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Chief Executive

**THE CIVIC MAYOR, CHAIR OF
COUNCIL BUSINESS AND ALL
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, 29th November, 2016 at 5.00 pm** in the Conference Room, Guardsman Tony Downes House, Droylsden, when the undermentioned business is to be transacted.

Yours faithfully,



**Steven Pleasant MBE
Chief Executive**

Item No.	AGENDA	Page No
1.	CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	The Civic Mayor to make any appropriate announcements.	
	At this juncture the Civic Mayor will retire from the Chair and the Chair of Council Business shall assume the Chair for the remaining business.	
2.	MINUTES	1 - 6
	That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Council held on 11 October 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of Council Business (or other person presiding) (Minutes attached).	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	To receive any declarations of interest from Members of the Council.	
4.	COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	To receive any announcements or communications from the Chair of Council Business, the Executive Leader, Members of the Executive Cabinet or the Chief Executive.	
5.	COUNCIL BIG CONVERSATION	
	To consider any questions submitted by Members of the public in accordance with Standing Orders 31.12 and 31.13.	
6.	EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNUAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS	
	The Chair of Council Business to invite the Executive Leader, Councillor Kieran Quinn, to give his annual keynote address, following which the Leader of the Opposition Group will be entitled to respond with a final right of reply reserved for the Executive Leader.	
7.	MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET	7 - 14
	To receive the minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 19 October 2016 and agree the recommendation 28(ii) to Council:	
	That Council be RECOMMENDED to approve that the designation of a Forum or Area should be delegated and determined by the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel following the publication of applications for Neighbourhood Forums and Areas undertaken by the Executive Director (Place) in consultation with the Borough Solicitor and the constitution be amended accordingly.	
8.	MEETING OF OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL	15 - 16
	To receive the minutes of the Meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 26 November 2016.	
9.	HONORARY ALDERMEN	17 - 20
	To consider the attached report of the Executive Leader/Chief Executive.	

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

10. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES

To consider any changes to the membership of Council bodies.

11. NOTICES OF MOTION

To consider the following motions:

(a) Motion in the name of Councillor B. Holland

That following the outcome of the Hillsborough inquiry, which was damning in its assessment of the leadership and culture prevailing at the time in the South Yorkshire Police Force, Leigh MP Andy Burnham has called for an inquiry into policing tactics by that same force at Orgreave on 18 June 1984.

Tameside Council believes that the events at Orgreave in 1984 are not only of national importance but also of local because it is important to residents that there is trust and confidence in the transparency and conduct of the justice system. Across the country miners and their families were adversely affected by the events of that day in terms of wrongful arrest, false imprisonment, ill-health, family breakdown and termination of employment as a direct result of policing tactics at Orgreave.

This Council therefore supports Andy Burnham MP and other MPs in calling on Home Secretary Amber Rudd to reverse her decision not to order an inquiry in to the 'battle of Orgreave'.

(b) Motion in the name of Councillor Cooney

That this Council notes:

- *That alcohol can be enjoyed in a responsible way by adults.*
- *That alcohol can cause serious and fatal diseases, including several types of cancers; that the UK Chief Medical Officers' Alcohol Guidelines advise both men and women that it is safest not to drink regularly more than 14 units per week, to keep health risks from drinking alcohol to a low level.*
- *That there are 5896 alcohol-related hospital admissions every year in Tameside.*
- *14,200 adults in Tameside are dependent drinkers and over 11,500 are high risk drinkers.*
- *That alcohol can only be legally purchased by adults over 18 years old.*
- *That the advertising of alcohol is designed to make products more appealing and in turn can appeal to children and young people.*
- *That the recent Healthier Futures/Alcohol Health Alliance public opinion survey found 73% support in Greater Manchester for a 9pm watershed for alcohol adverts on TV.*
- *That the recent public engagement campaign 'See What Sam Sees' by*

Healthier Futures, talked with over 200 people across Greater Manchester and received overwhelming support for a 9pm watershed from the Greater Manchester public.

This Council believes:

- *That it is the responsibility of all levels of government to try to ensure good public health in the population.*

This Council resolves:

- *To request the Leader of the Council to write the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, expressing these views and asking her to bring forward legislation to introduce a 9pm watershed for the advertising of alcohol products on TV to protect children and young people from the influence of alcohol advertising.*
- *To continue to promote good health in our borough, to support the UK Chief Medical Officers' Alcohol Guidelines, and to protect children and adults from alcohol-related harm.*

12. 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.

13. QUESTIONS

To answer questions (if any) asked under Standing Order 17.2, for which due notice has been given by a Member of the Council.

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COUNCIL

11 October 2016

Commenced: 5.00 pm

Terminated: 6.25 pm

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

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Bailey, Bell, Bowerman and Fowler.

