

COUNCIL

24 July 2018

Commenced: 5.00pm

Terminated: 6.10pm

Present:

Councillors Kitchen (Chair), Affleck, Bailey, Bell, Billington, Bowden, Bowerman, Boyle, Bray, Cartey, Chadwick, Choksi, Cooney, Cooper, Dickinson, Drennan, Fairfoull, Feeley, J Fitzpatrick, P Fitzpatrick, Fowler, Gosling, Gwynne, A Holland, B Holland, J Homer, S Homer, Jackson, D Lane, J Lane, Lewis, McNally, Mills, Newton, Patrick, Reid, Ricci, Robinson, Ryan, Sharif, M Smith, T Smith, Sweeton, Taylor, Ward, Warrington, Welsh, Wild and Wills

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Buglass, Glover, Pearce, Peet, Quinn, Sidebottom and Whitehead

22 CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tribute to Councillor Cath Piddington

It was with great sadness that the Civic Mayor advised of the recent death of Councillor Cath Piddington and she invited the Executive Leader to say a few words in tribute.

The Executive Leader said that Cath had represented Waterloo Ward for almost 30 years and would best be remembered for being a tireless champion for Ashton, highlighting her passion for her work and her highly effective leadership on environmental matters. She became a Cabinet Deputy in 1999 and also served as the first female chair of the Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority.

Cath would be greatly missed by her constituents, many friends and colleagues at Tameside Council and those in attendance stood in silence as a mark of respect

Announcements

The Civic Mayor was delighted to report that in the Queen's Birthday Honours, Mike Neild from Mossley had been awarded an MBE for services to mountain rescue and the Greater Manchester community. Kevin Taylor from Hyde and who now lived in Denton had been awarded the British Empire Medal for services to charity. Members were informed that Kevin runs Hyde Fundraisers to raise money for local and national charities. Members joined the Civic Mayor in extending sincere congratulations to Mike and Kevin, a fantastic achievement and well deserved.

Congratulations were also extended to Hyde's Stacey Copeland for becoming Britain's first ever female Commonwealth boxing champion.

23 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Annual Meeting and Special Meeting of Council held on 28 May 2018 be approved and signed by the Chair of Council Business as correct records.

24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Members of the Council.

25 COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Leader took the opportunity to update those in attendance on the progress made on the Council's key priorities including joining colleagues, stakeholders and budding entrepreneurs at Ashton Old Baths, to celebrate the first anniversary of the reopening of the famous building. As somebody who had closely followed the renovation from its earliest days, the Executive Leader was delighted to see how the building had been given a new purpose and lease of life.

The Executive Leader made reference to the signing of the contract with Robertson Construction Group for Vision Tameside, securing the completion of the Joint Service Centre following the collapse of Carillion at the beginning of the year. In addition, Ashton bus station had been partially closed to allow construction of the new transport interchange to begin. Construction was due to be finished by spring 2020 offering a state-of-the-art gateway not just in and out of Ashton but also to Tameside's other towns and further afield.

The Executive Leader announced that she had been asked by the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, to take up the position of Vice Chair of the Combined Authority, a role that she would share with Sir Richard Leese. The issues being faced as a city region were issues that involved every part of Greater Manchester. Air pollution nationally was believed to contribute, in one form or another, to 40,000 deaths every year and the Executive Leader was confident that Tameside would play a leading role within Greater Manchester to finding a solution.

At the start of June, the former Olympic athlete, Chris Boardman visited Tameside to discuss a comprehensive plan of work to encourage people to cycle, walk and use public transport in Greater Manchester. The plan, named 'Made to Move' contained a number of ambitious projects including the investment of £1.5 billion over 10 years into a ring-fenced walking and cycling infrastructure fund. However, there were also a number of improvements being carried out now without the need for major works or spending such as adding cycling racks in town centres and marking lanes and crossings on roads.

In addition, Tameside had taken the lead in this year's Clean Air Day on 21 June 2018 as residents, led by council staff and Russell Scott Primary School, came together to declare what they would pledge to do to reduce air pollution. She also intended for Tameside to hold its own Green Summit later in the year, modelled on the Greater Manchester event, to bring together experts, partners and residents to discuss how best to meet goals on air pollution and with wider environment.

The Executive Leader made reference to the series of moorland fires earlier this month above Stalybridge and Mossley and declaration of a major emergency. She paid tribute to the hard work of council officers, emergency services, the armed forces and local communities who had proved beyond any doubt their resilience and bravery. A regimental plaque had been presented to the Council by the soldiers of the 4th Battalion, Royal Regiment of Scotland, in recognition of the work and support the Council had provided.

Councillor Cooney was pleased to advise that the Greater Manchester Pension Fund's Private Markets Investment Team had been awarded the Fund Selection Team of the Year by the Institutional Investor Institute. He congratulated all those involved on the significant achievement.

Councillor Feeley highlighted that Tameside Primary Schools had once again increased the number of pupils achieving well at Key Stage 2. The provisional Key Stage 2 results for 2018 showed that 63% of Tameside pupils achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and mathematics which was an increase of 3% on 2017. These provisional results represented a lot of hard work and dedication from children, teaching staff, governors and parents and congratulations were extended to all.

Councillor Ryan was delighted to report that three of Tameside's children's homes, looking after the borough's most vulnerable young people in care, had been rated as 'outstanding' by Ofsted highlighting improved outcomes and positive experiences for the children living in the homes.

26 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.

