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**THE CIVIC MAYOR, CHAIR OF
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MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend an **ORDINARY MEETING** of the Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council to be held on **Tuesday, 23rd May, 2017 at 5.00 pm** in the Jubilee Hall, Dukinfield Town Hall, Dukinfield, when the undermentioned business is to be transacted.

Yours faithfully,



**Steven Pleasant
Chief Executive**

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1.	<p>ELECTION OF CIVIC MAYOR</p> <p>To consider the appointment of the Civic Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017 – 2018.</p> <p>There is a statutory requirement to consider this matter first but it is intended to defer this matter until 6.00pm for the ceremonial part of the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF COUNCIL BUSINESS</p> <p>To appoint the Chair of Council Business for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.</p>	
3.	<p>CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>The Civic Mayor to make any appropriate announcements.</p>	
4.	<p>DECLARATION OF INTEREST</p> <p>To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Council.</p>	
5.	<p>COUNCIL MINUTES</p> <p>The Minutes of the proceedings of the Ordinary meeting of the Council held on 28 February 2017 to be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of Council Business (or other person presiding) (Minutes attached).</p>	1 - 10
6.	<p>APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTIVE LEADER</p> <p>To appoint the Executive Leader of the Council for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.</p>	
7.	<p>EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ADDRESS</p> <p>To receive an address from the Executive Leader in respect of the Council's work programme for the forthcoming Municipal Year.</p>	
8.	<p>APPOINTMENTS OF EXECUTIVE CABINET, PANELS, THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE, OUTSIDE BODIES AND OPPOSITION SPOKESPERSONS</p> <p>To consider and approve the appointment of the persons nominated to serve on the above for the Municipal Year 2017/2018.</p>	
9.	<p>STANDING LIST OF CONFERENCES 2017/2018</p> <p>To approve the Standing List of Conferences for the Municipal Year 2017/2018 for which travel allowances will be paid.</p>	11 - 14
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12. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION - SENIOR STAFFING

That following the review of Senior Management and consideration by the Senior Staffing Panel the following amendments to the Constitution be agreed:

1. That the joint Council and Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) Senior Leadership Team be known as the Senior Leadership Team and that any reference to Executive Team in the constitution be amended from the 1 June 2017 to refer to the Senior Leadership Team and consequently any reference to 'Executive' in all existing Senior management titles be deleted; and the Monitoring Officer be authorised to amend the Constitution as and where appropriate to reflect this change and revised structure.
2. That Ian Duncan, the appointed section 151 Officer continue until 31 September 2017 with the recommendation that Tom Wilkinson; the newly appointed Assistant Director of Finance be appointed as Deputy s151 Officer with effect from 1 July 2017 (his start date with the Council); and that with effect from 1 October 2017 that Kathy Roe, the jointly appointed Director of Finance made by the Council and CCG, and the current CCG Chief Finance Officer/ Deputy Accountable Officer for the CCG be approved as the Council's section 151 Officer.

13. MINUTES OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WORKING GROUP

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To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Democratic Processes Working Group held on 24 April 2017.

14. MINUTES OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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To receive the minutes of the Standards Committee held on 4 April 2017.

15. FREEDOM OF THE BOROUGH

It is proposed that a meeting of Council on 25 July 2017 the Council admits Sir Geoff Hurst MBE as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough in recognition of his outstanding contribution to England's historic World Cup win in 1966 and in celebration of his childhood connections to Tameside, pursuant to the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972, that being the highest honour that the Council can bestow.

**Ceremonial Mayor Making Part of Annual Council adjourned until
6.00pm.**

(there is a separate Order of Proceedings booklet to be received at the meeting).

16. ELECTION OF CIVIC MAYOR

To appoint a Member of the Council as Civic Mayor of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year (see Item 1 above).

For further information please contact Robert Landon, Head of Democratic Services, or 0161 342 2146 or robert.landon@tameside.gov.uk, or the officer named in the report.

17. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

To consider the appointment of the Deputy Mayor for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.

18. TO ACCORD A VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING CIVIC MAYOR AND MAYORESS

19. PRESENTATION OF MEDALLION TO THE RETIRING CIVIC MAYOR

20. RESPONSE OF RETIRING CIVIC MAYOR

21. URGENT ITEMS

To consider any other items which the Chair of Council Business (or other person presiding) is of the opinion shall be dealt with as a matter of urgency.

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Agenda Item 5

COUNCIL

28 February 2017

Commenced: 5.00 pm

Terminated: 6.50 pm

Present: Councillors Kitchen (Chair), P Fitzpatrick (Civic Mayor), Affleck, Bailey, Beeley, Bell, Bowden, Bowerman, Buckley, Buglass, Cartey, Cooney, Cooper, Dickinson, Drennan, Fairfoull, Feeley, J Fitzpatrick, Fowler, Glover, Gwynne, Homer, Kinsey, D Lane, J Lane, McNally, Middleton, Newton, Patrick, Pearce, Peet, Piddington, K Quinn, S Quinn, Reid, Ricci, Robinson, Ryan, Sharif, M Smith, T Smith, Sweeton, Taylor, F Travis, L Travis, Ward, Warrington, K Welsh, R Welsh, Whitehead, Wild and Wills

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Bray, Jackson, A Holland, B Holland and Sidebottom

Civic Mayor (Councillor P Fitzpatrick) in the Chair

68. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was with sadness that the Civic Mayor made reference to the recent deaths of Mr Dennis Fogg and Mr David Evans. Mr Fogg had served on Tameside Council from 1979 until 1991 representing Denton South Ward. He was Deputy Mayor of Tameside in 1985/86. Mr Evans served for many years as an Officer of the Council and was Assistant Director of Policy Services before his retirement. He then went onto serve Tameside Council as an Elected Member from 1991 until 1999, being elected to serve Denton South Ward following Mr Fogg's retirement from the Council. Those in attendance joined the Chair in a few moments silence to pay their respects and remember Mr Fogg and Mr Evans and the loyal service they gave to the Council and the local community.

Councillor Kitchen, Chair of Council Business, in the Chair

69. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 24 January 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of Council Business.

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

DISPENSATION Item 7 – Budget 2017/18 and future years		
Councillors: Affleck, Bailey, Beeley, Bell, Bowden, Bowerman, Buckley, Buglass, Cartey, Cooney, Cooper, Dickinson, Drennan, Fairfoull, Feeley, J Fitzpatrick, P Fitzpatrick, Fowler, Glover, Gwynne, Homer, Kinsey, Kitchen, D Lane, J Lane, McNally, Middleton, Newton, Patrick, Pearce, Peet, Piddington, K Quinn, S Quinn, Reid, Ricci, Robinson, Ryan, Sharif, M Smith, T Smith, Sweeton, Taylor, F Travis, L Travis, Ward, Warrington, K Welsh, R Welsh, Whitehead, Wild and Wills	Prejudicial – Section 33(2)(a) of the Localism Act 2011 – that without the dispensation the number of Members prohibited from participating in any particular business would be so great a proportion of the body transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business.	Beneficial interest in property in Tameside, namely residence.

71. COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Robinson thanked Members for their support in signing Tameside's Children in Care Council Pledge. The pledge was a promise describing the way the Council would work to support children in care to be safe, to be healthy, to enjoy life and to achieve their goals.

Councillor Robinson further informed Members that one of Tameside's Children's homes had been inspected in early February 2017 and achieved a 'Good' Ofsted outcome.

72. COUNCIL BIG CONVERSATION

The Chair reported that there were no questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Standing Orders 31.12 and 31.13.

73. JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET AND OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Joint meeting of Executive Cabinet and Overview (Audit) Panel held on 8 February 2017. It was moved by Councillor K. Quinn, seconded by Councillor Taylor and –

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 8 February 2017 be received and the recommendations set out in minutes 50 and 53 be agreed as follows:

Minute 50:

That Council be RECOMMENDED to approve that the Council participates in the sector led procurement of external auditors.

Minute 53:

That Council be RECOMMENDED, subject to any final amendments/clarifications from the Council's external auditors, to

- (i) Make an advance payment equivalent to three years' contributions to the Greater Manchester Pension Fund; and**
- (ii) The amount included in the employers' contribution rate for early retirement be reduced from 1% to 0.5%.**

74. BUDGET 2017/2018 AND FUTURE YEARS

The Executive Leader presented the budget for 2017/18 and future years, which set out what the Council intended to do for its residents and businesses over the coming year.

The Executive Leader began by recalling key events in 2016 both nationally and worldwide, including; a new Prime Minister for the UK; the result of the US presidential election and the Brexit vote. Locally, he outlined the following achievements in 2016:

- Council of the Year;
- Redevelopment of Ashton Market;
- Opening of Ashton Old Baths;
- Vision Tameside: Opening of Clarendon Sixth forum, first students at Advanced Technologies Centre, work started on Joint Public Service Centre; and
- Moving forward with Pension Pooling and Infrastructure with Greater Manchester Pension Fund – driving local growth through local investment.

He further detailed projects and challenges for 2017 as follows:

- Total Adrenaline facility in Longdendale;
- ITrain Gym in Dukinfield;
- Hyde Baths; and
- Tameside Wellness Centre in Denton.

The Executive Leader made reference to continuing work on the Care Together programme, putting self-care at the heart of the agenda for Tameside. This had the twin advantages of healthier and longer lives for residents whilst reducing pressure on health services. He further spoke of the need to increase life expectancy in Tameside and reduce health inequalities and highlighted on-going work on the £20m leisure offer to help residents get more active.

The Executive Leader informed Members that the £23m Transformation Fund awarded to Tameside and Glossop by Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership, had boosted plans to lead the way on health and social care integration.

Care Together had also facilitated big changes to the treatment of mental health and the Council had signed the 'Time to Change' mental health pledge.

The Executive Leader commented on Greater Manchester devolution and the forthcoming elections for Mayor of Manchester. He stressed the importance of progressing with devolution and planning for the future in light of the Brexit decision, and commented on the need to replace £650 million of European funding.

The Executive Leader made reference to the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, and explained that it would determine the direction of travel for Greater Manchester for the next 20+ years. He further made reference to delivering a sensible plan, reflecting local concerns and explained that there had already been a two and a half month consultation process (October 2016 – January 2017) and another round of consultation was to come. In total, there had been 20,000 responses to date across Greater Manchester, with an average of 2,000 in Tameside.

The Executive Leader raised the continuing difficulties faced by the Council during six years of austerity due to funding cuts imposed by the Government. He highlighted the pressures on adult social care, with a projected £70 million funding gap in Tameside and Glossop by 2020 and explained that the Council would be increasing the council tax in 2017/18 by 3% as a social care precept, to assist the authority in meeting expenditure on adult social care in order to support and protect the most vulnerable members of the community, and by 1.99% for general council tax.

The Executive Leader gave an update on work ongoing following the Ofsted inspection published in December 2016. He made reference to the pledge presented by the Children in Care Council and signed individually by Members (Minute 71 refers). He further explained that a draft improvement plan would be considered by the Tameside Children's Services Improvement Board, and, following input from the Department for Education, the Local Government Association and Ofsted, would be published on Tameside's website.

The Executive Leader concluded that challenges to the Council were many and varied and that, despite the unprecedented scale of the cuts faced by local government, it was vital to protect vulnerable residents and take every opportunity to invest in Tameside, its people and businesses.

In accordance with the Constitution, the Chair of Council Business then afforded the Opposition Group the opportunity to present to the Council alternative budgets.

In response, Councillor Bell, informed Members that the Opposition Group would not be proposing an alternative budget. He highlighted the need for an urgent and fundamental review of social and health care and the importance of protecting services and caring for the elderly and vulnerable.

General discussion then ensued in relation to the proposed budget as outlined and responses made accordingly. The budget for 2017/18 set out in the previously circulated report, as amended by the tabled report and addendum, was moved by Councillor K Quinn, seconded by Councillor Taylor and, in accordance with The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations, a named vote was taken on the Council Tax Motion as follows:

For the Motion, as set out below:

Councillors: Affleck, Bailey, Beeley, Bell, Bowden, Bowerman, Buckley, Buglass, Cartey, Cooney, Cooper, Dickinson, Drennan, Fairfoull, Feeley, J Fitzpatrick, P Fitzpatrick, Fowler, Glover, Gwynne, Homer, Kinsey, Kitchen, D Lane, J Lane, McNally, Middleton, Newton, Patrick, Pearce, Peet, Piddington, K Quinn, S Quinn, Reid, Ricci, Robinson, Ryan, Sharif, M Smith, T Smith, Sweeton, Taylor, F Travis, L Travis, Ward, Warrington, K Welsh, R Welsh, Whitehead, Wild and Wills.

RESOLVED

- 1. That the budgeted net expenditure for the financial year 2017/18 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be agreed at £177.396 million and that the level and usage of reserves and balances set out in this report be approved.**
- 2. That the Medium Term Financial Strategy, as updated in this report, be approved and form the basis of future updates, reports and decisions taken by Cabinet to balance resources and expenditure in future years budgets.**
- 3. That Council Tax for 2017/18 be increased by 4.99%, being 1.99% in respect of general level council tax and 3% in respect of social care precept.**
- 4. That the Pay Policy for 2017/18 included at Appendix 5 to the report is approved.**
- 5. That the budget assurance statement process for service areas is noted.**
- 6. That all fees and charges of the Council be raised by an average increase of 2.5% unless costs are not being recovered or market conditions require a higher or lower level.**
- 7. That the position on the Capital Programme as set out in section 9.3 is agreed and that specific proposals are considered in a future report.**
- 8. That the updated Minimum Revenue Provision statement as set out at section 9.31 be approved.**
- 9. That the Prudential Limits set out in this report be approved with the Council to receive monitoring reports during the coming year to demonstrate compliance.**
- 10. That the Prudential Indicators reported at Appendix 4 to the report be approved.**
- 11. That authorised borrowing limits for 2017/18 for Tameside and for the Greater Manchester Metropolitan Debt Administration Fund (GMMDAF) are agreed as set out in Appendix 4 to the report.**
- 12. That the Council notes the difficult circumstances, and the expected challenges set out in the report over the medium term.**
- 13. That the Council notes the significant good progress made over the last few years in meeting the financial challenges and continuing to operate in a financially robust manner.**
- 14. That the Council retains a minimum level of General Fund balances of £17 million.**

