

TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Report to: Scrutiny Committee
Date: 9 January 2019
Report for: Information
Report of: Chair of the Scrutiny Committee

Report Title

Overview Report

Purpose

This report provides information on the following:

- Work Programme
- Task & Finish Groups
- Recommendation Tracker
- Summary of Executive Decisions
- Greater Manchester Scrutiny Committee Meeting Updates

Recommendations

That the report be noted.

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1. Work Programme

Wednesday 4 July 2018 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall				
<i>Report submission deadline – midday Tuesday 26 June 2018</i>				
Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
Executive's Response to the Task & Finish Group Review of the Council's Scrutiny Processes	The Executive are to provide a response to the Committee's Task and Finish Group report following a review of the Council's Scrutiny Function, which was presented to the Executive at their meeting on 19 March 2018.	Cllr M Freeman - Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Peter Forrester	The Majority of recommendations have been accepted and are to be considered for adoption by the Constitutional Working Group.
Public Engagement with Scrutiny	The Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement would lead a discussion on public engagement with Scrutiny.	Cllr M Freeman - Executive Member for Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Peter Forrester	In principle support for webcasting / broadcasting and will be explored further by the Constitutional Working Group
Greater Manchester Strategy Implementation Plan and Current Performance Dashboard	The Executive Member for Equalities and Partnerships would provide an update on the development of the two year Greater Manchester Strategy Implementation Plan, along with a copy of the GMS performance dashboard.	Cllr C Hynes - The Executive Member for Equalities and Partnerships	N/A	The matter is to be discussed at the Scrutiny Chairs meeting with the Leader of the Council to see how it can be taken forward.
ADP Report (2017/18 Quarter Four)	A report providing a summary of performance against the Council's Annual Delivery Plan, 2017/18,	Cllr M Freeman - Executive Member for Constitutional	Peter Forrester	Performance noted and concerns raised about: sickness absence; litter; and delayed

	covering the period 1 January to 31 March 2018.	Reform and Resident Engagement		transfers of care (adult social care).
Work Programme	A report detailing the Committee's proposed work programme for the year.	N/A - Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Chris Gaffey	Noted the work programme and the prioritisation being given to the Task & Finish Group Review of the Amey Contract.

Wednesday 3 October 2018 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall

Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 25 September 2018

Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
2019/20 Budget Gap and Assumptions / Progress against the financial risks Identified as part of the 2018/19 Budget Scrutiny process	An update on the 2019/20 Budget Gap and the assumptions behind this to be provided to the Committee. As part of the 2018/19 Budget Scrutiny process, the Committee were provided a list of the proposed savings / income generation and the risks associated with achieving these. The Committee would like an update on progress against these.	Cllr M Cordingley - Finance	Nikki Bishop	The Budget Gap and Assumptions were discussed, and the Chair met with the relevant officers following the meeting to discuss budget reserves in more detail. The Leader would present the draft budget proposals at the next meeting in November.
Executive's Response to the Task & Finish Group Review of the Council's CRM System	The Executive are to provide a response to the Committee's Task and Finish Group report following a review of the Council's CRM system, which was presented to the Executive	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	Scrutiny's recommendations were accepted and the report provided an update on the progress made in implementing the CRM service programme. A

	at their meeting on 29 January 2018.			further report would be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
2017/18 Ombudsman Report	The Committee receives the annual report on Ombudsman complaints for information.	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	The report was noted.
Fire Safety in High Rise Tower Blocks - Update	To provide an update on safety in high rise tower blocks in Trafford. The last update was provided in March 2018.	Councillor Kevin Procter – Communities and Housing	Richard Roe	The report provided an update on high rise cladding in the borough. Remedial work was due to start soon, and a further update would be brought to the Committee in due course.
Reducing Single Use Plastic in Trafford	An amended Council motion relating to reducing single use plastic was agreed at full Council on 25 July. The motion recommended that this proposal be referred to Scrutiny for their input on delivery.	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe	The Committee welcomed the progress made so far. The report was noted.
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A - Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Chris Gaffey	The Chair confirmed that a new Task & Finish Group would be formed to conduct a review of aspects of the Council's Housing Strategy.

Wednesday 7 November 2018 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall*Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 30 October*

Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
2019/20 Budget Presentation by the Leader of the Council	The Committee will receive the 2019/20 draft budget proposals, accompanied by a presentation to be delivered by the Leader of the Council.	Cllr A Western – Leader of the Council Cllr M Cordingley - Finance	Nikki Bishop	The presentation (considered in conjunction with the update on the Investment Strategy) was presented to the Committee. The Chair and Vice-Chair would confirm the arrangements for the Budget Scrutiny sessions scheduled for 4 and 6 December 2018 in due course.
Clean Air Plan (GM)	The plan is to be approved by all Greater Manchester Authorities by end of 2018. Ultimately it is to be approved by Council on 28 November 2018 but before then it's intended to go to Executive on 26 November. It is then proposed that the report and possibly a presentation go to the Scrutiny Committee on 3 October.	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe	The Clean Air Plan was presented to Councillors at an all-Member briefing in October. No further input from Scrutiny is required; therefore the item has been removed from the agenda.
Investment Strategy	To receive an update on the Investment Strategy	Councillor James Wright – Investment, Regeneration and Strategic Planning	Jane Le Fevre Richard Roe	This was considered in conjunction with the Leader's 2019/20 draft budget presentation.

