

**TRAFFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE DECISION**

<b><u>DATE OF DECISION</u></b>	Monday, 22 June 2020	<b><u>DECISION MAKER</u></b>
<b><u>DECISION REFERENCE</u></b>	E/22.06.20/6	<b>Executive (Virtual Meeting)</b> (Councillors Participating: A. Western, Adshead, Harding, Hynes, Patel, Ross, Slater, Whitham and Wright)
<b><u>RECORD OF THE DECISION</u></b>		
<b><u>GLYPHOSATE USE IN TRAFFORD</u></b>		
<p>1. That the trials and research of alternative Weedspray treatments that can be used and have been researched and trialled for use in Trafford be noted.</p> <p>2. That approval be given to the reductions in glyphosate that have been introduced during 2019 and will continue going forward.</p> <p>3. That the continued initiatives to reduce and eradicate glyphosate usage across Trafford be supported and approved, and potential impacts noted.</p>		
<b><u>REASONS FOR THE DECISION</u></b>		
To inform and seek approval from Members on the range of initiatives that needs to be considered and explored further relating to eradication of Glyphosate in Trafford Council.		
<b><u>ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED AT THE MEETING/BY MEMBERS</u></b>		
A range of initiatives and options to Weedspray are suggested and have been explored as included within section 4 of the report. The alternative to eradicate the use of glyphosate in the interim period and not treat hard surfaces is an option; however, there would be a likely increase in public dissatisfaction and the potential for the Council to be in breach of the Weeds Act (1959) and Countryside Act (1981).		
<b><u>CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED AND ANY ASSOCIATED DISPENSATION</u></b>		
None.		

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### **RECORD OF THE DECISION**

#### **TURN MOSS - DEDICATION AS A VILLAGE GREEN**

\* Decision initially scheduled for Executive Meeting 22/6/20; actually taken at Resumed Executive Meeting 30/6/20.

1. That approval in principle be given to the designation of Turn Moss as a Village Green.
2. That the Corporate Director of Place be authorised to make the application to register Turn Moss as a Town and Village Green.
3. That the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy be authorised to enter into any document required to give effect to the recommendations of the report.

### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The recommendations set out in the report will serve to safeguard the future of Turn Moss as playing fields and recreation ground in perpetuity; access to greenspace leads to improved health and wellbeing of residents.

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

If the status of Turn Moss is not dedicated then the site could be used for activities other than the intended purpose, and it may limit opportunities to secure funding. Ultimately this would fail to capture the significant potential of the site to deliver against key Council and partners priorities around natural capital, health and wellbeing, sport and physical activity and climate change.

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**RECORD OF THE DECISION**

**PROPOSED HIGH QUALITY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT AND MULTI-USE COMMUNITY FACILITY ON THE SITE OF THE JUBILEE CENTRE, BOWDON**

\* Decision initially scheduled for Executive Meeting 22/6/20; actually taken at Resumed Executive Meeting 30/6/20.

1. That the proposal be approved to progress development of the residential development and multi-use community facility on the site of The Jubilee Centre, Bowdon as set out in the report.
2. That the proposal to procure a Development Management/ Delivery Partner to carry out the proposed development be noted.
3. That the due diligence currently undertaken as part of the report be noted.
4. That it be noted that a further report will be presented to the Executive once procurement activity has been concluded and that a further decision will be sought from the Executive in respect of the appointment of a Development Management / Delivery Partner.
5. That it be noted that a further report will be presented to the Investment Management Board with the final business case to seek approval for Council investment in the scheme.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To enable the Council to progress development of the residential development and multi-use community facility on the site of The Jubilee Centre, Bowdon as set out in the report and to commence the procurement of a Development Management / Delivery Partner to carry out the proposed development.

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

Do nothing, however the existing Jubilee Centre is now in a state of disrepair with the timber frame showing signs of rotting and beyond economical repair. Dispose of the Council's land asset at the Jubilee Centre in isolation via its Land Sales Programme; however, it is considered that this would not maximise the potential of the Council's asset. Carry out a re-provision of the Jubilee Centre on the existing site, but this would put additional pressure on scarce financial resources within the Council, with little or no income from the current tenants. Deliver a mix of residential accommodation that would include within the development a level of affordable housing.

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**RECORD OF THE DECISION****HALE LIBRARY**

\* Decision initially scheduled for Executive Meeting 22/6/20; actually taken at Resumed Executive Meeting 30/6/20.