15. That the Council accepts the advice of the Section 151 Officer regarding the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the budget calculations and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves. Following this, that the Council determines that the estimates are robust for the purpose of setting the budget and that the proposed financial reserves are adequate.
16. That it be noted that a Key Decision was taken on 31 January 2017 by the First Deputy (Performance and Finance) that the relevant Council Tax bases for 2017/18 be as follows:
 - (a) 59,786.5 for the whole Council area (including the Mossley Parish area) [item T in the formula in Section 31B(1) of “the Act”].
 - (b) 3,238.7 for the Mossley Parish area to which a local precept relates.
17. That the Council approves the Council Tax Requirement for the Council’s own purposes for 2017/18 (excluding the Mossley Parish precept) as being £80,460,000.
18. That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2017/18:
 - (a) £390,640,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(2) of “the Act” taking into account the precept issued for the year by Mossley Parish Council (Appendix 2).
 - (b) £310,149,000 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A(3) of “the Act” (Appendix 2).
 - (c) £80,491,000 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A(4) of “the Act”, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year [item R in the formula in Section 31B(1) of the “the Act”].
 - (d) £1,346.31 being the amount at 3(c) above, divided by item T (16(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B(1) of “the Act”, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year (including the Mossley Parish precept).
 - (e) £31,000 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of “the Act”, being the Mossley Parish precept.
 - (f) £1,345.79 being the amount at 3(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(e) above by item T (16(a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of “the Act”, as the basic amount of tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special items relate.
 - (g) £1,355.36 being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3(f) above the amount of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned at 3(e) above divided by the amount at 1(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of “the Act”, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year for dwellings in

those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

19. That it be noted that for the year 2017/18 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester and the Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority have issued precepts to the Council in accordance with Section 40 of “the Act”, for each category of dwelling in the Council's area as indicated in the tables below.
20. That the Council, in accordance with “the Act”, hereby sets the aggregate amounts shown in the tables below as the amounts of Council Tax for 2017/18 for each part of its area and for each of the categories of dwellings

VALUATION BANDS - TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL (EXCLUDING MOSSLEY PARISH COUNCIL)								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	855.13	997.65	1,140.17	1,282.69	1,567.73	1,852.77	2,137.82	2,565.38
Precepts								
Adult and Social Care Precept	42.07	49.08	56.09	63.10	77.12	91.14	105.17	126.20
Police & Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester (calculated figures)	108.20	126.23	144.27	162.30	198.37	234.43	270.50	324.60
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority (calculated figures)	39.96	46.62	53.28	59.95	73.27	86.59	99.91	119.90
Aggregate of the Council Tax requirement (including Precepts)								
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (excluding Mossley)	1,045.36	1,219.58	1,393.81	1,568.04	1,916.49	2,264.93	2,613.40	3,136.08

VALUATION BANDS - TAMESIDE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL (INCLUDING MOSSLEY PARISH COUNCIL)								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council	855.13	997.65	1,140.17	1,282.69	1,567.73	1,852.77	2,137.82	2,565.38
Precepts								
Adult and Social Care Precept	42.07	49.08	56.09	63.10	77.12	91.14	105.17	126.20
Mossley Parish Council	6.38	7.44	8.51	9.57	11.70	13.82	15.95	19.14
Police & Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester (calculated figures)	108.20	126.23	144.27	162.30	198.37	234.43	270.50	324.60
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority (calculated figures)	39.96	46.62	53.28	59.95	73.27	86.59	99.91	119.90
Aggregate of the Council Tax requirement (including Precepts)								
Mossley Parish Council Boundary	1,051.74	1,227.02	1,402.32	1,577.61	1,928.19	2,278.75	2,629.35	3,155.22

75. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance) and the Assistant Executive Director (Finance) detailing the Council's borrowing strategy for 2017/18 and the Annual Investment Strategy, which was required under the Local Government Act 2003.

The Annual Investment Strategy was detailed at **Appendix A** to the report and details were given with regard to the estimated borrowing requirement for both Tameside and the Greater Manchester Metropolitan Debt Administration Fund and the strategy to be employed in managing the debt position.

It was reported that as at 31 March 2016, the Council had £156m of investments, which needed to be safeguarded, and £120m of debt. Members were reminded that the Council was also the lead authority responsible for the administration of the debt of the Greater Manchester County Council on behalf of all ten Greater Manchester Metropolitan Authorities. As at 31 March 2016, this was a further £110m of debt. The significant size of these amounts required careful management to ensure that the Council met its balanced budget requirement under the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

The report included details of the following:-

- Code of Practice;
- Need to Borrow;
- Types and Duration of Loans;
- Sources of Borrowing;
- Rescheduling;
- Current Position 2016/17;
- Tameside's estimated position at 31 March 2017;
- 2017/2018 Borrowing Requirement;
- Greater Manchester Metropolitan Debt Administration Fund Requirement;
- Borrowing Strategy;
- Interest Rates;
- Investments; and
- Treasury Management Advisors.

Proposed changes to the Council's investment strategy were also detailed as follows:

Counterparty Limits

It was proposed that the counterparty limit be changed to £50 million for UK Government bodies (e.g. local authorities and other similar bodies). Any such investments would be highly secure due to the Government-backed nature of these entities.

In line with this, it was proposed that the limit for total investments for more than 12 months was increased from £30 million to £50 million and that the limit for investments in non-specified investments be increased from 25% to 50%.

Alternative Investments

A new class of 'alternative investments' be added to the available list of non-specified investment instruments. These instruments offered increased returns in the current low interest environment whilst still meeting the DCLG requirements for security, liquidity and yield.

This would include asset backed securities and asset backed pooled investment funds, which were secured against real assets such as green energy, timber or property.

Members were advised that any proposed investment of this nature would be the subject of a further report.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the report be noted and the proposed borrowing strategy be supported; and
- (ii) That the Annual Investment Strategy, including the changes set out above, be approved.

76. MAYORALTY

Nominations were sought for the position of Civic Mayor for 2017/18 and it was moved by Councillor K Quinn, seconded by Councillor Taylor and:

RESOLVED

That Councillor Joyce Bowerman be nominated for election as Civic Mayor for the Municipal Year 2017/18 at the Annual Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 23 May 2017.

Nominations were also sought for the position of Deputy Civic Mayor for 2017/18 and it was moved by Councillor K Quinn, seconded by Councillor Taylor and:

RESOLVED

That Councillor Andy Kinsey be nominated for election as Deputy Civic Mayor for the Municipal Year for the 2017/18 at the Annual Meeting of the Council on Tuesday 23 May 2017.

77. ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL COUNCIL

It was noted that the Annual Meeting of the Council (Civic and Business) would commence at 5.00pm on Tuesday, 23 May 2017 and would be held at Dukinfield Town Hall.

78. CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Consideration was given to the Calendar of Meetings for 2017/18. It was moved by Councillor K Quinn and seconded by Councillor Taylor and:

RESOLVED

That the Calendar of Meetings for 2017/18 be approved.

79. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES

There were no changes to be made to the membership of Council bodies.

80. APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER FOR COMBINED AUTHORITY MAYORAL ELECTION

Consideration was given to the appointment of Returning Officer for the Combined Authority Mayoral Election. It was moved by Councillor K Quinn and seconded by Councillor Taylor and:

RESOLVED

That Steven Pleasant be appointed as Returning Officer for Tameside for the 2017 Combined Authority Mayoral Election.

81. QUESTIONS

The Chair reported no questions had been received in accordance with Standing Order 17.2.

82. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items of business for consideration at this meeting.