Civic Mayor (Councillor P Fitzpatrick) in the Chair

31. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Civic Mayor announced the recent marriages of Councillor Andy Kinsey to his partner Sarah and Councillor Eleanor Ballagher, now Councillor Wills, to her new husband David. He wished both couples every happiness for the future.

Councillor Kitchen, Chair of Council Business, in the Chair

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members at this meeting of the Council.

33. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 12 July 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of Council Business.

34. COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councillor Taylor, Deputy Executive Leader, made reference to the proposals approved at the last meeting of the Council (Meeting of 12 July 2016, Minute 26 refers), for the introduction of Town Councils. He informed Members that, in addition to the arrangements already agreed, Capital Funds had now been assigned to the Town Councils. He explained that monies would be apportioned as follows: £12,000 to Town Councils with 3 or more Wards, £9,000 to Town Councils with 2 Wards and £5,000 to Town Councils with one Ward. He added that this allocation of funding was to cover a 3 year period.

Councillor L Travis, Executive Member, Lifelong Learning from 0 to Adult, updated Members in respect of Primary and Secondary School progress. Councillor Travis reported that a number of Tameside Secondary Schools had made significant developments in respect of a new performance measure for pupils called Progress 8, which aimed to capture the progress made by pupils from the end of primary school to the end of secondary school. She added that Alder Community High

School, West Hill School, Fairfield High School for Girls, St Damian's Roman Catholic Science College and Audenshaw High School had all excelled in this performance measure.

Councillor Travis further reported a 3% increase in pupils achieving GCSE A-C Grade in English and Maths across Tameside Schools in 2016.

Excellent progress had also been made with looked after children in Tameside, 30.6% of which, had achieved 5 or more GCSE's at A-C Grade, with Tameside being ranked seventh highest overall of out of the 68 Local Authorities in the country who maintained records in respect of this group.

In respect of Primary School achievements, Councillor Travis explained that Arlies Primary School were one of only two schools chosen by the National Centre of Excellence for Maths to receive a visit from the Shanghai Maths Centre in December 2016. She further reported that Millbrook Primary and Nursery School had been the first in the UK to achieve the highest level Forest School Leadership Centre Award.

Councillor Cooney, Executive Member, Healthy and Working updated Members in respect of the Library Service.

Councillor Warrington, Executive Member, Adult Social Care and Wellbeing extended congratulations to Karen James, Tameside Hospital Trust Chief Executive, who had been nominated for Chief Executive of the Year in the Health Service Journal awards.

She further congratulated Tameside Hospital staff, who had also been nominated for awards in a number of different service areas/departments, including:

- Public Sector Skills for Business;
- Admiral Nursing;
- Nurse of the Year;
- Acute Alcohol Defence Team;
- Life After Stroke; and
- Student Placement of the Year 2016.

35. 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.

36. MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 31 August 2016. It was moved by Councillor K Quinn, seconded by Councillor Taylor and –

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 31 August 2016 be received and the recommendation to approve the proposals for final fit out works for the Ashton Old Baths Innovation Centre at a cost of £871,059 as set out in Section 3 of the report, be approved and the capital programme amended accordingly.

37. MEETING OF OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Overview (Audit) Panel held on 12 September 2016. It was moved by Councillor Ricci, seconded by Councillor Ryan and –

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 12 September 2016 be received.

38. MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Democratic Processes Working Group held on 10 October 2016. It was moved by Councillor Cooney, seconded by Councillor K Quinn and –

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Democratic Processes Working Group held on 10 October 2016 be received.

39. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES

RESOLVED

That the membership of the Single Commissioning Board be increased by two by way of an additional representative from the Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group and an additional representative of the Council.

40. NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion A

Consideration was given to the following motion received in accordance with Standing Order 16.1, which was proposed by Councillor L Travis and seconded by Councillor Peet:

“That this Council notes that:

- The new government, led by Theresa May, has announced plans to bring back Grammar Schools and academic selection based on ability as measured at the age of 11.*
- The reintroduction of Grammar Schools was not featured anywhere in the Conservative party election manifesto presented to electors prior to the 2015 general election.*
- Tameside’s comprehensive education system yields comparable results to the Grammar School system in more affluent Kent.*

Council believes that:

- The evidence is clear that the reintroduction of Grammar Schools would be a retrograde step and inhibit the progress of able students from less affluent backgrounds.*
- The correct approach is to invest in the education of all children rather than just a select few, as we have here in Tameside.*

Council resolves to:

- Continue to invest in world class facilities for all of our children.*
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Shadow Education Secretary Angela Rayner MP pledging our support for the ‘Education not Segregation’ campaign.*
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Education Secretary, the Right Honourable Justine Greening MP, setting out our opposition to her plans”.*

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

RESOLVED

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- The reintroduction of Grammar Schools was not featured anywhere in the Conservative party election manifesto presented to electors prior to the 2015 general election.
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Council believes that:

- The evidence is clear that the reintroduction of Grammar Schools would be a retrograde step and inhibit the progress of able students from less affluent backgrounds.
- The correct approach is to invest in the education of all children rather than just a select few, as we have here in Tameside.