Constitution Working Group Report	A report of the Constitution Working Group setting out the proposed changes agreed by the Group. The report will also be referred to the Standards Committee and the Executive, before being considered by full Council on 28 November 2018.	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre Peter Forrester	The report was received and some alterations to the proposals around questions from members of the public were suggested. These suggestions were included in the final report to full Council on 28 November 2018.
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A	Chris Gaffey	The report was noted.

Budget Scrutiny

Two Budget Scrutiny sessions were held on 4 and 6 December 2018. Discussions at these sessions, along with the presentation received at the 7 November 2018 meeting, helped formulate the Scrutiny Committee's Budget Scrutiny report to the Executive (which was presented to Scrutiny at the 9 January 2019 meeting).

Wednesday 9 January 2019 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall*Report submission deadline – midday on Thursday 20 December 2018*

Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
2019/20 Budget Scrutiny Report	A report produced by the Scrutiny Committee providing its recommendations on the 2019/20 Budget Proposals.	N/A – Report of the Scrutiny Committee	Peter Forrester	
Traffic Regulation Orders	A report to provide an update on Traffic Regulation Orders in Trafford.	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe Simon Dale	
Climate Emergency – Task & Finish Group Review	A motion was agreed at the full Council meeting on 28 November 2018, which committed the Council to declare a Climate Emergency. A new Task & Finish Group would be established to develop a carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Trafford. The Committee will be asked to discuss how they want to proceed with this review.	Councillor Stephen Adshead – Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change	Richard Roe	
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A	Peter Forrester	

Wednesday 13 March 2019 – 6:30pm, Committee Rooms 2 & 3 Trafford Town Hall*Report submission deadline – midday on Tuesday 5 March 2019*

Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
Executive Response to the 2019/20 Budget Scrutiny Report	A report providing a response to the recommendations made by the Scrutiny Committee as part of the 2019/20 Budget Scrutiny process.	Cllr A Western – Leader of the Council Cllr M Cordingley - Finance	Nikki Bishop	
Social Investment Framework – Trafford Housing Trust	A report providing a further update on the arrangements for Trafford Housing Trust's Social Investment Framework.	Councillor Kevin Procter – Communities and Housing	Richard Roe	Following an update at the Scrutiny Committee meeting in March 2018, it was agreed that a further update be brought to the Committee to provide a progress update.
Overview Report	An overview report including information on the Scrutiny work programme, task and finish group topics, Executive decisions, and a recommendation tracker.	N/A	Peter Forrester	

Items to be scheduled				
Item	Information	Executive Member(s)	Lead Officer(s)	Comments
Scrutiny Task & Finish Group Review of the One Trafford Partnership	A report of the Task & Finish Group formed to conduct a review of the One Trafford Partnership. The report will set out the Group's findings along with their recommendations to the Executive.	N/A – Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman	Peter Forrester	The final report is currently being drafted. The Chair will confirm when the report has been finalised, which will be considered at the next appropriate Scrutiny Committee meeting for referral to the Executive.
2018/19 ADP	To receive the proposed 2018/19 Annual Delivery Plan for any comments	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	The format of the 2018/19 ADP is still under consideration and will be brought to the Committee once it has been agreed.
Further update on the Implementation of the CRM Services Programme	To receive a report providing an update on the implementation of the CRM Service Programme.	Cllr Freeman - Constitutional Reform and Resident Engagement	Jane Le Fevre	At the meeting in October 2018, the Committee received the Executive's response to the Task & Finish Group review conducted by the Committee. It was agreed that a further update on implementation be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
Fire Safety in High Rise Tower Blocks	To receive a further update on safety in high rise tower blocks in Trafford.	Councillor Kevin Procter – Communities and Housing	Richard Roe	The Committee received an update on this topic at their meeting in October 2018. It was agreed that a further report be brought to a future meeting to provide an update on progress.

Presentation by GMFRS on Retrofitting Sprinklers	To receive a presentation on the options available for retrofitting sprinkler systems in buildings	Councillor Kevin Procter – Communities and Housing	N/A	At the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 3 October 2018, the Chair requested that Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service (GMFRS) provide a presentation to the Committee on how retrofitting sprinkler systems in buildings could be done. The Chair will contact the relevant people to schedule this.
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2. Task & Finish Groups

Topic	Information	Members	Status
One Trafford Partnership Review	The Committee have agreed to conduct a Task & Finish Group review of the One Trafford Partnership.	Cllrs Acton (Chair), Bowker, Boyes, Coupe, Longden, Shaw, Thomas and Williams.	The Group have held several meetings to gather information. Work is ongoing on producing a report of the Group's findings. A further meeting will be scheduled to discuss the Group's report and recommendations to the Executive.
Affordable Housing in Trafford	This has been identified as a possible area of focus for a Task & Finish Group review.	Cllrs A. Williams (Chair), D. Acton, R. Bowker, J. Coupe and J. Holden.	Initial meetings have taken place to scope the review and further meetings have been scheduled.
Climate Emergency	A motion was agreed at the full Council meeting on 28 November 2018, which committed the Council to declare a Climate Emergency. A new Task & Finish Group would be established to develop a carbon budget and set a challenging target date for carbon neutrality in Trafford.	TBC	Not Started – a discussion will take place at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 9 January 2019 on how best to proceed.