CHAIR

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Agenda Item 9

Report To:	COUNCIL
Date:	23 May 2017
Reporting Officer:	Steven Pleasant – Chief Executive and Proper Officer
Subject:	STANDING LIST OF CONFERENCES FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/2018
Report Summary:	To approve the list of Standing Conferences for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year for which travel allowances and subsistence will be paid if attended.
Recommendations:	That approval be given to the standing list of conferences which may be attended for the Municipal Year 2017/2018 as detailed in the report.
Links to Community Strategy:	The Constitution and democratic framework provides an effective framework for implementing the Community Strategy.
Policy Implications:	There are no policy implications.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	That the cost of such attendance will be met from the Members Training budget or in respect of Officer attendance from within the Service budget.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	Ensures that Public Funds are used efficiently and effectively and that Members and Officers only attend those approved conferences which Council have determined are in the interests of improving service delivery and good governance by the dissemination of good practice. It should be noted that not all the conferences are attended although they are the conferences which councils and their representatives are expected to attend.
Risk Management:	Maintains Member and Chief Officer development in the interests of service delivery.
Access to Information:	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Robert Landon, Head of Democratic Services by:



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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL – 23 MAY 2017

STANDING LIST OF CONFERENCES

Part A – Member and Officer attendance

CONFERENCE (by Service Area)	REPRESENTATION
Chief Executive	
Local Government Association	One Member and the Chief Executive
iNetwork	Chief Executive and the Executive Director (Place) or nominee
SOLACE	Chief Executive
Executive Director (Governance, Resources & Pensions)	
Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy	One Member and the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) or nominee
Special Interest Group of Metropolitan Authorities (SIGOMA)	One Member and the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) or nominee
Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation	One Member and the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) or nominee
Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation (Recovery)	One Member and the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) or nominee
Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation (Benefits)	One Member and the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) or nominee
CIPFA Benefits	One Member and the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) or nominee
Public Sector People Managers' Association	One Member and the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) or nominee
Chartered Institute of Personnel Development	One Member and the Executive (Governance, Resources and Pensions) or nominee
Northern Personnel Briefing (Employers' Organisation)	One Member and the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) or nominee
Centre for Public Scrutiny Annual Conference	Members of the Scrutiny Panels and the Head of Democratic Services
National Association of Pension Fund Conferences	One Member and the Executive (Governance, Resources and Pensions) (or nominee - relevant Service Unit Manager)
Local Government Chronicle Investment Conference	One Member and the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) (or nominee - relevant Service Unit Manager)
Local Authority Pension Fund Forum Conference	Members of the Panel and the Executive Director (Governance and Resources) (or nominee - relevant Service Unit Manager)
Executive Director (People)	
Local Government Association (Education Section)	One Member and the Executive Director (People) or nominee

North of England Education Conference	One Member and Executive Director (People) or nominee
Annual Social Services Conference	One Member and the Executive Director (People) or nominee
Executive Director (Place)	
Local Government Association (Planning and Economic Development)	One Member and Executive Director (Place) or nominee
National Association of British Market Authorities	One Member and the Executive Director (Place) or nominee
Chairs of Transport Conference	One Member and the Executive Director (Place) or nominee
Local Government Association – Housing Conference	One Member and the Executive Director (Place) or nominee
Institute of Waste Management	One Member and the Executive Director (Place) or nominee
Environmental Health Congress	One Member and the Assistant Executive Director (Environmental Services) or nominee
Institute of Trading Standards	One Member and Assistant Executive Director (Environmental Services) or nominee
Institute of Licensing	One Member and Assistant Executive Director (Environmental Services) or nominee
National Society for Clean Air	One Member and the Assistant Executive Director (Environmental Services) or nominee
Institute of Cemetery & Crematorium Management Operations	One Member and the Assistant Executive Director (Environmental Services) or nominee
Health and Safety	One Member and the Assistant Executive Director (Environmental Services) or nominee
Society of Computer Information Technology Managers	One Member and the Executive Director (Place) or nominee.
The Museums Association	One Member and the Executive Director (People) or nominee
The Public Library Authorities	One Member and the Executive Director (People) or nominee
Local Government Association – Culture, Tourism and Sport Conference	One Member and the Executive Director (People) or nominee
Director of Public Health	
Local Government Association – Public Health	One Member and Director of Public Health or nominee and one consultant
Public Health England	One Member and Director of Public Health or nominee and 3 officers
Faculty of Public Health	One Member and Director of Public Health or nominee and one consultant

(NOTE: In most instances the elected Member attending conferences would normally be the appropriate Executive Member. In those instances where they cannot attend then an appointee shall be decided following consultation with the Executive Member).

Part B - Officer only Attendance

Chief Executive

Society of Local Authority Chief Executives – Conference and Seminars

Executive Director (Governance, Resources, & Pensions)

Association of Council Secretaries and Solicitors

Law Society Local Government Group Conference and Seminars

CIPFA Audit Conference

CIPFA Capital Conference

CIPFA Treasury Management Conference

ALARM Conference

Society of Metropolitan Treasurers

CIPFA IT, Audit and Security Update

CIPFA Pensions Conference

Executive Director (Place)

Education Building and Development Officers Group Conference

Association of Greater Manchester Estate Officers and Surveyors

Association of Chief Estates Surveyors and Property Managers in Local Government, North West Area and National Conference

Highways and Utilities

Executive Director (People)

Encams – People and Places

Association of Directors of Social Services Annual Spring Seminar

APSE – Conference and Seminars

Association of Director of Children's Services (Conferences and Seminars)

North West Directors of Children's Services (Conferences and Seminars)

Director of Public Health

Greater Manchester Public Health Network – Conferences and Seminars

Association of Directors of Public Health – Conferences and Seminars

Annual Festival of Public Health

(NOTE: The appointment of officer representatives in both sections A and B will be determined by the Chief Executive or Executive Director).

Report To:	COUNCIL
Date:	23 MAY 2017
Executive Member / Reporting Officer:	Cllr Kieran Quinn, Executive Leader Steven Pleasant, Chief Executive
Subject:	CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017/2018
Report Summary:	Attached is a draft of the Calendar of Meetings for 2017/2018 Municipal Year.
Recommendations:	That Members agree the Calendar of Meetings for the 2017/2018 Municipal Year.
Links to Community Strategy:	The Constitution and democratic framework provides an effective framework for implementing the Community Strategy.
Policy Implications:	There are no policy implications.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	There are no budgetary implications.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	Achieves compliance with Procedural Standing Orders.
Risk Management:	Publication of the Meetings Calendar allows for transparent and inclusive decision-making and complies with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
Access to Information	The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Robert Landon, Head of Democratic Services by:  phone: 0161 342 2146  e-mail: robert.landon@tameside.gov.uk