Council resolves to:

- Continue to invest in world class facilities for all of our children.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Shadow Education Secretary Angela Rayner MP pledging our support for the 'Education not Segregation' campaign.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Education Secretary, the Right Honourable Justine Greening MP, setting out our opposition to her plans.

Motion B

Consideration was given to the following motion received in accordance with Standing Order 16.1, which was proposed by Councillor K Quinn and seconded by Councillor Cooney:

"That this Council notes that:

- *Royal Mail is proposing to close their Ashton-under-Lyne and Droylsden delivery offices.*
- *Under the proposals the services currently provided in Ashton would move to Oldham and those provided in Droylsden would move to Ardwick.*
- *Senior Tameside Councillors, led by Deputy Leader Councillor John Taylor and supported by local MPs Angela Rayner and Jonathan Reynolds have mounted a campaign against the plans.*

That this Council resolves

- *To lobby Royal Mail to abandon these plans and retain the provision of services currently provided in Ashton and Droylsden within Tameside".*

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

RESOLVED

That this Council notes that:

- Royal Mail is proposing to close their Ashton-under-Lyne and Droylsden delivery offices.
- Under the proposals the services currently provided in Ashton would move to Oldham and those provided in Droylsden would move to Ardwick.
- Senior Tameside Councillors, led by Deputy Leader Councillor John Taylor and supported by local MPs Angela Rayner and Jonathan Reynolds have mounted a campaign against the plans.

That this Council resolves

- To lobby Royal Mail to abandon these plans and retain the provision of services currently provided in Ashton and Droylsden within Tameside.

Motion C

Consideration was given to the following motion received in accordance with Standing Order 16.1, which was proposed by Councillor Reid and seconded by Councillor Newton:

“That this Council notes that

- Denton Labour MP Andrew Gwynne tabled a Private Member’s Bill on 29 June 2016 to make the completion of disability equality training a requirement for the licensing of taxi and private hire vehicle drivers in England and Wales*
- The Transport Select Committee, Law Commission and House of Lords Equality Act Committee, as well as 29 national charities and organisations, have recommended disability training for all taxi and minicab drivers*

This Council resolves

- To welcome the Disability Equality Training Bill scheduled for its second reading in the House of Commons on 18 November 2016.*
- That the Leader and Chief Executive of the Council write to the Minister of State for Disabled People, Health and Work highlighting the support of Tameside for mandatory disability training for all taxi and minicab drivers”.*

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

RESOLVED

That this Council notes that

- Denton Labour MP Andrew Gwynne tabled a Private Member’s Bill on 29 June 2016 to make the completion of disability equality training a requirement for the licensing of taxi and private hire vehicle drivers in England and Wales**
- The Transport Select Committee, Law Commission and House of Lords Equality Act Committee, as well as 29 national charities and organisations, have recommended disability training for all taxi and minicab drivers**

This Council resolves

- To welcome the Disability Equality Training Bill scheduled for its second reading in the House of Commons on 18 November 2016.**
- That the Leader and Chief Executive of the Council write to the Minister of State for Disabled People, Health and Work highlighting the support of Tameside for mandatory disability training for all taxi and minicab drivers.**

41. QUESTIONS

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

42. URGENT ITEMS

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

CHAIR

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MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

19 October 2016

Commenced: 2.00 pm

Terminated: 2.45 pm

Present:

Councillor K. Quinn (Chair)

Councillors Cooney, J. Fitzpatrick, Gwynne, Robinson, Taylor, L Travis and Warrington

25. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Members of the Executive Cabinet.

26. MINUTES

(a) Executive Cabinet

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 31 August 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 31 August 2016 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 meeting of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel held on 5 September 2016 together with the recommendations therein and it was:

RESOLVED

Asset Management Update

- (i) That the list of disposals identified in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.
- (ii) That the opportunity to purchase an industrial site on Boodle Street, Ashton, with marriage value to existing Council land for investment / development with a purchase price expected to be less than £130,000 be made from the opportunity purchase fund with any return realised on the investment being used firstly to replace the resource in the fund be approved.
- (iii) That the allocation of £78,624 to undertake building condition replacement / repair projects as detailed below be approved.