3. Recommendation Tracker

There are no formal Scrutiny Committee recommendations awaiting an Executive response.

Scrutiny Recommendation	Executive Response
None	N/A

4. Executive Decisions

SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS
29 OCTOBER – 19 DECEMBER 2018

<u>Decision Reference</u>	<u>Subject Area for Decision</u>	<u>Date of decision</u>	<u>Decision Taker</u>
I034509	Market St., Greenwood St. and Pott St., Altrincham; Railway St., Altrincham - Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders - Pedestrian Zone and associated waiting and loading restrictions; Loading and ambulance bays with associated waiting and loading restrictions	10 Dec 2018	Corporate Director Place
I034505	Application for an Order Modifying the Definitive Rights of Way Map and Statement, to Add a Claimed Public Footpath in Timperley from Timperley Metro Station to Southern End of Footpath No 19, Sale on Canal Offside Ref DMMO 104	4 Dec 2018	Corporate Director Place
I034393	Proposal for Trafford Fab Lab	29 Nov 2018	Executive Member for Investment, Regeneration & Strategic Planning
I034288	Centenary Field Dedication: Newton Park, Timperley	21 Nov 2018	Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change
I034284	Draft Homelessness Strategy 2019-2024	21 Nov 2018	Executive Member for Communities and Housing

I034286	Revision of Application Validation Checklist	20 Dec 2018	Head of Planning and Development
I034129	Alice Street, Sale - Proposed Advisory Disabled Bay: Consideration of Objections	8 Nov 2018	Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change
I033943	Changes to the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20	29 Oct 2018	Executive
I033940	Establishment of a New Local Government Mutual	29 Oct 2018	Executive
I033939	Trafford Civic Quarter Masterplan: Supplementary Planning Document	29 Oct 2018	Executive
I033919	GM Mayor's Cycling & Walking Challenge Fund - Update	29 Oct 2018	Executive
I033918	Housing Allocations Policy	29 Oct 2018	Executive
I033917	Trafford Youth Services	29 Oct 2018	Executive
I033915	Leisure Centre Investment Strategy	29 Oct 2018	Executive

Information on past Executive decisions can be found at <http://www.trafford.gov.uk/about-your-council/councillors-and-committees/councillors-and-committees.aspx>

5. Greater Manchester Scrutiny Committee Updates

Housing, Planning & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

No updates

Corporate Issues & Reform Overview and Scrutiny Committee

No updates

Economy, Business Growth & Skills Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting: 7 December 2018

Brexit Update

This is a regular item on the agenda of this committee.

The report outlined the terms of the Brexit principles in the declaration of 25 November 2018. With particular reference to Greater Manchester the report emphasised that the Government should share the regional impact analysis it has undertaken and should ensure that GM has a voice in the final Brexit planning.

It was noted that if the UK leaves without a deal, then the UK GDP would reduce by 8% over 15 years. The comparable figure for the North West is 12% because our area is more dependent on exports to the EU.

GM Internationalisation Strategy

The aim of the GM Internationalisation Strategy is for GM to become a top 20 global city by 2035.

GM is third most visited destination in UK and visitor economy was worth £8.3bn in 2016.

Manchester Airport passenger numbers have increased significantly over last two years.

However, forward prospects may not be favourable because of Brexit etc.

Investment in cultural venues was important to boost visitor numbers and reference was made to the GM Cultural Strategy. Members mentioned the importance of sport in attracting visitors to the area. Manchester United is an obvious example. I asked about the importance of the area's scientific and engineering heritage. It was confirmed that this is promoted and has resulted on attracting scientific conventions to Manchester.

Great Manchester Culture Strategy

Trafford officers, including Sale Waterside Arts staff, have contributed to the development of this strategy. Apart from anything else, it is an important part of the Internationalisation Strategy previously mentioned.

Some committee members were surprised that there was no mention of sport in the document. Whilst sport is obviously important in attracting visitors, my own view was that this was outside the remit of a report on culture (i.e. the arts, theatre, music etc) and should be the topic of separate report.

It was agreed that there were too many priorities in the Strategy and it was agreed that the final document would have fewer, more focussed priorities, with a clear indications of how they would be implemented and monitored.

I am sure that it will be appreciated that it is difficult to summarise the lengthy and complex reports on the agenda of this Scrutiny Committee.

All the relevant papers can be downloaded from the GMCA website at https://www.greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk/info/20016/combined_authority/192/meetings

Cllr Barry Brotherton