MEETINGS	DATE/TIME						
Council	Tuesday 5.00pm	23 May 2017	25 July 2017	10 October 2017	28 November 2017		27 February 2018
Executive Cabinet	Wednesday 2.00pm	28 June 2017	30 August 2017	18 October 2017	13 December 2017 (Jt meeting with Audit Panel)	7 February 2018 (Jt meeting with Overview (Audit) Panel)	21 March 2018
Board	Wednesday 10.00am	7 June 2016	12 July 2017		23 August 2017	13 September 2017	11 October 2017
		8 November 2017	Tuesday 5 December 2017	10 January 2018	21 February 2018	14 March 2018	18 April 2018
Overview (Audit) Panel	Monday 2.00pm	31 July 2017		11 September 2017	20 November 2017	7 February 2018 (Jt meeting with Executive Cabinet)	
Audit Panel	Tuesday 2.00pm	30 May 2017		24 October 2017	13 December 2017 (Jt meeting with Executive Cabinet)	6 March 2018	
Speakers Panel (Planning)	Wednesday 10.00am	24 May 2017	21 June 2017	26 July 2017	6 September 2017	4 October 2017	15 November 2017
		13 December 2017	17 January 2018	14 February 2018	21 March 2018	25 April 2018	
Speakers Panel (Alcohol Licensing)	Monday 10.00am		3 July 2017	4 September 2017	6 November 2017	15 January 2018	12 March 2018
Speakers Panel (Licensing)	Tuesday 10.00am	20 June 2017	1 August 2017	19 September 2017	21 November 2017	23 January 2018	20 March 2018
Scrutiny Panels:							
Place and External Relations	Tuesday at 6.00pm	13 June 2017	1 August 2017	12 September 2017	7 November 2017	9 January 2018	13 March 2018
Integrated Care and Wellbeing	Thursday at 6.00pm	15 June 2017	27 July 2017	14 September 2017	9 November 2017	11 January 2018	15 March 2018
Pension Fund and Working Groups:							
Pension Fund	Friday 10.00am	21 July 2017	22 September 2017 (AGM)		17 November 2017		23 March 2018
Policy and Development	Thursday 2.30pm	30 May 2017 Tues - 9.00am	5 October 2017			1 February 2018	22 March 2018 at 10.00am
Pension Administration	Friday 9.00am	14 July 2017	13 October 2017			19 January 2018	6 April 2018
Investment Monitoring and ESG	Friday 10.00am	14 July 2017	13 October 2017			19 January 2018	6 April 2018
Alternative Investments	Friday 9.30am	20 July 2017 at 9.00am	20 October 2017			26 January 2018	13 April 2018
Property	Friday 9.00am	28 July 2017	27 October 2017			2 February 2018	20 April 2018
Employer Funding Viability	Friday 10.30am	28 July 2017	27 October 2017			2 February 2018	20 April 2018
Local Pensions Board	Thursday 3.00pm	24 July 2017 Mon – 2.00pm	19 October 2017		14 December 2017		29 March 2018

Other Panels and Working Groups:							
Standards Committee	Tuesday 4.00pm		5 September 2017		7 November 2017		3 April 2018
Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel	Monday 2.00pm		10 July 2017	4 September 2017	27 November 2017		12 March 2018
Enforcement Co-ordination Panel	Wednesday 10.30am	26 July 2017		25 October 2017		24 January 2018	28 March 2018
Democratic Processes Working Group	Monday 4.00pm	17 July 2017		9 October 2017	11 December 2017	26 February 2018	
Carbon and Waste Reduction Panel	Thursday 10.00am	29 June 2017		7 September 2017	30 November 2017		15 March 2018
Health and Wellbeing Board	Thursday at 10.00am	29 June 2017		21 September 2017	16 November 2017	25 January 2018	8 March 2018
Single Commissioning Board	Tuesday 2.00pm	25 May 2017	22 June 2017	11 July 2017	22 August 2017	26 September 2017	31 October 2017
		14 November 2017	12 December 2017	30 January 2018	20 February 2018	20 March 2018	17 April 2018
Education Attainment Board	Tuesday at 3.30pm	27 June 2016		24 October 2016		16 January 2018	27 March 2018
Children In Care Council	Tuesday at 5.00pm	18 July 2017					6 March 2018
Town Councils:							
Ashton	Tuesday at 6.30pm	19 June 2017 (Monday)		26 September 2017	21 November 2017		20 February 2018
Audenshaw	Tuesday at 6.00pm	11 July 2017		12 September 2017	7 November 2017		6 February 2018
Denton	Thursday at 5.00pm	15 June 2017		5 October 2017	7 December 2017		1 March 2018
Droylsden	Thursday at 6.30pm	13 July 2017		14 September 2017	16 November 2017		8 March 2018
Dukinfield	Thursday at 2.00pm	15 June 2017		7 September 2017	9 November 2017		8 February 2018
Hyde	Monday at 7.00pm	3 July 2017		4 September 2017	6 November 2017		5 March 2018
Longdendale	Tuesday at 6.30pm	13 June 2017		19 September 2017	12 December 2017		13 March 2018
Mossley	Wednesday at 7.00pm	19 July 2017		13 September 2017	6 December 2017		21 February 2018
Stalybridge	Wednesday at 6.30pm	14 June 2017		4 October 2017	6 December 2017		7 March 2018

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MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

22 March 2017

Commenced: 2.00 pm

Terminated: 2.50 pm

Present: Councillor K. Quinn (Chair)
Councillors Cooney, J. Fitzpatrick, Gwynne, Kitchen, Ricci, Robinson, Taylor, L Travis and Warrington,

Apology for Absence: Councillor Kitchen

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members	Subject Matter	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Councillor Taylor	Item 57– Active Tameside	Prejudicial	Chair of the Tameside Sports Trust

46. MINUTES

(a) Executive Cabinet and Overview (Audit) Panel

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the joint meeting of Executive Cabinet and Overview (Audit) Panel held on 8 February 2017.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the joint meeting of Executive Cabinet and Overview (Audit) Panel held on 8 February 2017 be taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

(b) Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel held on 13 March 2017.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel held on 13 March 2017 be received and the following recommendations approved:

Vision Tameside Phase 2 Progress Update

- (i) That the progress with the delivery of the overall Vision Tameside Phase 2, specifically with lease negotiations, development of a recant plan and Employment and Skills initiatives, be noted;
- (ii) That the emerging risk associated with the delay in securing an appropriate funding package for the Streetscape Improvement project, be noted;
- (iii) That the budget variations and virements identified in Section 7 of the report, be approved; and
- (iv) That the progress being made to drawdown the £4 million Skills Capital Funding, be noted.

Education Capital Programme Update

- (i) The allocation of Basic Need grant funding schemes as outlined in Section 3 and Appendix 1 of the report be agreed; and
- (ii) The allocation of School Condition and Maintenance funding schemes as outlined in Section 4 and Appendix 2 of the report be agreed.

Corporate Asset Management Update

- (i) That the list of disposals identified in Appendix 1 to the report be approved; and
- (ii) That the allocation of £125,526 to undertake building condition replacement/repair projects as detailed in the report, be approved.
- (iii) That the current Disposal Policy be amended for approval at the next meeting to address the process for dealing with objections.

Smartly Pooled Section 106 Agreements and Developer Contributions

- (i) That authority be given to release funds from available resources for the following projects:

Section 106

£13,705.39 for the provision of new fencing at Egmont Street Playing Fields to enhance the appearance and quality of the site.

Developer Contributions

£60,000 for funding infrastructure improvements across a number of sites including improvements to path networks across Council owned greenspace.

- (c) **Single Commissioning Board**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Single Commissioning Board held on 14 February 2017 be noted.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Single Commissioning Board held on 14 February 2017.

- (d) **Association of Greater Manchester Authorities / Greater Manchester Combined Authority**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader and Chief Executive, which informed Members of the issues considered at the AGMA Executive Board and Greater Manchester Combined Authority held on 27 January and 24 February 2017 and the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and AGMA Executive.

RESOLVED

That the content of the report be noted.

47. REVENUE MONITORING

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance)/Assistant Executive Director (Finance), which showed that at Quarter 3 the overall net service projected budget outturn revenue position was £0.476m under budget. It was explained that strong budget management was required across the Council to ensure that its financial plans were achieved and that the Council was therefore able to control budgetary pressures in the future.

The report detailed each Directorate's projected revenue outturn position for 2016/17 against budgets for the year and showed the net income and expenditure as a variation to the budget. Also included were details for those budgets that were held corporately and the projected outturn position. These budgets included the cost of capital financing, democracy and where service areas were unable to affect spend against budget, e.g. AGMA costs.