Building	Estimated Cost
	£
Dukinfield Town Hall – repairs connected to flood damage	6111.23
Denton Town Hall – work to water system	5983.44
Hyde Market Hall	10336.28
Tame Street Depot – flood repairs doors/lighting	16775.47
Wilshaw House – repairs to heating system	3496.96
Hyde Town Hall – ceiling repairs	3858.17
Grafton Centre Rydal House – repairs to heating system	1353.85

Concord Suite – repairs/remedials to water system	4736.89
Jubilee Gardens – repairs to leak in water system	2795.56
Hurst Resource Centre – repairs to heating system and roof	3705.17
St Peters Childrens Centre – roof repairs	1769.66
Mossley Youth Base – repairs to drainage system	2145.41
Clarence Arcade – repairs to fire doors	1500.15
Festival Hall –basement heating repairs and remedials	2102.13
Hyde Youth and Community –repairs to fire doors	1396.57
Tameside Central Library – repairs to lift shaft	4,423.38
Rydal House – repairs to fire doors	1241.96
Stamford Park – repairs to heating and shutters	1006.34
Denton Centre – roof repairs	720.46
Hattersley Childrens Centre – repairs to heating system	827.11
Ashton Market Hall – repairs to drainage system/leak	2337.82
TOTAL	78,624.01

Engineering Capital Programme

That the allocation of Capital Funding and the approval of schemes as detailed below be supported.

Wall Name	Proposed Works	Projected Budget £ (m)
Mottram Cutting1	Main Wall (NE of Roe Cross Rd) – Vegetation clearance, pressure grouting and repointing. Take down top section of wall to southern end and raise level to better retain earth behind. Clear debris from flat area between top of retaining wall and parapet adjacent to jct of Old Rd and Hobson Moor Road. Rebuild parapet between jct of Old Rd and Hobson Moor Rd and jct of Hobson Moor Rd and Roe Cross Rd.	0.51
Mottram Cutting 2	Wall to the north of Hobson Moor Rd – rebuild length of dry stone wall between jct of Old Rd and Hobson Moor Rd and jct of Hobson Moor Rd and Roe Cross Rd. Overhead electricity lines are likely to require diverting into the ground to allow wall rebuild in the vicinity of the stayed/braced telegraph pole.	0.40
Broadbottom C of E School Wall	Take down dry stone wall and rebuild as masonry clad mass concrete wall. Length of wall to be the boundary to the school, not to extend to the adjacent church.	0.18
Woolley Lane	Repoint, pressure grout and soil nail main length of wall. Localised rebuilds adjacent to new property to east end of wall.	0.22
Manchester Rd, Hollingworth	Take down and rebuild relocating wall back into the embankment behind to maximise off highway working. Will require discussions with land owners.	0.25
Mottram Rd Godley RW, Hyde	Take down and rebuild parapet. Localised repairs to retaining wall, pressure grout and repoint.	0.41
Mottram Rd, Hattersley	Take down drystone wall and rebuild in masonry clad mass concrete.	0.10
Manchester Rd Riverside, Hyde	Take down and rebuild parapet and increase height. Possible soil nail scheme, GI notes building in a number of locations.	0.37
Manchester Rd, M67 Hyde	Localised take down and rebuild, repointing, general refurbishment.	0.03

Wall Name	Proposed Works	Projected Budget £ (m)
Manchester Rd Mossley	Localised take down and rebuild to modern standards, repointing and general refurbishment	0.25
Mottram Rd Godley Brook	Rebuild parapet and repairs to adjacent crossing, with reconstruction of structure	0.28
TOTAL		3.00

Education Capital Programme

- (i) That the allocation of additional Basic Need grant funding totally £621,053 to the schemes detailed in Section 4 and Table 1 of the report and set out below be approved relating to increased cost estimates for the schemes concerned.

Capital Programme Basic Need Funding as at September 2016 (£)			
Scheme	Approval up to 24 March 2016	Proposed - 5 September 2016	Variance
Discovery Academy	7,543,969	7,736,001	192,032
Livingstone Primary	45,000	213,769	168,769
Aldwyn/ Hawthorns	2,400,000	2,528,019	128,019
Milton St John's CE Primary	20,000	60,491	40,491
Astley High School	40,144	40,144	0
Inspire Academy	39,477	39,477	0
BSF ICT	16,000	16,000	0
Broadoak Primary	100,000	100,000	0
St John's CE Dukinfield	40,000	100,000	60,000
Basic Needs new classrooms	20,000	20,000	0
Hyde Community College	0	9,587	9,587
New Charter Academy	0	22,155	22,155
Total	10,264,590	10,885,643	621,053
Unallocated Basic Need Funding as at March 2016			2,956,132
Unallocated Basic Need Funding at September 2016			2,335,079

- (ii) That amendments to the amount of School Condition / Maintenance grant funding supporting the schemes described in Section 5 and Table 2 of the report and set out below be approved resulting in a net reduction of £95,726 of funding previously approved to support those schemes.