27 MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 20 June 2018. It was moved by Councillor Warrington and seconded by Councillor Fairfoull that the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 20 June 2018 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 20 June 2018 be received and the following recommendations approved:

Minute 3(a) – Tameside and Glossop Community Services Contract Arrangements with the Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care Foundation Trust

- (i) That the advance payments arrangements set out in the report, intended to commence from 20 June 2018 for 2018/19 and from 1 April each financial year thereafter be agreed.
- (ii) That it be noted that Tameside Council would continue to be the host organisation and accountable body for the Section 75 pooled fund agreement.
- (iii) That the change, if expedient, be documented in the Section 75 and contracts between the Clinical Commissioning Group, Integrated Care Foundation Trust and the Council, otherwise through a separate agreement.

Minute 6 – Future Provision of Procurement Support

- (i) That Tameside join STAR procurement as a fourth and equal member in the shared service.
- (ii) That £150,000 of Financial Management underspend from the 2017/18 financial year into 2018/19 to provide sufficient budget to cover the costs of implementation of the shared service be carried forward.
- (iii) A £55,000 contribution to STAR's reserves to provide working capital as a fourth and equal member, to be funded from the Council's own reserves.
- (iv) That the first £150,000 of savings achieved from the delivery of procurement savings be utilised to establish the necessary recurrent base budget to fund the Council's contribution to STAR membership in 2019/20.
- (v) That the business case that prudently predicts the delivery of annual recurred savings of £1 million per annum be noted.
- (vi) An extension to the existing arrangements to a maximum cost of £120,000 to August 2018 to be met from existing budgets.
- (vii) That Councillor Fairfoull, the Executive Member (Finance and Performance) be appointed as the Council's representative on the STAR Joint Committee and Tom Wilkinson, the Assistant Director (Finance) be appointed to the STAR Board.

Minutes 9 – Devolution of Adult Education Budget to Greater Manchester Combined Authority

That Council consent to the Order attached to the Executive Cabinet report know as Greater Manchester Combined Authority (Adult Education Functions) Order 2018 and approve delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Executive Leader to consent to the Order or any minor variations to give effect to the transfer of budget to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

Minute 12 – Food Safety and Food Standards Service Plan 2018/19

That the Food Safety and Food Standards Service Plan 2018/19 be approved.

Minute 14 – Vision Tameside Phase 2 9Tameside One) Completion Plan

- (i) That it be noted that the LEP entered into an early works Agreement with Robertson Construction Group to enable due diligence to be undertaken and has remobilised the site to enable the completion of the Vision Tameside Phase construction project and the LEP has submitted a proposal to the Council (dated 1 June 2018) outlining its plans to complete the Vision Tameside Phase 2 construction project.
- (ii) That approval be given to an additional budget allocation of £8.289 million from the Capital Programme for the Vision Tameside Phase 2 project from resources available to the Council, pending the outcome of a bid for additional Skills Capital funding to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.
- (iii) That a provisional risk and insurance budget of up to £1.100 million be agreed to manage any residual contact risk, such expenditure to be approved by the Director of Finance subject to final due diligence, and
- (iv) That the Director of Growth, in consultation with the Borough Solicitor, be authorised to negotiate and approve the final terms of all associated agreements and oversee the delivery of the project to completion within the approved funding and to submit bids for external funding towards the additional costs of the project as appropriate.

28 MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Democratic Processes Working Group held on 9 July 2018. It was moved by Councillor Cooney and seconded by Councillor Warrington that the Minutes of the Democratic Processes Working Group held on 9 July 2018 be received.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Minutes of the meeting of the Democratic Processes Working Group be received.
- (ii) That the intention to start and complete the statutory review of polling districts and polling stations before the 2019 Local Elections be noted.
- (iii) That the intention to call a by-election for Ashton Waterloo Ward for 6 September 2018 be noted.

29 SENIOR STAFFING PANEL

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Senior Staffing Panel. It was proposed by Councillor Warrington and seconded by Councillor Fairfoull that the recommendations of the Senior Staffing Panel be approved.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the role of Director of Population Health be appointed on a secondment basis at the rate of £95,000 and that Dr Jeanelle De Gruchy be appointed to this role.
- (ii) That the role of Director of Growth be established with a proposed minima / maxima salary level of £100,000 to £120,000 be approved.

- (iii) That the proposed minima / maxima salary level of £120,000 to £125,000 to appoint the Director of Children's Services be approved and that Richard Hancock be appointed to this statutory role.
- (iv) That the role of Assistant Director of Children's Services be reinstated and a permanent appointment be progressed.

30 MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES

Consideration was given to changes to the membership of Council bodies. It was proposed by Councillor Warrington and seconded by Councillor Fairfoull that the changes be approved.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Councillor Patrick replace Councillor Welsh on the Education Attainment Improvement Board;
- (ii) That Councillors Choksi and Robinson be appointed to the Speakers Panel (Planning);
- (iii) That Councillors D Lane, Reid and Sharif be removed from the Speakers Panel (Planning);
- (iv) That it be agreed that the re-constituted Transport for Greater Manchester Committee have 23 Members and that Councillor Bray be appointed to the Committee. That Councillor Robinson be nominated to be appointed to the Committee by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority. Also, that it be noted that Councillor Dickinson be nominated as a Conservative Member of the Committee.
- (v) That the Greater Manchester Pension Fund at its Management Meeting on Friday 20 July 2018 agreed to make an interim change subject to further review to reduce its formal meetings from 68 to 60 and streamline its decision making processes so that firstly the Investment Monitoring and ESG and Alternative Investments Working Group are combined into a single working group known as Investment Monitoring and ESG Working Group with Councillor Cooney as Chair. Secondly, the Administration Working Group and Employer Funding Viability Working Group are combined into a single working group with Councillor J Fitzpatrick as Chair known as the Employer Funding, Viability and Administration Working Group.

31 QUESTIONS

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

32 URGENT ITEMS

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

CHAIR