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**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, 24 January, 2017 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**

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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 - 8
	That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Meeting of Council held on 29 November 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.	JOINT MEETING OF MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET AND AUDIT PANEL	9 - 16
	To receive the minutes of the Joint Meeting of Executive Cabinet and Audit Panel held on 14 December 2016.	
7.	MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WORKING GROUP	17 - 18
	To receive the minutes of the Meeting of the Democratic Processes Working Group held on 12 December 2016.	
8.	AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION	
	That in order to facilitate the conduct of business the quorum for meetings of the Local Pensions Board be amended from the current 50% of members to four members of which two must be member representatives and two must be employer representatives.	
9.	MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES	
	To consider any changes to the membership of Council bodies.	

10. NOTICES OF MOTION

To consider the following motions

A – Motion in the name of Councillor Warrington

That this Council notes:

- That Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt has presided over declining standards and increased private sector involvement in the NHS since his appointment in 2012.
- That earlier this month Tameside Hospital was forced to issue a warning and advise patients to seek treatment elsewhere due to 'serious pressures' in our local A+E department.
- The extensive coverage in the press of the crisis in the National Health Service and Social Care nationally due to underfunding by the Conservative Government.
- The failure of the Chancellor Phillip Hammond MP to pledge any money, or even mention, health and social care in his Autumn Statement last November.
- The estimated funding gap for health and social care services in the UK is £3.8 billion.
- That the Government has already cut corporation tax from 28% to 20% since 2010, costing tax payers an estimated £10.8 billion every year.
- That the government plans to cut corporation tax further to 15% by 2020, less than the basic rate of income tax.

In the light of the above this Council calls on the government to scrap the planned cuts to corporation tax and instead use the money to ensure the NHS and social care services have the money that they require to cater for their patients.

B – Motion in the name of Councillor S. Quinn

This Council aims to treat staff members who receive a terminal ill health diagnosis with dignity, and to make adjustments to ensure that they are able to stay in work as long as they are able to.

However, this Council notes that terminally ill employees are not currently protected under national disability legislation and inevitably within the law can therefore be dismissed if they are no longer able to conduct their role with reasonable adjustments. This can mean that terminally ill people can be subjected to stressful assessments, subsequent dismissal and the loss of death in-service benefits - all following the diagnosis of a terminal illness.

This Council believes in the dignity of work, and that those receiving a terminal diagnosis should not be forced out of work.

This Council believes that there should be additional Government protection

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for terminally ill employees, from the point of diagnosis and calls on the government to put the necessary legal protections in place.

C – Motion in the name of Councillor Jackson

That this Council notes that:

- The Government has recently changed the guidance to Building Regulations whereby they do not require the installation of Fire Suppression Systems to be fitted into new schools.
- There has been no advanced notice of this change, which is opposed by The Fire Sector Federation, the Fire Protection Association and the Arson Prevention Bureau.
- There were more than 600 fires in British schools last year.
- This change only applies to England. New schools in Scotland and Wales remain required to have sprinkler systems.

Council believes that:

- This change of policy is a false economy. The money saved by not installing sprinklers will be offset by higher insurance premiums and the cost of repairing damage caused by fire.

Council resolves to:

- Call on the Government to scrap this change to building regulations and continue to require the installation of sprinkler systems in new schools.
- Join other local authorities in lobbying the government for the abandonment of this change.

11. 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.

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.

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COUNCIL

29 November 2016

Commenced: 5.00 pm

Terminated: 7.20 pm

Present: Councillors Kitchen (Chair), P Fitzpatrick (Civic Mayor), Affleck, Bailey, Beeley, Bell, Bowden, Bowerman, Bray, Buckley, Buglass, Cartey, Cooney, Cooper, Drennan, Fairfoull, Feeley, J Fitzpatrick, Fowler, Glover, Gwynne, A Holland, B Holland, Homer, Jackson, Kinsey, D Lane, J Lane, McNally, Newton, Patrick, Pearce, 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 Dickinson, Middleton and Peet

Civic Mayor (Councillor P Fitzpatrick) in the Chair

43. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was with sadness that the Civic Mayor made reference to the recent deaths of Mr Albert Hatton and Mrs Margaret Eddowes. Mr Hatton had served on Tameside Council from 1986 until 1994 representing Denton West Ward. He was Mayor in 1993/94 and Deputy Mayor in 1991/92. Mrs Eddowes served from 1989 to 1990 and again from 1992 to 1996 representing Hyde Werneth Ward. She was also a member of the former Civic Advisory Panel, Chair of Hyde War Memorial Trust, and Werneth Low Country Park Joint Management Committee. Those in attendance joined the Chair in a few moments silence to pay their respects and remember Mr Hatton and Mrs Eddowes and the loyal service they gave to the Council and the local community.