(iii) Scheme	Approval up to 24 March 2016	Proposed - 5 September 2016	Proposed Change in Funding
St Anne's Denton kitchen	6,000	6,000	0
Broadbottom kitchen	11,000	11,000	0
Wildbank heating and lighting	32,000	32,000	0

Gorse Hall power and fire alarm	14,000	14,000	0
Milton St John's propping	23,474	23,474	0
Gorse Hall asbestos	9,721	9,721	0
Fairfield Road access road	19,290	19,290	0
St Anne's Denton head's office	41,439	41,439	0
St Anne's Denton electricity	7,225	7,225	0
Broadbottom drainage	13,750	13,750	0
Greenside switchgear and boilers	492,000	427,779	-64,221
Gorse Hall small power	147,000	188,884	41,884
Livingstone heating	192,000	193,127	1,127
Dowson heating	84,000	6,248	-77,752
Stalyhill Infants heating	67,000	68,742	1,742
Arlies convectors	180,000	180,000	0
Waterloo boilers	118,512	118,512	0
Hurst Knoll convectors	29,599	29,599	0
Hollingworth drainage	12,000	12,000	0
Milton St John drainage	5,000	5,000	0
The Heys floors	40,000	40,000	0
Rosehill floors	25,000	25,000	0
Arlies mobile class roof	31,000	31,000	0
St Anne's Denton flat roofs	100,000	100,000	0
Micklehurst water tower	20,000	21,494	1,494
Greswell wall and windows	50,000	50,000	0
Dowson windows	50,000	50,000	0
Longdendale science labs	65,000	65,000	0
Contingency	156,424	156,424	0
Total	2,042,434	1,946,708	-95,726
Unallocated Capital Maintenance & Condition Funding as at March 2016			67,826
Unallocated Capital Maintenance & Condition Funding as at September 2016 - Subject to Approval of the above Changes			163,552

(iv) That the reduction of £236,326 of funding supporting the schemes described in Section 6 and Table 3 of the report be approved.

(c) Single Commissioning Board

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meetings of the Single Commissioning Board held on 6 September 2016 and 4 October 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Single Commissioning Board held on 6 September 2016 and 4 October 2016 be received.

(d) Carbon and Waste Reduction Panel

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Carbon and Waste Reduction Panel held on 8 September 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Carbon and Waste Reduction Panel held on 27 July 2016 be received.

(e) 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 Greater Manchester Combined Authority meetings held on 26 August 2016 and 30 September 2016, the Joint Meeting of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and AGMA Executive Board on 26 August 2016 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.

27. FOUR YEAR EFFICIENCY PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader and the Assistant Executive Director (Finance) setting out an Efficiency Plan for the Council. The preparation and submission to Government of an Efficiency Plan was necessary to access a four year finance settlement for Revenue Support Grant covering the period 2016/17 to 2019/20 and focused on laying the foundations for delivering a balanced and sustainable budget over the four year timeframe.

The Council would keep under review all cost and service demands on a regular basis to ensure all known relevant costs could be afforded throughout the four year period. With a fixed funding settlement in place, such costs would have a direct bearing on the size of the savings programme in each year. The underlying assumption was that all income would be maximised and expenditure would only be incurred where it was necessary for service delivery. Thereafter the approach could be divided into themes briefly commented on in the report as follows:

- Continuous assessment of efficiencies and value for money;
- Innovation and transformation;
- Reducing demand;
- Invest to save opportunities, including growing the resource base;
- Other opportunities in the current low interest rate environment.

In conclusion, it was stated that the Council had ambitious plans to deliver growth in the Borough and to improve the health and wellbeing of its residents. This was in the context of severely

constrained resources available to the Council referred to in the report. In order to have increased certainty of the resources available the Council wished to take up the offer of a fixed four year settlement with the Government. This was on the understanding that the settlement represented the minimum funding level available, i.e. if extra resources were made available to Local Government then the Council was not precluded in benefiting from this injection of funding.

RESOLVED

- (i) That approval be given to take up the offer of a four year settlement as set out in the Secretary of State's letter of 10 March 2016.**
- (ii) That the submission of this efficiency plan to satisfy the requirements of the four year settlement offer be approved.**

28. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader and the Assistant Executive Director (Development, Growth and Investment) explaining that the opportunity for neighbourhoods to influence the future of their area was a principle established in the National Planning Policy Framework. Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended by the Localism Act 2011, the Council had a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of neighbourhood development plans and to take plans through a process of examination and referendum. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 chapter 3) sets out the Council responsibilities as:

- Designating a forum;
- Designating the area that the forum covers;
- Advising or assisting communities in the preparation of a neighbourhood plan;
- Checking a submitted plan meets the legal requirements;
- Arranging for the independent examination of the plan;
- Determining whether the neighbourhood plan meets the basic conditions and other legal requirements;
- Subject to the results of the referendum in the designated area, bringing the plan into force.

