

EXECUTIVE – VIRTUAL MEETING

2 NOVEMBER 2020

EXECUTIVE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

Leader of the Council (Councillor A. Western)(in the Chair),
Executive Member for Children’s Social Care (Councillor C. Hynes),
Executive Member for Communities and Partnerships (Councillor G. Whitham)(part only),
Executive Member for Culture and Leisure (Councillor E. Patel)(part only),
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, Blackburn, Boyes, Brotherton, Butt, Carter, Coggins, Cordingley, Duffield, Evans, Holden, Jerrome, Lamb, Lloyd, Newgrosh, Thompson, Welton, Williams, Winstanley and Young.

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),
Corporate Director, Adult Services (Ms. D. Eaton),
Corporate Director, Children’s Services (Ms. J. McGregor),
Deputy Director of Finance (Mr. G. Bentley),
Director of Growth and Regulatory Services (Mr. A. Fisher),
Head of Strategic Growth (Mr. S. James),
Governance Officer (Mr. J.M.J. Maloney),
Governance Officer (Ms. F. Fuschi).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Harding.

178. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations were made by Executive Members.

179. GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK (GMSF): APPROVAL OF GMSF 2020 FOR CONSULTATION

The Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration submitted a report which summarised the content of the final draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), with particular reference to the Trafford allocations and land supply position. The report also sought approval to publish the GMSF for an 8-week consultation and set out the next steps for the GMSF. A revised recommendation 1 had been circulated to Members prior to the meeting; and, in introducing the report, the Executive Member advised of a number of minor amendments, as set out below, to the GMSF and associated documentation, which would be finalised prior to the proposed consultation.

- Minor typographical corrections to the text of the GMSF, both policy wording and supporting text
- Minor corrections to the Green Belt boundary including adjacent to a strategic allocation in Stockport, Oldham and a Green Belt Addition in Wigan
- Minor graphical changes to maps within the document for clarity and accuracy
- A correction to the title of the Hyde Bank Meadow allocation in Stockport
- A correction to the titles of the Green Belt additions in Wigan
- Corrections to mapping in a number of the Oldham Locality Assessments
- Amendment to the Statement of Consultation to correct a drafting error and
- Minor corrections to other background documents.

The Leader of the Council advised Members that further detailed discussion of the GMSF was expected at the forthcoming Council meeting; however an opportunity was provided for Members to raise initial issues and queries on the report's content. These centred on: the extent to which decisions taken at Council in 2019 in relation to the development of a Spatial Options paper and the GM Carbon Budget had been addressed, which the officers would follow up outside the meeting; the potential implications if any of the GM authorities were not to assent to the current proposals; the extent to which housing supply requirements might be met from the existing stock of brownfield land; implications for Green Belt of the proposed Carrington relief road; arrangements for the funding and provision of educational facilities in respect of new housing developments; and clarification of responsibilities for evaluating the potential risks of development in areas susceptible to flooding.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020, be approved for publication, including strategic site allocations and Green Belt boundary amendments, and reference to the potential use of compulsory purchase powers to assist with site assembly, and the supporting background documents, for publication pursuant to Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 for a period for representations between 1 December 2020 and 26 January 2021.

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- (2) That it be recommended that Council approve the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020 for submission to the Secretary of State for examination following the period for representations.
- (3) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director of Place, in consultation with the Executive Member for Housing and Regeneration, to approve the relevant Statement of Common Ground(s) required pursuant to the National Planning Policy Framework 2019.
- (4) That authority be delegated to the GM Lead Chief Executive for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure; in consultation with City Mayor, Paul Dennett, Portfolio Leader for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure to make minor or non-material amendments to the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020 and background documents prior to their publication.

180. APPROVAL TO CONSULT ON THE ALL AGE TRAVEL ASSISTANCE POLICY 2021/22

The Executive Member for Children's Social Care submitted a report set out consultation arrangements on a proposal to remove the discretionary criteria to provide travel assistance to pupils travelling to attend a grammar school, including details of the proposed consultation approach and timeline. It was noted that the proposal would allow the Council to continue to meet its statutory obligations and did not change the extended rights to travel assistance for low income families who met the criteria for a free school meal. In response to a question it was noted that the officers would provide further information outside the meeting on the question of location issues in relation to allocation of places to grammar schools; and that the forthcoming consultation would provide an opportunity for any similar concerns to be raised.

RESOLVED -

- (1) That the content of the report including the proposed consultation approach be noted.
- (2) That approval be granted to commence the consultation.

The meeting commenced at 4.00 p.m. and finished at 4.56 p.m.