Separate tables breaking down the budgets into elements of expenditure and income were included in **Appendix 2** to the report, showing how Directorates were utilising their allocated funding.

In terms of Care Together it was explained that a single consolidated financial report was now being produced working towards financial sustainability across the whole health and social care economy. This was showing a forecast collective deficit of £5m in 2016/17 and this was forecast to grow in the following year. Short and medium term options were being worked upon to minimise this position and the latest consolidated report was included at **Appendix 4** to the revenue monitoring report.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the changes to revenue budgets as set out at Appendix 1 be approved.**
- (ii) That the projected revenue outturn position is noted for services experiencing budgetary pressures and that they identify plans to bring down the extent of the expenditure above budget.**
- (iii) That the detail for each service area be noted.**
- (iv) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive to agree a sum (section 6.4 refers) to be paid to the Tameside & Glossop NHS Integrated Care Foundation Trust (T&G NHS ICFT) as previously approved within the 2015/16 Council revenue outturn monitoring report presented to the Executive Cabinet on 29 June 2016.**
- (v) To approve the sum of £0.250 million for the supply of professional services to the Care Together programme as outlined in section 6.6 of the report.**

48. CAPITAL MONITORING

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance)/Assistant Executive Director (Finance) summarising the capital monitoring position at 31 December 2016 based on information provided by project managers, which showed that the current forecast was for service areas to spend £42.375m on capital investment by March 2017, which was £20.381m less than the current programmed spend. It was proposed, therefore, that the capital investment programme be re-profiled to reflect current information and the re-phasing of £15.475m into the next financial year identified within the individual service areas as detailed in the report.

The projected outturn capital expenditure by service area was detailed and explanations were provided for capital projects with a projected variation of £0.100m or above over the life of the project. Schemes with an in-year variation in excess of £0.100m were highlighted and approval was being sought to re-profile the capital expenditure of these project.

It was explained that it was no longer intended to acquire an increased shareholding in InspiredSpaces (Tameside) Ltd due to the potentially adverse effect on the level of PFI Credit the Council received from the Government.

RESOLVED:

Members are asked to approve the following:

- (i) That the reprofiling to reflect up to date investment profiles be approved;**

- (ii) That the changes to the Capital Programme be approved;
- (iii) That the updated Prudential Indicator position be approved;
- (iv) That the current capital budget monitoring position be noted;
- (v) That the resources currently available to fund the Capital Programme be noted
- (vi) That the current position in regards to compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) and indemnities be noted
- (vii) That the updated capital receipts position;
- (viii) That the intention not to proceed with the purchase of additional shares in InspiredSpaces (Tameside) Ltd.

49. INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING FUND – SINGLE FINANCE AGREEMENT FROM 1 APRIL 2017

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance) / Chief Finance Officer (CCG) / Assistant Executive Director (Finance), which set out the key principles required to establish a joint (single) fund between the Council and the Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) managed by the Single Commissioning Board.

The report provided an update on progress made and sought approval from the Tameside Council Executive Cabinet and the CCG Governing Body to consolidate the value of pooled resources via an Integrated Commissioning Fund agreement from 1 April 2017. The same report would be presented to the Governing body of the CCG on 29 March 2017.

The Tameside & Glossop Care Together Single Commissioning Board would be required to manage all resources within the Integrated Commissioning Fund and comply with both organisations statutory functions from the single fund.

Members were reminded that at Joint Board meeting between Tameside Hospital Trust, Tameside and Glossop CCG and the Council on 23 September 2015 all parties had agreed to work together within the Care Together programme to implement the plan for an Integrated Care Organisation.

The report explained that the arrangement agreed for 2016/2017 was that, whilst working as a single commissioning function, the Council and CCG would retain full responsibility for their own financial risks. It was proposed that from 1 April 2017 each organisation would begin to share financial risks in proportion to the respective contributions they made into the Integrated Commissioning Fund. This would result in a sharing arrangement of 80% for the CGG and 20% for the Council. This would be a significant step for both organisations given the current financial climate and the scale of savings that must be delivered in the short term and the risks that the local health and social care economy faced.

In addition it was proposed that a stepped approach be taken to risk sharing and that a cap be placed on the shared financial exposure that each organisation would be expected to meet. For 2017/2018 it was proposed that:

- a cap of £2m be placed on CCG related risks that the Council would contribute to;
- A cap of £0.5m be placed on Council related risks that the CCG would contribute to.

RESOLVED:

1. That it be noted that an identical report would be presented to the Tameside and Glossop CCG Governing Body for approval on 29 March 2017.
2. That approval be given to the inclusion of 2017/2018 Tameside Council service budgets as stated in Appendix 1 to the report within the existing section 75 joint finance pooled agreement (currently in existence for the Better Care Fund). That approval also be given to the inclusion of 2017/2018 Tameside Council service budgets as stated in Appendix 1 to the report within an aligned partnership agreement. The section 75 agreement and aligned partnership agreement would formulate an overall Integrated Commissioning Fund (ICF) for the Tameside and Glossop economy.

3. That it be noted that the CCG had also included budget allocations within the section 75 agreement, aligned partnership agreement and in addition services in collaboration agreement. Services in collaboration referred to services which could not be included within a section 75 agreement and which the CCG co-commissioned with NHS England for the Tameside and Glossop economy. The governance arrangements for managing, and the accountability for delivering, statutory duties from the single fund would be undertaken by the Tameside & Glossop Care Together Single Commissioning Board.
4. That approval be given to the management of the associated share of financial risk during 2017/2018 as stated within section 13 of the report. Executive Cabinet Members also noted that the Council agreed to increase the value of Council resources within the ICF by a maximum sum of £5.0 million in both 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 on the condition that the T&G CCG agrees a reciprocal arrangement in 2019/20 and 2020/21 should this be necessary. These sums were additional to the risk share values stated within section 13.
5. That it be agreed that Tameside Council should continue to be the host organisation for the existing Section 75 pooled fund agreement.
6. That authority be delegated to the Executive Director for Governance, Resources & Pensions to finalise the terms of the financial framework (Appendix 3), which will support the Integrated Commissioning Fund to be approved by both the Council and CCG by 31 March 2017.

50. TAMESIDE PLEDGES

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader/Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions), which provided an update on the Tameside Pledges 2016. It was explained that the Pledges outlined a commitment to deliver work on 16 priority areas that had been identified as being of importance to Tameside residents. Each of the pledges had been delivered through a bespoke programme of activity. In some cases the work linked in with wider Greater Manchester or national programmes but enhanced them and brought added value for Tameside.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted and the on-going delivery of the Tameside Pledges be supported.

51. CHILDRENS SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Children and Families) and the Executive Director (People) which outlined the approach taken to produce the Tameside Children's Services Improvement plan, including a summary of the consultation responses received which were considered and incorporated in the drafting of the plan. It was explained that the Tameside Children's Services Improvement Plan would be submitted to Ofsted on 20 March 2017 as per the statutory deadline following inspection, attached to the report was the working draft as at time of publication of Cabinet agenda. Executive Cabinet was asked to adopt the Tameside Children's Services Improvement Plan as Council policy. It was stated that further improvements were being received from our partners and would be reflected in the report. Progress against the Tameside Children's Services Improvement Plan would be monitored by the independently chaired Tameside Children's Services Improvement Board. Quarterly progress updates would be presented to Executive Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

That the content of the report be noted and the Tameside Children's Services Improvement Plan, as appended to the report be adopted as Tameside Council policy.

52. HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT LAND

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader/Assistant Executive Director (Development and Growth), which explained that the available supply of land for housing had been refreshed alongside a review of available land for employment in order to provide an up to date position across the Borough for the 15 year period from 1 April 2016 - 31 March 2031. This would determine the contribution that this supply of land provided towards the Borough's objectively assessed housing requirement and employment land needs. It was stated that the updated assessments were crucial to demonstrate best use of urban land in support of the strategy set out in the draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) to maximise the use of urban land in order to minimise the need for the release of land in the Green Belt.

The GMSF housing requirement over the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2031 was 10,880, but as also explained in the report it was clear that green belt sites not currently included in the availability assessment would have to be considered if the currently identified requirement up to 2035 was to be met within Tameside.

In terms of employment land the GMSF set out the requirements for Industrial, Warehousing and Office development in sq.m. As part of the Economic Evidence supporting the GMSF, the employment floorspace requirement approach was set out. Following consultation in 2015, the GMSF had adopted an Accelerated Growth Scenario which sought to increase the economic performance of Greater Manchester compared to that achieved between 2004 and 2015.

When considering this item Members agreed that it was important that all Members receive regularly and timely updates on land issues and in particular on housing completions.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted and the publication of the 2016 Land Availability site data approved;**
- (ii) That a further review of Housing and Employment Land Availability be prepared on completion of the monitoring period ending 31 March 2017 and published for consultation.**

53. SITES OF BIOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader and Assistant Executive Director (Development and Investment), which provided an update on changes which have occurred to designated Sites of Biological Importance (SBI) and Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphological (RIGs) sites within the Borough. These are sites which have been surveyed by or under the supervision of the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit in 2015.

It was explained that the review process for SBIs was conducted on an annual basis guided by a selection criteria adopted in 2008 and recently updated in 2016. The review process for RIGs was undertaken by a group of suitably qualified volunteer geologists assessing sites in accordance with the nationally agreed guidance and overseen by the GM Ecology Unit. The report set out the results of the 2015 review of SBI and RIGs.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed changes to the Borough's SBI and RIGs are adopted.

54. GODLEY GREEN GARDEN VILLAGE

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader/Assistant Executive Director (Development and Growth), which sought Members agreement for the Council to enter into a

Memorandum of Understanding with other landowners for the promotion and delivery of the proposed Godley Green Garden Village.

It was reported that the draft Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) issued in 31 October 2016 identified an allocation for a new Garden Village in the Godley Green area, with 2,350 new homes and supporting infrastructure and facilities. Whilst the GMSF was going through the necessary statutory processes it was important for the landowners to commence work on shaping the proposals for the Garden Village along with the Council and other stakeholders

RESOLVED:

That the Council enters into a Memorandum of Understanding, as attached at appendix 2 to the report, with the landowners for the promotion and delivery of the proposed Godley Green Garden Village.

55. PLANNING FEES

Consideration was given to report of the Deputy Executive Leader and the Assistant Executive Director (Development and Investment), which explained that the Government's Housing White Paper "Fixing our broken housing market" included proposals to boost local authority capacity and capability to deliver. It was stated that the Government recognised the views of the development industry that the lack of capacity and capability in planning departments was restricting their ability to get on site and build. The Government also recognises the difficulties reported by local authorities in recruiting and retaining planners and others with specialist skills. The White Paper committed the government to take steps to secure the financial sustainability of planning departments; ensure that the planning system had the skilled professionals it needs to assess and make the tough decisions expected; and provide targeted support to address areas of specialist weakness.

To this end the Government had confirmed that:

- (i) Local authorities would be able to increase the nationally set planning fees by 20% from July 2017 **on the condition that** they committed to invest the additional fee income in their planning department. On 21 February 2017, the DCLG contacted all local planning authorities in England to seek their confirmation that they would wish to take up this opportunity, with an initial response requested by 13 March 2017. The letter sent by the s151 officer is attached at **Appendix 1** to the report.
- (ii) To allow an increase of a further 20% for those authorities who were delivering the homes their communities needed subject to further consultation on the detail.
- (iii) To keep the resourcing of local authority planning departments, and where fees can be charged, under review.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive Cabinet endorsed the adopted option (ii) above to the increase planning fees by 20% and commits to investing the additional fee income in the Planning Service.

56. PEAK VALLEY AND SYMPHONY HOUSING

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader/Assistant Executive Director (Development and Growth), which presented a request from the Symphony Housing Group for the Council's consent to its proposal to collapse the existing Board structures of each of the Group's organisations (including Peak Valley Housing Association) in order to establish and facilitate implementation of a Common Board. It was explained that the proposal had emerged following a downgrade of Symphony's governance rating by the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) for serious non-compliance. Symphony Group was in the process of moving towards a unified

operational structure, under the banner “Building One Organisation.” In October 2016 the Peak Valley Housing Association (PVHA) Board had agreed to participate in the new Symphony structure with effect from 1 April 2017.

RESOLVED:

That approval be given to the request from the Symphony Housing Group for the Council’s consent to its proposal to collapse the existing Board structures of each of the Group’s organisations (including Peak Valley Housing Association) in order to establish and facilitate implementation of a Common Board, subject to agreement on an enhanced role for the Hattersley Land Board that will support both community development and physical regeneration to ensure a sustainable neighbourhood.

57. ACTIVE TAMESIDE

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Healthy and Working) and the Director of Public Health which identified the key issues that required consideration to support Active Tameside to continue to move forward as the preferred provider and delivery vehicle for sport and leisure in Tameside, playing an active role in system wide approaches to improve health and wellbeing outcomes, enabling progress towards tackling health inequalities and achieving long term sustainable improvements in life expectancy.

It was stated that Active Tameside was highly valued delivery vehicle making an important contribution to the place based ambition and effort to achieve improvements in the health and wellbeing outcomes in Tameside neighbourhoods. The report explained that the Council and Active Tameside had demonstrated a shared commitment through a strong collaborative relationship and joint investment of £20m capital which was key to the continued development of the partnership and the success of the delivery model. The position continued to be challenging as, despite best endeavours Active Tameside had been unable to accrue necessary reserves to achieve the financial resilience to reduce or eliminate the risks associated with trading in a competitive and dynamic market place. Without an intervention that would result in Active Tameside having access to cash reserves, Active Tameside would continue to operate under the risk of not having sufficient funds to meet all expected and unexpected costs, and also lack the necessary investment capability to sustain and develop its business.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That it be agreed to advance the total management fee to Active Tameside for 2017/2018 on 1 April 2017 to support the cash flow of the organisation (£ 1.433 million);**
- (ii) That a supplementary one-off no repayable £0.311 million management fee to Active Tameside during 2016/2017 (£0.141million) and 2017/2018 (£0.170million) respectively be provided to mitigate reduced actual (2016/2017) and projected (2017/2018) levels of revenue income as detailed in sections 3.5 and 3.6 of the report subject to due diligence and the delegated approval of the First Deputy (Finance and Performance);**
- (iii) Note the revised procurement framework and the Council’s ambitions to ensure the long term financially sustainable community asset based provision of wellbeing facilities and services, review the current commissioning arrangements and the most appropriate timing for re-commissioning including the most advantageous property arrangements.**

CHAIR

DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WORKING GROUP

24 APRIL 2017

Commenced: 4.00pm

Terminated: 4.30pm

Present: Councillors Cooney (In the Chair), Fairfoull, J. Fitzpatrick, K. Quinn, Taylor, Ward and Warrington