Specific reference was made to the proposed operational procedures for dealing with Neighbourhood Forum and Area applications and the service framework as the basis on which the Council would provide support to the development of neighbourhood plans following designation of Neighbourhood Forums and Areas, noting that current resources were very limited.

A neighbourhood plan was a community-led framework for guiding the future development and growth of an area. It could contain a vision, aims, planning policies, proposals for improving the area or providing new facilities or allocation of key sites for specific kinds of development. Neighbourhood Plans were one of a suite of documents forming part of the statutory planning framework for an area but conformed with the planning policies and guidance at local, national and European level. The plan would also need to demonstrate involvement of the local community throughout the plan preparation and decision making and it would be subject to a community referendum upon completion. Once such a plan was made and adopted, it would become a statutory plan and be part of the Local Development Framework and used in making decisions on planning applications.

It was explained that the idea of Neighbourhood Forums and Plans often came about from a community desire to prevent or control development. Advice and guidance was quite clear that whilst the community might have concerns over a particular and potentially imminent development proposal in their area, the Neighbourhood Plan was not the correct mechanism to deal with it. Plans looked forward and would take time to develop and any planning proposals or applications put forward in advance of a neighbourhood plan would be dealt with through normal planning processes.

In conclusion, it was stated that having received an application to establish a Neighbourhood Area and Forum it was important for the Council to establish appropriate internal policies and procedures in order to ensure that its responsibilities were met and that decision making was transparent.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the operational procedures for meeting the Council's responsibilities in relation to Neighbourhood Planning as set out in Section 4 be approved.**
- (ii) That Council be RECOMMENDED to approve that the designation of a Forum or Area should be delegated and determined by the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel following the publication of applications for Neighbourhood Forums and Areas undertaken by the Executive Director (Place) in consultation with the Borough Solicitor.**
- (iii) That approval be given to the proposed outline Service Framework as the basis on which the Council would provide support to the development of Neighbourhood Plans following designation of Neighbourhood Forums and Areas, noting that current resources were very limited.**

29. PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

The Director of Public Health and Performance submitted her Annual Report 2015/16 themed around self-care. The report emphasised that focusing on self-care would help people to increase their confidence to live well, improve their quality of life and improve the patient experience. The report highlighted existing programmes of work and showed where real opportunities existed as a result of the restructure brought about by Care Together and Greater Manchester Devolution.

Members of Executive Cabinet commented favourably on the Annual Report and accompanying video presentation.

RESOLVED

That the recommendations and the proposed approach and actions highlighted in the report be noted and used to inform service development and commissioning of the system wide self-care programme.

30. REPLACEMENT OF ST ANNE'S ROAD MOTORWAY BRIDGE, DENTON, AND CONSEQUENTIAL TRAFFIC SCHEME

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Executive Director (Environmental Services) seeking approval to put in place the required temporary traffic regulation orders under the Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), to enable Highways England to carry out necessary works resulting in a scheme to replace the motorway bridge over the M67 in Denton.

It was explained that the bridge was managed and maintained by Highways England, who had identified that it was in a substandard condition and there was the need for it to be replaced in a planned and managed way for future safety reasons. The proposals put forward by Highways England, upon which they intended to publicly consult in the autumn, had been considered by the Council's engineering and highways service to be the best possible option in the interests of both the Borough and the local community taking into account the following key considerations:

- Safe movement of traffic;
- Pedestrian safety;
- Construction movement;
- Traffic congestion minimisation;
- Maintenance of activities for local business;
- Minimisation of impact on local schools;

- No capacity on other local routes to improve access to accommodate HGV traffic;
- Reduction of speed and flow of traffic through a single lane operation within the proposal;
- During the consultation process the Council would approach Highways England and their agents and request they provide details of any community mitigation plans they would be providing at the end of the project to offset the inconvenience to local residents throughout the works.

It was explained that the traffic regulation function would normally be carried out through the Council's Scheme of Delegation by the Director of Place. However, on this occasion the Executive Member who had oversight of this area on behalf of the Council was prejudicially impacted by the proposals by Highways England because of her home location.

In light of this conflict and to ensure transparency and fairness in the interests of residents of the Borough, it was proposed that the Executive Cabinet consider the officer recommendation that the Council supports the Highway England proposals and embark on the Traffic Regulation Order process as soon as it was in receipt of the final scheme from Highways England, expected to arrive following close of their consultation period.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to the advertisement and potential making of any appropriate temporary Traffic Regulation Orders required to support the proposed scheme by Highways England to carry out necessary works to replace the motorway bridge over the M67 in Denton.

31. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That the public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it contains exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 and Rule 10 of Part 1 of of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). It would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose this information to the public because it related to the financial and business affairs of the Council and third parties.

32. INDEMNITIES CONCERNING THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF HELPING PEOPLE TO LIVE AT HOME SERVICE AND EXTRA CARE SUPPORT SERVICE

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Adult Social Care and Wellbeing) / Interim Assistant Executive Director (Adults Services) outlining recent problems in the preparation to transfer contracts for the home care service to new providers awarded contracts following tender. The issue surrounded the potential cost to new providers of a successful claim by staff for unpaid travel time the responsibility for which, would transfer to new providers under TUPE regulations.

RESOLVED

That it be agreed as a matter of last resort that the Council could provide an indemnity to the provider awarded the Contract for the provision of Helping People to live at Home Service and Extra Care Support Service against claims from the incumbent provider's former employees in relation to unpaid travel time, the form of which, to be agreed by the Head of Legal Services in consultation with the Assistant Executive Director of Finance and the necessary arrangements be made to reflect in the Council's accounts.

CHAIR

OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL

Monday, 21 November 2016

Commenced: 2.00 pm

Terminated: 2.25 pm

Present: Councillors Ricci (Chair), Bailey, Fairfoull, Peet, K Quinn, Taylor and K Welsh

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Ryan, Bell, J Fitzpatrick, Kitchen and Pearce

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

20. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 12 September 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

21. GRANT THORNTON 2015/16 ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

The Assistant Executive Director (Finance) submitted a report, which detailed the annual audit letter for Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council and Greater Manchester Pension Fund from Grant Thornton for the external audit of 2015/16. A copy of the letter was appended to the report.

Representatives from Grant Thornton attended the meeting to present the letter. The annual audit letter summarised the key findings arising from the work carried out for the year ending 31 March 2016. An unqualified opinion on the Council's financial statements had been delivered on 12 September 2016; the audit did not identify any adjustments affecting the Council's expenditure or level of useable reserves. The report highlighted that the Council had put in place proper arrangements to ensure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources during the year.

It was reported that the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting required authorities to account for Highways Network Asset at depreciated replacement cost from 1 April 2016. Two briefings had been shared and further briefings would be issued during the coming year to update on key developments and emerging issues.

It was commented by the Auditors that you couldn't get a better Audit report and in response Members conveyed their thanks to the Auditors for their hard work and thoroughness and requested that their thanks be conveyed to all involved in another successful audit.

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Audit Letter for 2015/16 be noted.

22. SCRUTINY REPORT - HOMELESSNESS AND THE DEMAND FOR TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION

A report was submitted by the Chair of the People Scrutiny Panel, which commented on the Executive response made by Councillor Gerald Cooney Executive Member (Healthy and Working) in October 2016 to the Scrutiny Review of 'Homelessness and the Demand for Temporary

Accommodation' and the recommendations made to support future services, which was concluded in April 2016.

Members discussed the reasons and availability of support together with recent developments.

RESOLVED:

That the recommendations detailed in section 8 of Appendix 2 to the report be noted.

23. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

CHAIR

Agenda Item 9

Report to:	COUNCIL
Date:	29 November 2016
Executive Member / Reporting Officer:	Councillor Kieran Quinn, Executive Leader Steven Pleasant, Chief Executive
Subject:	HONARARY ALDERMEN & ALDERWOMEN
Report Summary:	<p>At its meeting on 6 December 2011 Council agreed that a minimum length of service of 20 years should apply as a minimum criterion for becoming an Honorary 'Alderman'. Given the historic nature of the title it should be noted it is gender biased. Council also agreed that in addition to the length of service criterion the person must have made a significant contribution to the Council and the people it represents, this includes holding two or more of the following positions for a period of five years or more:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chair of a key Committee or a member of the Cabinet;• Mayor/Deputy Mayor;• Leading role on Council Panels/Committees e.g. Overview and Scrutiny, Planning• Council representative on Greater Manchester District Bodies – GM Police Authority; GM Fire Authority; Manchester Airport.• Regional or national bodies e.g. North West Regional Assembly, Local Government Association;• Voluntary or Community Organisations.
Recommendations:	<p>(i) That a Special Meeting of Council should be held on the rise of the Annual Meeting of Council on 23 May 2017 to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on those former Councillors who meet the criteria described in 2.1.</p> <p>(ii) That every four years an assessment be made to determine which former Councillors meet the criteria to become an Honorary Alderman/Alderwomen and, if required, a Special Meeting of Council be held on the day of Annual Council in that year.</p>
Policy Implications:	There are no policy implications.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	Any costs associated with the conferment of the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman can be met from existing budgets.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	The Local Government Act 1972 (Section 242) permits the Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have rendered eminent services to the Council

Risk Management :

Clear criteria for selecting Honorary Aldermen and Alderwomen and clarify about their role will help alleviate any risks.