The Civic Mayor also made reference to his Annual Report sharing some of the highlights from the last six months and briefly outlining his work programme for the remainder of his term of office.

Councillor Kitchen, Chair of Council Business, in the Chair

44. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 11 October 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of Council Business.

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

46. COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Leader was pleased to present charity cheques to Rose Tipton of MacMillan Cancer Support and Anthony Lord of Willow Wood Hospice for £12,500 and £5,000 respectively and thanked them for the significant work undertaken by their organisations for Tameside residents.

Councillor Robinson reported on the recent success of young people who had been entered by the Youth Offending Team for a Koestler Award following on from their attendance at a Summer Arts College. This was an amazing achievement for both the young people and all the Youth Offending Team staff involved in the delivery of the College.

Councillor Robinson made reference to corporate parenting and that the collective responsibility of the Council to safeguard and promote the life chances of looked after children was widely understood. The Council had the same goals for the children it looked after as those of every good parent and took seriously the moral as well as legal responsibility for enabling the children in its care to experience happy and fulfilling lives.

He was delighted to welcome Reece Whittaker, Chair of the Children in Care Council, who introduced himself and briefly outlined the role of the Children in Care Council giving young people an opportunity to have a say about the things that really mattered in their lives and helping to shape the overall strategy for cared for children and young people in Tameside. Reece then invited Councillor K Quinn and Councillor Robinson to be the first signatories of Tameside's Children in Care Council Pledge to be signed by all Members of the Council. This 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 L. Travis was pleased to advise that 60 people celebrated achieving their education goals for the year at a Learner Awards Evening at Dukinfield Town Hall. Tameside ACE (Adult and Community Education) held the event in recognition of the all the learners who passed their English, Maths, IT or Enterprise courses over 2015/16. Tameside ACE offered courses for adults aged 19 and over, including people with additional needs, in employment and skills for life including Maths, English, ICT, Confidence Building, Enterprise and Job Searching.

Councillor Travis also advised that two teachers from China had visited Arlies Primary School in Stalybridge to learn and share skills.

In conclusion, Councillor J Fitzpatrick reported that confirmation had been received following the submission to Government of a Four Year Efficiency Plan for the Council necessary to access a four year financial 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 time frame.

47. 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.

48. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNUAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS

The Chair of Council Business, Councillor Kitchen, called on the Executive Leader, Councillor K Quinn, to deliver his annual keynote address.

The Executive Leader stated that despite some very difficult circumstances there had been investment in Tameside's future. The Council's efficiency plan had been accepted and a fixed four year settlement would be received to provide some solid footing in a changing environment. The announcement in the Autumn Statement that the government was increasing spending on infrastructure was very welcome but decision making needed to be speeded up to start to see results.

He made reference to Greater Manchester Devolution and stated that the focus for the next year would be the Greater Manchester Mayoral Election, Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and health and social care devolution and Tameside would be at the heart of all three.

He commented that extraordinary events had recently happened in Tameside when a month's worth of rain had fallen in a few hours badly affecting Stalybridge and Mossley. Staff had worked all day and through the night on the day of the floods and continued to work through the week to

clear the aftermath, assist residents and make sure areas were safe and he extended his thanks to all those involved.

The Council had started 2016 with an announcement regarding the overhaul and investment in leisure services and the Executive Leader referred to the progress made so far with the opening of Total Adrenaline offering adventure facilities suitable for children and families, the iTrain opening in January providing a 24/7 health and fitness facility and the Tameside Wellness Centre, a world class swimming and leisure centre to be built in Denton.