That, subject to satisfactory due diligence approved by the Corporate Director of Place:

1. The disposal be approved of the Hale Library site at Leigh Road (Library Site) to the Hale Community Trust (HCT) for £500,000 for the purpose of the redevelopment of the site.
2. The disposal be approved of the Pavilion Site and the leaseback to the Council of the new library facility for 125 years less 10 days.
3. The deferred payment of the £500,000 purchase price be approved.
4. The temporary re-location be approved of Hale Library during the construction of the new library facility at the Pavilion.
5. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place in consultation with the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy to agree the terms of the disposals and leases.
6. Authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy to enter into the requisite legal documentation to dispose of the property to Hale Community Trust and take a lease of the new library.

**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To allow for the provision of a new library and other community facilities within Hale, funded through the redevelopment of the existing library site. The development will produce a deferred capital return for the Council which, once received, will support the delivery of the Council's strategic objectives across the

Borough. The proposal will also provide small revenue savings for the Council as future maintenance liabilities and running costs for the building will be covered through the development agreement and there will be no ongoing liability to the Council.

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

Do nothing, and keep the current library: The original proposal for the current Hale Library was closure due to its proximity to Altrincham and Timperley Libraries and the fact the building was costly to upkeep. Hale Community Trust formed in order to keep Hale Library open and provide a newer library in a different location. Since the original proposals a new library has opened in Altrincham and a new library will open late 2020 in Timperley. The proposed approach maintains library services, in a new building, whilst also providing a financial saving to the Council. Or, close the Library and dispose land for development: the Executive could determine to close the existing library and dispose of the land development, which may generate a higher land receipt, potentially up to circa £900,000. However, it would also reduce the requirement to defer payment of the capital receipt, which carries a risk and increases borrowing requirements. However, it would reduce library provision in the Borough by one and the Council would still be required to fund and maintain the existing bowling pavilion and public toilets.

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**RECORD OF THE DECISION**

**GREATER MANCHESTER'S CLEAN AIR PLAN: UPDATE**

\* Decision initially scheduled for Executive Meeting 22/6/20; actually taken at Resumed Executive Meeting 30/6/20.

1. That the progress of the Greater Manchester (GM) Clean Air Plan be noted,

2. That the progress in the development of the Clean Commercial Vehicle and Hardship funds be noted.
3. That the initial funding award be noted of £41m for clean vehicle funds to award grants or loans to eligible businesses.
4. That it be noted that the Government has accepted the need for vehicle replacement funds for Hackney Carriages, and Light Goods Vehicles, but has requested further development of shared evidence on the needs within that complex sector before responding and does not support the sustainable journeys measure.
5. That it be noted that Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) is seeking confirmation that the funding award for Bus Retrofit is a continuation of Clean Bus Technology Funds to be distributed as soon as possible as per previous arrangements.
6. That it be noted that the government will not support electric vehicle charging infrastructure through Clean Air monies but have committed to work with GM on securing funding from the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV).
7. That the position be agreed that the GM Local Authorities will move to a statutory public consultation on the GM Clean Air Plan as soon as reasonably practicable
8. That the position be further agreed that the GM Local Authorities' decision to commence a public consultation should be taken once there is a clear timeframe for exiting lockdown and moving to the next phase of the COVID-19 response.
9. That it be noted that the implementation of a GM Clean Air Zone (CAZ) is delayed to 2022 with a revised implementation date to be confirmed in the consultation commencement report.
10. That the Department for Transport's (DfT's) positioning paper "Decarbonising Transport – Setting the Challenge" be noted.
11. That the assessment be noted of the possible impacts of COVID-19 to inform a technical briefing note for decision makers.
12. That it be noted that the GM local Authorities intend to consult on GM's proposed Minimum Licensing Standards for Taxis and Private Hire services ("MLS"), alongside the Clean Air Plan consultation, and agree the position for consultation on when taxi/private hire vehicle fleets should be Zero Emission Capable.

#### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The recommendations will help ensure that the authority complies with the Directions served by the Government in 2017, 2019 and 2020, requiring the authority to deliver compliance with legal limits for nitrogen dioxide in the "shortest possible time".

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

The authorities are demonstrating collective leadership in working together to tackle this air quality issue, and the approach to developing a city-region wide Clean Air Plan has been accepted by government. There is the option for any one of the authorities to reject this joint approach; however, without an alternative plan to reduce NO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the shortest possible time, this could lead to a potential legal challenge against the authority. This decision could also undermine the collective approach that has been taken to tackle this issue on a Greater Manchester wide basis.

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