Access to Information :

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting Robert Landon



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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Government Act 1972 (Section 242) permits the Council to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on persons who have rendered eminent services to the Council. The Council's criterion for this title is that former councillors with **20 years service** with the Council are eligible for consideration by the Council for the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman to be conferred on them subject to meeting certain other criteria (see section 2). A resolution passed by not less than two thirds of the Members voting at a specially convened Council Meeting is required to appoint Aldermen or Alderwomen.
- 1.2 Since 2009, the Council has been able to confer the title of Honorary Alderwoman on former female councillors who meet the above criteria.
- 1.3 An Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman has the right to attend civic ceremonies and meetings of the Council, but does not have the right to vote at any such meetings, and Aldermen and Alderwomen do not receive any allowances or payments from the Council.
- 1.4 Before the Local Government Act 1972 came into force, County and Borough Councils had two categories of members - Councillors and Aldermen.
- 1.5 Although the word 'ealdorman', meaning 'a noble of high rank or authority' has its origins in Saxon times, the office of Alderman was first introduced into civic life under the Municipal Corporations Act in 1835. The aim was to try and strengthen the link between the recently reformed elected Councils and the traditions of the ancient chartered corporations. The office was also intended to secure some greater continuity of policy and personnel.
- 1.6 All Councillors are chosen by the electorate, but Aldermen were elected by their fellow councillors. In London Boroughs, Aldermen constituted one sixth of the Council and served for a term of six years, half being elected every third year. Aldermen were usually selected from amongst existing Council Members, but since the only legal requirement was that an Alderman should be qualified to be a local authority Councillor, it was often possible to give council entirely fresh members through the aldermanic system.
- 1.7 The position of Alderman was finally abolished in 1974 under the 1972 Act. In recognition of the position that Aldermen used to play in Council life Section 249 of the same Act makes provision for Councils to confer the title of Honorary Alderman on any person who, in the opinion of the Council, has rendered eminent service as a past member.
- 1.8 Under Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972 the Council can by resolution passed by not less than two-thirds of the members at a meeting of the Council specially convened for the purpose may confer the title Honorary Alderman on persons who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the Council as past members of the Council.
- 1.9 Honorary Aldermen may attend and take part in civic ceremonies.

2.0 THE CRITERIA FOR APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY ALDERMEN:

- 2.1 Council has previously agreed that a minimum length of service of 20 years should apply as a minimum criterion. In addition to the length of service criterion the person must have made a significant contribution to the Council and the people it represents, this includes holding two or more of the following positions for a period of five years or more:
 - Chair of a key Committee or a member of the Cabinet;
 - Mayor/Deputy Mayor;
 - Leading role on Council Panels/Committees e.g. Overview and Scrutiny, Planning
 - Council representative on Greater Manchester District Bodies – GM Police Authority; GM Fire Authority; Manchester Airport.

- Regional or national bodies e.g. North West Regional Assembly, Local Government Association;
- Voluntary or Community Organisations.

2.1 The adoption of the above criteria is to reflect particularly long service and a commitment to the whole of the Borough through holding of positions which impact across the whole Borough.

3.0 RIGHTS AND DUTIES

3.1 As the name implies the role of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman is an honorary role with no powers or responsibilities. At Tameside Honorary Aldermen/women are invited to all significant civic events. They do not receive any support from Council staff or have access to any facilities.

The role of the Honorary Alderman:

3.2 It is proposed that going forward Honorary Alderman/Alderwomen should be invited to attend the following civic events:

- All meetings of Council;
- Mayor Making;
- Remembrance Day events;
- Mayor's Civic Ball;
- Whit Friday Brass Band Contests;
- Annual Carnivals;
- Armed Forces Day events;
- Christmas Lights Switch on ceremonies;
- St George's Day celebrations; and
- Mayoress at Home (for Honorary Alderwomen).

3.3 To assist them in performing their role it is proposed that they should receive the following on the same basis as elected members:

- Car park passed at a cost of £10 per month for all Council car parks;
- IT – provision of laptop or ipad and access to support, if required;
- Access to Members lounge and meeting rooms

4. CONFERRING THE TITLE

4.1 It is proposed that a Special Meeting of Council should be held on the rise of the Annual Meeting of Council on 23 May 2017 to confer the title of Honorary Alderman/Alderwoman on those former Councillors who meet the criteria described in 2.1 above.

4.2 It is also proposed that every four years an assessment be made to determine which former Councillors meet the criteria to become an Honorary Alderman/Alderwomen and, if required, a Special Meeting of Council be held on the day of Annual Council in that year.