

EXECUTIVE – VIRTUAL MEETING

26 OCTOBER 2020

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Executive Member for Children’s Social Care (Councillor C. Hynes)(in the Chair),
Executive Member for Adult Social Care (Councillor J. Harding),
Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships (Councillor G. Whitham),
Executive Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor E. Patel),
Executive Member for Environment, Air Quality and Climate Change (Councillor S. Adshead),
Executive Member for Finance and Investment (Councillor T. Ross),
Executive Member for Health, Wellbeing and Equalities (Councillor J. Slater),
Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration (Councillor J. Wright),
Executive Member for Public Safety, Governance and Reform (Councillor M. Freeman).

Also virtually participating: Councillors Acton, Akinola, Barclay, Blackburn, Brotherton, Butt, Carter, Coggins, Dillon, Evans, Holden, Lamb, Lloyd, Mitchell, Newgrosh, Rigby, Thompson and Welton.

Officers virtually in attendance:

Chief Executive (Ms. S. Todd),
Corporate Director, Place (Mr. R. Roe),
Corporate Director, Finance and Systems (Ms. N. Bishop),
Corporate Director, Governance and Community Strategy (Ms. J. Le Fevre),
Corporate Director, People (Ms. S. Saleh),
Director of All Age Commissioning (Ms. K. Ahmed),
Governance Officer (Mr. J.M.J. Maloney),
Governance Officer (Mr. A. Murray).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A. Western.

165. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

It was noted that no questions had been received for consideration at this meeting.

166. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made by Executive Members.

167. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th September 2020 be approved as a correct record.

168. MATTERS FROM COUNCIL OR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (IF ANY)

As Chair of the Pandemic Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Acton reported that, with a single Scrutiny committee currently operating, it had been a busy period for its Members. The Committee had been receiving updates on current health and social care issues, and continuing its work on homelessness, active travel and the Council's response to the OFSTEd inspection of Children's Services, on which reports would be prepared in due course. Members were reminded that the two Budget Scrutiny sessions were scheduled for 1st and 3rd December respectively. Councillor Acton expressed his thanks to the Committee's members for their work during the period, and these were endorsed by the Deputy Leader of the Council.

RESOLVED – That the content of the update report be noted.

169. APPROVAL TO COMPLETE A COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER (CAT) FOR GEORGE H CARNALL LEISURE CENTRE (GHC) WITH EFFECT 4TH JANUARY 2021

The Executive Member for Culture and Leisure submitted a report which set out the background to the GHC Leisure Centre following previous reports to the Executive noting the decision of Trafford Leisure to close the facility once the redevelopment of Move Urmston is complete; and a report on the proposed CAT and agreement to have a transition period between April 2020 and September 2020. It further set out the current position, the interest from a local community group, George Carnall Community Group Community Interest Company (GCCG), a private company limited by guarantee without share capital, to manage the centre in the long term. It also set out the risks and responsibilities highlighted for both Trafford Council and the GCCG. It was noted that a related report was to be considered in Part II of the agenda. (Minute 177 below refers.)

An opportunity was provided for Members to raise questions on the content of the report. These centred on the extent to which the activities at GCH would be complementary to / differentiated from those at Move Urmston; provision and responsibility for buildings and grounds maintenance costs, and the future of car parking facilities at the site; and reference was made to differentiated anchor tenants; the clear responsibility of GCCG for ongoing maintenance, with the granting of a 25 year lease to facilitate planning and resourcing; and the opportunity for interested parties such as Ward Members to liaise directly with the Centre's management on any local issues arising.

The content of the report was noted, and Members were advised that the formal decision on this matter would be taken following consideration of the related report in Part II of the agenda. (See Minute 177 below.)

RESOLVED – That the content of the report, and the taking of the decision in Part II of the agenda, be noted.

*Executive (26.10.20)***170. FAIR PRICE FOR CARE**

Discussion of, and decisions taken on, two reports of the Executive Member for Adult Social Care are set out in the following Minutes.

171. FAIR PRICE FOR CARE: HOMECARE 2021- 22

The Executive Member for Adult Social Care submitted a report which made recommendations regarding the annual uplift to the hourly rate paid to commissioned homecare framework providers in Trafford for the 2021-22 financial year, it being noted that further consultation with providers was required on the increase in the homecare rate and the new model of service delivery before a final proposal could be presented for formal approval.

RESOLVED - That the following be approved for consultation, and further consideration in the light of consultation:

- A 5.69% uplift on the existing business as usual homecare rate of £15.99 to reach an hourly rate of £16.90, including RPI.
- A further uplift to enable providers to achieve an uplift on the National Living Wage ("NLW") (either 2% or an uplift which reflects the NLW, dependent on which is the higher rate).

172. FAIR PRICE FOR CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLES' RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING HOMES 2021-22

The Executive Member for Adult Social Care submitted a report which made recommendations in respect of the process for determining a Fair Price for Care for Older Peoples' Residential and Nursing Homes 2021-22, it being noted that further consultation with the residential and nursing care home providers was required before a final proposal could be presented for formal approval.