The Executive Leader advised that one of the Council's key long-time objectives to increase life expectancy and quality of life in Tameside up to the average and beyond could only be achieved by moving forward with health and social care devolution. The health and social care economy had received £23.2m in transformation funding for its care together programme, bringing together the people of Tameside and Glossop along with GPs, the local council, care providers, hospital staff, community services and charities working together to achieve goals.

In terms of the pledges 2016, he was pleased to report progress on Dementia Friends and health pledges, the Big Clean Up, Every Child a Coder and Honour our Fallen and many would continue into the new year.

In March 2016, the LGA had named Tameside MBC as Council of the Year, a validation of all the work undertaken to date and showing that independent, national organisations thought that investments in infrastructure and the future were making a difference. He highlighted:

- Vision Tameside – three learning centres;
- Ashton Old Baths – redevelopment combining old tradition with modern technology;
- £250 million investment in education – new academies, rebuilding and refurbishing existing schools and award winning support teams;
- Third consecutive year of GCSE improvement – above national average and a trend of sustained improvement;
- Linking Tameside up to Greater Manchester, neighbours across the Pennines and Tameside Interchange; and
- Greater Manchester Spatial Framework – Tameside designated as 'Eastern Gateway' with more new homes and infrastructure.

He continued by advising that Tameside was not just leading the way on investment locally but nationally as well through the Greater Manchester Pension Fund, working with Merseyside, Lancashire and West Yorkshire to develop a £35 billion pension pool. As well as investment, the power of pensions was being used to take businesses to task on their ethics and behaviour.

The Executive Leader was, however, disappointed to report that the Government would not be supporting any bids for Expo 2025. Given the scale of upfront investment and infrastructure required this meant that a Greater Manchester bid was not possible. Whilst he considered this a missed opportunity work would carry on making Greater Manchester a city that could compete across the globe and renowned for its innovation and ideas.

The Executive Leader concluded that Tameside had weathered the storm of change but there would be challenges ahead referring to the forthcoming local government settlement and as the consequences of Brexit became more apparent. However, the Council would continue to work hard for all its residents and continue to make investment in Tameside.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Chair of Council Business called upon the Leader of the Main Opposition Group, Councillor Bell, who responded by expressing his Group's views on the matters raised.

Councillor Bell echoed the comments of the Executive Leader in respect of GM Devolution presenting an opportunity to make decisions locally to better meet the needs and aspirations of the

people who lived and worked in the area. He also welcomed the Chancellor's announcement in his Autumn Statement to provide extra funding to improve infrastructure and the confirmation that the Council's efficiency plan had been accepted would provide an opportunity for the Council to plan ahead.

He raised concerns regarding the massive pressure on local authorities and health services as they struggled to meet the challenges of an ageing population and that the significant risks must be addressed as the demand was likely to increase in years to come. He was disappointed that a decision was taken not to hand over extra resources for adult health and social care and the next two years would be extremely difficult.

Councillor Bell sought information on a recent Ofsted Inspection on Children's Social Care Services and the Executive Leader advised that once the outcomes were confirmed the Authority would respond accordingly.

49. MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 19 October 2016. 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 19 October 2016 be received and it be agreed 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 amended accordingly.

50. MEETING OF OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 21 November 2016. It was moved by Councillor Ricci, seconded by Councillor Ryan and –

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 21 November 2016 be received.

51. HONORARY ALDERMEN

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader and the Chief Executive which stated that at its meeting on 6 December 2011, Council had agreed that a minimum length of service of twenty years should apply as a minimum criterion for becoming an Honorary Alderman. Given the historic nature of the title it was noted that it was gender biased. Council had 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 represented, including 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, Panel;
- 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.

RESOLVED

- (i) **That a Special Meeting of Council be held at the rise of the Annual Meeting of Council on 23 May 2017 to confer the title of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman on those former Councillors meeting the criteria described in 2.1 of the report.**
- (ii) **That every four years an assessment be made to determine which former Councillor meet the criteria to become an Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman and, if required, a Special Meeting of Council be held on the day of Annual Council in that year.**

52. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES

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

53. 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 B Holland and seconded by Councillor Cartey:

“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’.”

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

RESOLVED

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’.

Motion B

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

“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.”*

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

RESOLVED

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.

