

STOCKPORT, TRAFFORD AND ROCHDALE (STAR) JOINT COMMITTEE

17 NOVEMBER 2017

PRESENT

Councillor D. Sedgwick (in the Chair).

Councillors A. Brett and L. Evans (deputising for Cllr P. Myers)

In attendance

Lorraine Cox	- Director of Procurement, STAR
Nikki Bishop	- Chief Finance Officer, Trafford Council
Nichola Cooke	- Head of Strategic Procurement (Professional), STAR
Elizabeth McKenna	- Head of Strategic Procurement (People), STAR
Andrew White	- Head of Strategic Procurement (Place), STAR
Michael Cullen	- Borough Treasurer, Stockport Council
Julie Murphy	- Head of Finance, Rochdale Council
Liam Gilmore	- Apprentice Procurement Officer, STAR (minute 18 to 25)
Mark Pearson	- Business Improvement Manager, STAR
Rob Smithson	- Corporate and Commercial Solicitor, Trafford Council
Chris Gaffey	- Democratic and Scrutiny Officer, Trafford Council

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor P. Myers.

18. CONFIRMATION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN & VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2017/18

Cllr David Sedgwick, Stockport Council was confirmed as the Joint Committee's Chairman for the 2017/18 municipal year, with Cllr Patrick Myers, Trafford Council confirmed as Vice-Chairman.

The incoming Chairman thanked Cllr Allen Brett for Chairing the Joint Committee over the past couple of years.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs David Sedgwick and Patrick Myers be confirmed as the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the STAR Joint Committee for the 2017/18 municipal year respectively.

19. MINUTES

In relation to minute 2 on page 1 of the agenda, it was noted that the amendment to the Delegation and Joint Committee Agreement could not be actioned. As the Joint Committee was exercising delegated Executive powers, all Members and substitute Members of the Joint Committee were required to be Executive Members of their respective Councils.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 August 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interests were made by Members.

21. RISK REGISTER

The Joint Committee received a verbal report of the Business Improvement Manager confirming there were no changes to the Risk Register since it was presented to Members at the meeting on 21 August, 2017. An exception report would be brought to the next Joint Committee meeting, by which time risks associated with the Local Investment and Risk Based Sourcing schemes would have been fully considered.

RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

22. FINANCE

The Joint Committee received a report of the Head of Strategic Procurement (People) providing an update on the 6-month review of STAR finances in terms of reserves, staffing, running costs, and income.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

23. LOCAL INVESTMENT

The Joint Committee received a report of the Head of Strategic Procurement (Professional), providing a brief summary of the Local Investment project. The report set out the actions and progress to date, as well detailing the indicative plans for further roll out of the scheme in Rochdale, Stockport and Trafford.

The Committee discussed the costs involved with the Spend Local and Risk Based Sourcing schemes and whether this had been considered as part of the overall process. Members also asked whether any targets had been set to monitor the schemes' performance in the first year. The Director of STAR Procurement advised, as agreed in the initial report brought to the Joint Committee on 21 August 2017, that the project should run for at least a 12 month period before any targets were set. A data cleansing exercise was ongoing, and a stocktake of the businesses in the local areas would need to be conducted. Once a baseline had been developed, it would then be appropriate to set targets for the schemes' performance. The Chairman and other Members agreed with this approach, but requested that any baseline data be shared with the Joint Committee once available.

It was requested that a detailed timeline be provided outlining when the roll out of the Project could be expected for Stockport and Trafford. It was confirmed that some engagement sessions had already taken place in Trafford, with others already planned for Stockport. Members advised of the positive feedback they had recently received at an engagement event when discussing STAR and its activities.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

24. SOCIAL VALUE

The Joint Committee received a report of the Head of Strategic Procurement (Place), demonstrating how STAR would measure the impact and outcomes of Social Value. The report also provided a summary of what Social Value was currently delivered by STAR as an organisation, as well as providing an update on other Social Value developments.

The Joint Committee discussed how STAR could better involve and engage third sector organisations and volunteer groups like Thrive to ensure Social Value was delivered in Trafford. Discussions also took place on how Social Value would be monitored and measured as part of contract delivery. STAR would continue to work on a system of ensuring Social Value was being delivered, advising that contract management would be key, and that Social Value delivery could be considered as part of negotiating future contract extensions.

The aim would be to make the STAR Local Authorities a hotbed for Social Value, ensuring that this was a local priority for the three Councils whilst also considering Social Value in the wider Greater Manchester context.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

25. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the STAR Joint Committee would be at 2:00pm on Thursday 1 February, 2018 at Rochdale Council.

RESOLVED: That the time and date of the next meeting be noted.

26. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

RESOLVED: That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the remaining item of business because of the likelihood of disclosure of "exempt information" which falls within Paragraph 3 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

27. GROWTH PLAN

The Joint Committee received a verbal update of the Director of STAR Procurement providing an update on STAR's Growth Plan. The STAR Board were set to meet and discuss the Plan at a session on 14 December 2017. Following this, a report would be brought to the next Joint Committee meeting scheduled for 1 February 2018 for Members' consideration.

STAR continued to lead on some Greater Manchester procurement projects, which provided valuable experience of leading large projects. Members also discussed potential new partners, as well as the impending Joint Commissioning arrangements between the Local Authorities and their respective Clinical Commissioning Groups. The Joint Committee were keen to understand how the new arrangements would work in the context of STAR.

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RESOLVED: That the update be noted.

The meeting commenced at 2.30 pm and finished at 3.35 pm