised to proceed with securing vacant possession of units at Woodsend Circle to facilitate the re-development of the site in accordance with the strategy set out in the report in Part II of the agenda.
- d) That the Acting Director of Legal Services be authorised to enter into all necessary legal agreements to support the development and transfer of the land.
- e) That approval be given in principle that the Council proceed to make a Compulsory Purchase Order, if required to facilitate the re-development, subject to full indemnity of costs by LSP Developments.
- f) That approval be given that payment for the sale of the land from LSP Developments Ltd is deferred until completion of the first phase of the development in view of the proposed strategy for securing vacant possession.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To enable officers of the Council to take all necessary steps to facilitate the re-development of Woodsend Circle.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

None.

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<b><u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u></b>		
<b><u>STRETFORD TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLAN</u></b>		
<p>1. That the draft Stretford Town Centre Masterplan (appended to the report) be adopted for the purposes of consultation.</p> <p>2. That it be noted that the draft Stretford Town Centre Masterplan will be submitted for consultation purposes with the Stretford M32 group, Stretford Town Centre Partnership and the Meadows and Trees Tenants and Residents Associations.</p> <p>3. That the officers be authorised to implement the Stretford Town Centre Masterplan Consultation Strategy (appended to the report).</p>		
<b><u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u></b>		
To secure approval for publication of the draft Stretford Town Centre Masterplan for public consultation and the consultation procedures and strategy that go with it.		
<b><u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u></b>		
The existing town centre programme for Stretford involves the delivery of limited new development largely dictated by market conditions. Under this approach, any new development would come forward in a piecemeal manner therefore this is rejected as it would be highly unlikely to deliver the step change the town centre requires. If this approach were pursued without other significant interventions, Stretford would be expected to continue to decline in comparison with other competing centres and would fail to make full use of its existing assets. Furthermore this option would not achieve the objectives of the Core Strategy.		
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<b><u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u></b>		
<b><u>END OF PARKING SERVICES AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT REVIEW CONSULTATION REPORT, INCLUDING PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE SERVICE DELIVERY</u></b>		
That the end of consultation report be endorsed and the proposed new structure for the service approved.		
<b><u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u></b>		
The Council Wide Review of Enforcement Services has identified that the Council's Environmental Enforcement Team cannot be operated on a self-funding basis solely from Fixed penalty Notice income and that the high, and escalating, cost of providing this non-statutory service is unaffordable in the current financial climate. The Review identified a range of measures that the Council could put in place as an alternative to the penalty notice driven approach currently in operation. The new approach will not only deliver a considerable saving but will also be potentially more effective in some areas, e.g. parks and green space, where an enforcement-driven approach has had little impact on public behaviour.		
<b><u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u></b>		
Currently the annual net cost to the Council for the provision of the Environmental Enforcement Team is in excess of £350K and this amount will increase in 2013-2014 due to the anticipated reduction in fixed penalty notices (FPNs) issued. There is no statutory requirement for the Council to provide an Environmental Enforcement service or to issue FPN's for litter and other environmental contraventions. If the proposed budget-saving option is not approved year-on-year savings in excess of £350k would need to be found elsewhere in the Council budget.		
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<b><u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u></b>		
<b><u>ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2012/13 PERFORMANCE REPORT</u></b>		
That the content of the Annual Delivery Plan year-end report be noted.		
<b><u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u></b>		
To provide the Executive with details of performance against the Council's Annual Delivery Plan 2012/13.		
<b><u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u></b>		
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<b><u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u></b>		
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<b><u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u></b>		
REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2012/13 - PERIOD 12 PRE-AUDIT OUTTURN (APRIL 2012 TO MARCH 2013 INCLUSIVE)		
1. That the pre audited outturn be noted. 2. That the General Reserve and Collection Fund balances and commitments be noted.		
<b><u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u></b>		
To provide information to the Executive on the pre-audited revenue budget outturn position and the consequent position in relation to the General Reserve and Collection Fund balances and commitments.		
<b><u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u></b>		
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**RECORD OF THE DECISION**

**CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2012/13 OUTTURN**

1. That the content of the summary report be noted.
2. That the changes to the 2013/16 Programme be approved.
3. That the additional expenditure, listed in Appendix B to the report, be approved in accordance with Financial Procedure Rule No. 4.
4. That the outturn of the prudential indicators for 2012/13 be noted, as set out in paragraph 15 and Appendix C to the report.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To ensure that key information on the Capital Investment Programme is noted by the Executive.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

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**TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL PERFORMANCE 2012/12 REPORT**

That the Executive and the Accounts & Audit Committee note the report and advise the Council:

1. of the Treasury Management activities undertaken in 2012/13;
2. that no prudential limits were breached during 2012/13
3. that both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance were fully complied with.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The report meets the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities. The Council is required to comply with both Codes through Regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

The report has been produced in order to comply with Financial Regulations and relevant legislation and provides an overview of transactions undertaken during 2012/13.

**CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION**

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<b><u>APPOINTMENTS MADE BY THE EXECUTIVE TO OUTSIDE AND INDEPENDENT BODIES</u></b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. That approval be given to the appointment of representatives to those outside and independent bodies set out in the Appendix to the report.</li><li>2. That the Chief Executive be delegated authority, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Opposition Group Leader(s) if necessary, to appoint members to any outside body vacancy that remains or arises after the meeting and to any additional bodies to which the Executive may be required to make appointment(s).</li></ol>		
<b><u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u></b>		
To secure approval for appointment of representatives to those outside and independent bodies for which the Executive is responsible, and to provide a mechanism for the filling of vacancies or making of new appointments.		
<b><u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u></b>		
None.		
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**EDUCATION AND EARLY YEARS CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

That approval be given to the proposals contained within the report to meet pupil place demand in schools and early education settings in 2013/15 and spending on condition and access work detailed in Appendix B to the report, and that the demand for school places as detailed in Appendix A to the report be noted.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Council has a general duty under section 14 of the Education Act 1996 to secure in its area sufficient schools in number, character and equipment to provide all pupils the opportunity of appropriate education (s. 14 (2) and a statutory duty under the Childcare Act 2006 Section 7 to secure free early years provision for eligible children in their area. For the reasons set out in the report demand for primary school places is increasing substantially and the Council has a duty to make plans to accommodate these extra numbers of pupils.

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS**

The statutory duty to provide school and early years places is clear. There are several options in delivering additional places, but the schemes and proposals outlined in the report offer the only timely and practical solutions. In areas of school place pressure all school sites are considered but the recommendations in the report are proposed after detailed assessment of site, catchment, and value for money.

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