54. QUESTIONS

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

55. URGENT ITEMS

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

CHAIR

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JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET AND AUDIT PANEL

14 December 2016

Commenced: 2.00 pm

Terminated: 2.50 pm

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

Apology for Absence: Councillor Warrington

33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

34. MINUTES

(a) Executive Cabinet

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 19 October 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 19 October 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 Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel held on 28 November 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel held on 30 November 2016 be received and the following recommendations approved:

Education Capital Programme Update

- (i) That the allocation of Basic Need grant funding schemes as outlined in Section 3 of the report and Appendix 1 of the report be agreed;
- (ii) That the allocation of School Condition and Maintenance funding schemes as outlined in Section 4 and Appendix 2 to the report be agreed; and
- (iii) That the reduction of £100,000 of funding for schemes within the capital programme as outlined in Section 5 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 £46,987.66 to undertake building condition replacement/repair projects as detailed in the report, be approved.

Engineering Capital Programme 2016/17

- (i) That the total Engineering Capital Programme 2016/17, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved including any increases identified at paragraph 2.4 of the report.

Developer Agreements, Contributions and Section 106 Agreements

- (i) That authority be given to release funds from the following available resources:
Section 106 – Environmental Improvements in Audenshaw (£8,500).

Strategic Transport Review – Council Fleet Vehicles – Fleet Replacement Programme 2017

- (i) That approval be given for the procurement of 65 vehicles and plant identified in the report via a competitive EU tendering process or approved frameworks and the necessary recommendation to Council to amend the Capital programme accordingly. All funding to be repaid by recharging service areas an annual rental to cover purchase, borrowing and maintenance costs covering the borrowing period of 8 years;
- (ii) That based upon the results of the financial appraisal, approval be granted for the purchase of the 65 vehicles and plant detailed in the main body of the report to be pursued by prudential borrowing and internal funding;
- (iii) That an on-going exercise be undertaken for the remaining fleet items in conjunction with its on-going review of services to ensure that the Council could call upon a fleet of vehicles to support the delivery of those identified services in the most effective manner; and
- (iv) That when all capital and borrowing is repaid, rentals remain fixed to allow continued contribution to the Council's transport reserves to assist in future fleet replacement programmes.

(c) Enforcement Co-ordination Panel

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Enforcement Co-ordination Panel held on 26 October 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Enforcement Co-ordination Panel held on 26 October 2016 be received.

(d) Carbon and Waste Reduction Panel

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Carbon and Waste Reduction Panel held on 17 November 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Carbon and Waste Reduction Panel held on 17 November 2016 be received.

(e) Single Commissioning Board

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Single Commissioning Board held on 1 November and 6 December 2016.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Single Commissioning Board held on 1 November and 6 December 2016 be received.

(f) 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 28 October and 25 November 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.

35. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance) and 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.

It was explained that 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 commented by the Auditors that it was not possible to 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.

36. REVENUE MONITORING – QUARTER 2 2015/16

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance) and the Interim Assistant Executive Director (Finance) showing that at quarter 2 the overall net projected outturn revenue position for 2016/2017 was £1.359m under budget. It was stated that strong budget management was required across the Council to ensure the Council achieved its financial plans and higher than budgeted spending would need to be addressed. .

The report detailed Directorates projected revenue outturn position for 2016/2017 against budgets for the year. It was explained that overall projected net revenue expenditure for 2016/2017 was expected to be £1.359m less than budget.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the changes to revenue budgets as set out in Appendix 1 be approved;**
- (ii) That the projected revenue outturn position be 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 be noted.**

37. CAPITAL MONITORING

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance) and the Assistant Executive Director (Finance) summarising the capital monitoring position at 30 September 2016 with a current projected forecast for service areas to spend £56.556m on capital investment by March 2017. At present, the £56.556m of investment was £12.655m less than the current programmed spend.

The report also detailed schemes with an in-year variation in excess of £0.100m and sought approval to re-profile the capital expenditure of the project.