RESOLVED - That the following be approved for consultation, and further consideration in the light of consultation:

1. an inflationary uplift for existing purchased Residential and Nursing Home beds based on increases announced for the NLW or 2%, whichever is the higher and the RPI as at October 2020 for 2021/22.
2. an increased price of £560 for spot purchased residential beds plus the inflationary uplift and £626 for spot purchased nursing beds plus the inflationary uplift.

173. LICENSING ACT 2003 - STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY - 2021 - 2026

The Executive Member for Public Safety, Governance and Reform submitted and drew attention to the key features of a report which set out recommendations to Council in respect of the proposed approval of the revised Statement of Licensing Policy. In introducing the report he expressed thanks to the officers in the Licensing Team for their work in drawing together the proposals. In response to a query, it was noted that a broad policy would not make blanket provisions on the location of new licensed premises; but that, in respect of any individual application, the issue of child protection would be a relevant consideration in reviewing the licensing objectives.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the content of the report be noted.
- (2) That it be recommended to Council that it approve the revised Statement of Licensing Policy as attached at Appendix F to the report.

174. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT (CTS) SCHEME FOR 2021/22

The Executive Member for Finance and Investment submitted a report which sought to make recommendations to Council in relation to the legal requirement formally to approve the Council's local CTS scheme before the start of each financial year. It was proposed that the scheme remain as is, only changing to reflect the national changes to income related benefits as already agreed in 2016.

RESOLVED - That it be recommended that Council adopt the Council Tax Support (CTS) scheme currently in operation, updating in line with national benefits as previously agreed for 2021/22.

175. PROGRESS REVIEW: RECOVERY UPDATE

The Executive Member for Finance & Investment submitted and introduced a report which provided a current update on the Trafford Recovery Programme activity in relation to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic to date. Thanks were accorded to the Council's staff, partners and communities in securing the progress to date; and it was noted that regular update reports would be made to the Executive. In response to a query it was noted that this specific report had as its focus health aspects of the pandemic response, and that other reports, including those recently brought to the Executive, dealt more specifically with issues and proposed actions in relation to the climate emergency.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report, and in particular the information regarding the Trafford Recovery Programme progress to date, be noted.

*Executive (26.10.20)***176. EXCLUSION RESOLUTION (IF REQUIRED)**

RESOLVED - That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the remaining items on the agenda, because of the likelihood of disclosure of “exempt information” which falls within one or more descriptive category or categories of the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, as amended by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, and specified on the agenda item or report relating to each such item respectively.

177. APPROVAL TO COMPLETE A COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER (CAT) FOR GEORGE H CARNALL LEISURE CENTRE (GHC) WITH EFFECT 4TH JANUARY 2021

The Executive Member for Culture and Leisure submitted a report, additional to that considered in Part I of this agenda (Minute 169 above refers), setting out details of the GCCG’s business case in relation to the proposed completion of a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) for George H Carnall Leisure Centre (GHC) with effect from 4th January 2021. Members resumed the discussion following on from Minute 169 above, it being noted that the report set out the key distinctions between the operating models of GCH and Move Urmston respectively. It was clarified that no aspects of the proposal were based on funds otherwise allocated to the local area, and it was agreed that further details of the proposed loan facility would be provided outside the meeting.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the proposed disposal be approved of the George H Carnall Leisure Centre (“GHC”) to the George Carnall Community Group (“GCCG”) as a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) by way of 2 leases, one of the area shaded blue on the plan and one of the area shaded red on the plan (Appendix A to the report) subject to:
 - I. The Executive noting the attached business plan (Part II) at this time that is developing in the context of Covid19 and supporting evidence for the future operation of GHC by GCCG;
 - II. The Executive agreeing that Trafford Council & GCCG will be responsible for the risks highlighted;
 - III. The completion of leases between Trafford Council and GCCG as set out in the report; and
 - IV. Agreeing the red line boundary for the leases as highlighted in (Appendix A to the report).
- (2) That it be agreed to fund the immediate work required to transfer GHC in a fit for purpose state of £23,500 from with the current capital programme.
- (3) That it be agreed to fund major works on the site in line with the current processes for maintaining buildings that are Council assets managed by other groups for a maximum of two years until 31st December 2022 by application up to £50k p.a.

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- (4) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Corporate Director of Finance and Systems and the Corporate Director for Governance and Community Strategy, to agree the terms of the proposed leases.
 - (5) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Governance and Community Strategy to complete the leases and any other documents necessary to implement the decision of the Executive.
 - (6) That a loan facility to GCCG be agreed up to £96,000 as working capital to recruit and pay staff at the centre as well as procure and have installed appropriate ICT systems and pay utilities as detailed in the GCCG business plan. The agreement of final terms of the facility to be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place in consultation with the Corporate Directors of Finance and Systems and Governance and Community Strategy.
 - (7) That it be agreed that the GCCG business plan is not competition for Move Urmston, as set out in section four of the Community Asset Transfer Position Statement document, agreed by the Executive in June 2013.
 - (8) That the disposal of GHC at undervalue be agreed.

The meeting commenced at 4.00 p.m. and finished at 5.28 p.m.