Apologies: Councillor P. Buckley

19. 2017 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) which informed Members of the statutory timetable for the 8 June 2017 Parliamentary (see Appendix 1) and consequent administrative matters for consideration. It was stated that the General Election had been called at short notice for Thursday, 8 June 2017. The statutory timetable for the election is attached at appendix 1. The key dates in the timetable are as follows:

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| • Dissolution of Parliament | Wednesday, 3 May 2017 |
| • Receipt of Writ | Thursday, 4 May 2017 |
| • Publication of Notice of Election | Friday, 5 May 2017 |
| • Period for Delivery of Nomination Papers | Monday, 8 May 2017 to Thursday, 11 May 2017 (between 10am and 4pm) |
| • Deadline for appointment of election agents | 4pm Thursday, 11 May 2017 |
| • Registration deadline | Monday, 22 May 2017 |
| • Postal Vote Application deadline | Tuesday, 23 May 2017 |
| • Proxy Application deadline | Wednesday 31 May 2017 |
| • Notification of polling and counting agents | Thursday, 1 June 2017 |
| • Polling Day | Thursday, 8 June 2017 |
| • Return of Election Expenses | Friday, 9 June 2017 |

Members were informed that the Tameside Returning Officer would be the (Acting) Returning Officer for three Parliamentary Constituencies:

- Ashton-under Lyne (including 2 wards from Oldham MBC);
- Denton and Reddish (including 2 wards from Stockport MBC);
- Stalybridge and Hyde

It was stated that given the statutory timetable and practicalities around printing the earliest that postal votes could be prepared and dispatched was Monday, 22 May and this date has been provisionally agreed with our printers.

With regard to postal vote verification and opening this will be conducted on a Parliamentary Constituency basis and appendix 2 to the report showed a timetable based on the 2015 Parliamentary Election. As in previous years access to Postal Vote opening sessions would be by pass only.

Members were informed that in line with previous practice it was intended to have double polling stations where the polling station electorate (i.e. electorate less absent voters) was more than 1,750. If this approach is adopted there would be a total of 120 polling stations in Tameside; 13 in Failsworth and 17 in Reddish. It was intended to have one ballot box for each polling station.

It was explained that the process for submitting nomination papers for Parliamentary Elections was very tight with the period for delivering nomination papers being between 8 and 11 May. As with previous elections informal check of nominations would be offered to all those who wish to take

advantage of this service. It should be noted that although informal checks are offered responsibility for ensuring that nominations are correct and valid on submission is the responsibility of candidate and election agent.

The options for a venue in which to hold a count for three Parliamentary Constituencies were very limited. The 2015 Election Count had been undertaken at Unit 7, Plantation Estate, Whitelands Road. At present this unit was used for storage and would need to be cleared and brought up to a condition where it could again be used as the count venue. Any other venue, for example Dukinfield Town Hall, would mean significantly less space and would mean that there would not be space for as many counters.

As previously reported to the Working Group the Electoral Commission guidance on count venues was that where possible a single location should be used to minimise the risk for the Returning Officer for what is a large and complex operation. Unit 7, Plantation Estate is the only venue in the Borough where all three Constituencies can be counted in the same room and allow sufficient space for other operations which have to be undertaken and for candidates and agents to scrutinise the process. It is therefore proposed that the Count for the 8 June Parliamentary Election should be held at Unit 7, Plantation Estate.

AGREED:

- (i) That the timetable for 8 June General Election be noted;**
- (ii) That the approach to double polling stations be noted;**
- (iii) That Note the arrangements for postal vote dispatch and the timetable for postal vote opening be noted;**
- (iv) That it be noted that Unit 7, Plantation Industrial Estate, Whitelands Road, Ashton-under-Lyne will be used as the count venue for the 8 June election.**

CHAIR

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4 April 2017

Commenced: 4.00 pm

Terminated: 4.35 pm

Present: Mrs Valerie Bracken (Chair)
Councillors Bell, M Smith and J Lane, Town Councillor E Shember-Critchley and Mrs J Barnes

Also in attendance: Steven Pleasant, Tameside Council Chief Executive and Accountable Officer NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group, and Sandra Stewart, Executive Director, Governance, Resources and Pensions (Monitoring Officer)

Apologies for absence: Councillors Kitchen and S Quinn

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by members of the Standards Committee.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the proceedings of the Standards Committee held on 8 September 2015 were taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Reference was made to the Chief Executive's appointment as Accountable Officer for NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group and the governance and accountability framework to support the development and implementation of an integrated health and care system in Tameside and Glossop.

The Monitoring Officer advised that NHS England had recently published revised guidance for Clinical Commissioning Groups on managing conflicts of interests effectively. This included guidance which specifically addressed developments in care models, integrated care organisations and operating under joint commissioning arrangements so staff could continue to work innovatively with partners whilst also providing transparency. Supporting materials would be made available to assist with the implementation of the guidance on which Monitoring Officer intended to report further at the next meeting of the Standards Committee.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CAMPAIGNERS: ELECTORAL REGISTRATION, POSTAL VOTING, PROXY VOTING AND POLLING STATIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Monitoring Officer explaining the Chief Executive as Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer had been assessed by the Electoral Commission as achieving the highest standards in respect of all areas of performance. This compared very favourably with other Returning Officers within the North West region.

The Council wished to maintain its reputation for high standards and it was important, therefore, that whilst the Returning Officer continued to comply with legislation that the integrity of the elections was also maintained in order that the public had confidence in the integrity of elections. With that end in mind, all candidates and agents would be asked to sign up to the Code of Conduct for Campaigners on electoral registration, postal voting, proxy voting and polling stations which had been agreed by the main political parties. A copy of the latest version of the Code was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

In addition, reference was made to guidance, attached to the report at Appendix 2, for the pre-election period of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Mayoral Election 2017 to assist local authorities when considering proposed publicity / events during the forthcoming Election period.

RESOLVED

That the position adopted by the Returning Officer and the advice to be given to all candidates / campaigners that this Committee expects to be complied with to maintain the high standards of Electoral conduct be noted.

4. MAYORAL PROTOCOL

Consideration was given to a report of the Monitoring Officer advising that given the Civic Mayor was the Borough's first Citizen and the public profile of the Civic Party was high, the Council had for a number of years operated a Mayoral Protocol. The Protocol guided the Civic Mayor and other members of the Civic Party and set out the standards of behaviour, conduct and appearance that must be adhered to by the Civic Party.

In accepting the role of Civic Mayor, Mayoress or Consort and Deputy Mayor, those taking up office were agreeing to abide by the Mayoral Protocol and agreeing to carry out their role with dignity and gravitas. Appended to the report for consideration was the declaration that members of the Civic Party would be expected to sign prior to taking up office.

Members of the Standards Committee welcomed the approach contained in the protocol and declaration designed to maintain the high standards already in place in Tameside and to reduce risk.

RESOLVED

That the Protocol setting out the standards of conduct, behaviour and appearance of all members of the Civic Party and the requirement to make the declaration to abide by the Protocol prior to take up office be noted and endorsed.

5. REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY

The Monitoring Officer advised that the Register of Interests and Register of Gifts and Hospitality were available at the meeting for inspection. She intended to refresh the Council's protocol for Elected Members and employees on gifts and hospitality reminding them of the Council's expectations and the procedure to be followed for consideration at a future meeting of the Standards Committee.

6. URGENT ITEMS

The Chair advised that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

7. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

It was noted that future meetings of the Standards Committee would take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 5 September 2017

Tuesday 7 November 2017

Tuesday 3 April 2018

CHAIR