Particular reference was also made to an update on Prudential Indicators; capital receipts, Compulsory Purchase Orders, indemnities and potential liabilities and it was –

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the current capital budget monitoring position be noted;**
- (ii) That the resources currently available to fund the capital programme be noted;**
- (iii) That the re-profiling to reflect up-to-date investment profiles be approved;**
- (iv) That the current position with regard to Compulsory Purchase Orders and Indemnities be noted;**
- (v) That the changes to be capital programme be noted;**
- (vi) That the capital receipts position be noted;**
- (vii) That the Prudential Indicator position be noted.**

38. TREASURY MANAGEMENT

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance) and the Assistant Executive Director (Finance) that provided a mid-year review of the Council's Treasury Management activities for 2016/17, including the borrowing strategy and the investment strategy.

It was explained that over the year to date, the Council had moved to a more diverse portfolio involving more foreign banks and more longer-duration investments in order to achieve an enhanced return in the current low interest rate environment. All counterparties used had been selected on the basis that they were highly rated and met the criteria set out in the Council's Treasury Management Strategy.

The Council held £159.980m of investments as at 30 September 2016 (£156.400m at 31 March 2016) and the investment portfolio yield to date was 0.51% against LIBID of 0.28%.

The return had largely been earned due to an increased number of longer-duration investments. The average fixed term investment placed by the Council in 2016/17 to date had been 179 days, compared to 134 days in 2015/16

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the reported treasury activity and performance be noted.**
- (ii) That the proposed changes to the Council's MRP policy from 2015/16 be approved and agreement to a change in the repayment setting aside basis, to generate an annual revenue saving of £2.5m from:**
 - 4% resulting in a reduced balance; to**
 - 2% resulting in repayment over 50 years;****and that the revised MRP Policy be recommended to Council for approval.**
- (iii) That approval be given to adjust the Council's Treasury Management investment list to match that of the Council's treasury advisors, Capita, allowing access to an increased range of counterparties and therefore improved levels of diversification and yield.**

39. INVEST TO SAVE CHILDRENS SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Children and Families)/Executive Director (People) which provided updated information on invest to save proposals within Children's Services for which approval to implement was requested. It was stated that within Children's Services there was a clear need to reduce demand on higher threshold services. The report set out two projects which were evidence based and could lead to better outcomes for children without the need for statutory intervention. The third project aimed to improve the long term provision for care leavers. The three projects outlined in the report were:

- Family Group Conferencing;
- Edge of Care Service;
- From Care to Success, transitional support for Care Leavers.

The Director of Governance updated the members in respect of the legal position and equality impact assessments.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to Equality Impact Assessments being undertaken, and effective performance regime being implemented to provide assurance as to the impact that the investment is working, the three projects be approved for implementation together with the levels of investment as stated in Appendix A to the report.

40. LIBRARY SERVICE DELIVERY MODEL

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Healthy and Working) and the Head of Stronger Communities, which reminded Members that in June 2016 an Executive Decision had been taken to commence public consultation on a new vision for the Tameside Library Service. The new vision included the implementation of technology to allow customers to use the service independently whilst simultaneously extending the opening hours at most libraries through the provision of unstaffed hours alongside staffed hours and volunteers to support paid staff. It was explained that implementation of the vision would allow the 8 libraries around the Borough to be retained in an affordable way at a time when the Council was subject to unprecedented cuts to the budget which were set to continue through the current comprehensive spending review.

The public consultation had been conducted over a six week period from 4 July to 14 August 2016. In addition to the public consultation on the Council's Big Conversation website additional specific engagement had been undertaken with young people. Specific targeted work had also been undertaken with the Bengali Community in Hyde to ensure awareness of the vision and the consultation taking place.

This report detailed the results of the consultation and recommended new opening hours in each library with a mix of staffed and unstaffed hours. A full equalities impact assessment had been undertaken on the new delivery model to consider any impact on groups with a protected characteristic.

During consideration of this item Members commented on the presentation of the outcome, in particular the need to reference more clearly the extension of overall opening hours.

RESOLVED:

- i) That the operating hours for each library site as detailed in Appendix 5 to the report be approved.**
- ii) That the revised hours be implemented as soon as all relevant technology is in place to support unstaffed operating hours.**

41. HOUSING POLICY ON DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO ACCOMMODATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Healthy and Working) and the Executive Director (People), which proposed a new policy with regard to the exercise of its discretionary powers to secure accommodation. It relates to the powers to accommodate an applicant pending a review of a decision under the Homelessness legislation (s.188 (3)), or pending an appeal to the County Court.

The proposed policy was that the Council would give consideration of whether or not to exercise its discretion in every case where an applicant requests accommodation.

It was explained that this represented a change to the Council's policy of the last 5 years, which has been always to exercise its powers to accommodate pending a review in every case that an applicant makes such a request.

RESOLVED:

That the proposed policy be approved.

42. OUTCOME OF OFSTED INSPECTION OF CHILDRENS SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader/Executive Member (Children and Families)/Chief Executive/Executive Director (People) which updated Members on the recent Ofsted inspection of services for children in need of help and protection; children looked after; and care leavers. Ofsted also undertook a review of the Tameside Safeguarding Children Board.

Cabinet was provided with a summary of the Ofsted activity, Ofsted's judgements and findings about Tameside and the future work Ofsted would undertake as a result of them judging Tameside's Children's Services to be inadequate.

The report also set out an approach to a Tameside Children's Services Improvement Programme including the establishment of a Tameside Children's Services Improvement Board to oversee the development and implementation of a Tameside Children's Services Improvement Plan.

Detailed consideration was given to the response to the findings and the approach to be taken to ensure service improvement. Particular reference was made to the action plan and performance and improvement framework being put in place together with the approach to overseeing the development and implementation plan.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted;**
- (ii) That the establishment of a Tameside Children's Services Improvement Board with an independent chairs on the basis of the terms of reference laid out in appendix 1 to the report be approved;**
- (iii) That the development of the Tameside Children's Services Improvement Plan and Business Plan together with an Investment Plan based on the outline explained in the report be approved.**

(Note: The Chair agreed that this item could be considered as an urgent item given that the outcome of the Ofsted inspection had not been published until after the deadline for the publication of the agenda for the meeting and the matter needed to be considered prior to the next scheduled meeting of Executive Cabinet).

43. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, because disclosure of the personal information contained in the report would be in breach of Data Protection principles.

44. BUYING FREEHOLD OF COUNCIL ASSETS

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance)/Assistant Executive Director (Finance) which explained that the Council had a long term lease of a property in Ashton that cost £213,348 per annum in rent and that there was an unexpired term of 91 years. The report outlined the possibility of buying freehold interest which would provide much needed revenue savings. At the time of writing the report negotiations on the acquisition were on-going.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That it be agreed in principle to purchase the freehold interest in the property subject to it being value for money.**
- (b) That delegated authority be given to the First Deputy (Finance and Performance), in consultation with Assistant Executive Director (Finance) to agree the final purchase price.**
- (c) That the purchase be added to the Capital Investment Programme.**
- (d) That the purchase be financed by the use of the Medium Term Financial Strategy Earmarked Reserve.**
- (e) That authority be given to the Executive Director – Governance, Resources and Pensions to complete the necessary legal agreements following negotiation of the deal by the Executive Director of Place and the estates service.**

CHAIR

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DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WORKING GROUP

12 DECEMBER 2016

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

18. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

AGREED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2016 be accepted as a correct record.

19. UPDATE ON ANNUAL CANVASS

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions), which provided an update on the outcome of the Annual Canvass. Members were reminded that 2016 Annual Canvass of electors had been completed on 30 November 2016, with the new register of electors published on 1 December 2016. It was explained that the overall response rate had been 94.6%. The report stated that the local government electorate had risen to 170,191 and the parliamentary electorate had risen to 167,546

AGREED:

That the update be noted;

20. 2017 GM MAYORAL ELECTION

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions), which updated members on preparations for the 2017 Greater Manchester Mayoral Election, which was scheduled to take place on 4 May 2017. The report explained that the election would be conducted across the whole of Greater Manchester under the direction of a Combined Authority Returning Officer with the administration in each borough being undertaken by a Local Returning Officer. Voting would be undertaken using the Supplementary Vote (SV) system whereby electors could vote for a first and second preference, with second preferences being included if no candidate gets more than 50% of first preference.

The report set out the assumption on which preparation for the election would be based and provided details of the areas that were likely to be subject to direction. Members considered likely arrangements for

- Ballot Papers
- Poll Cards
- Postal Packs
- Polling Station Staffing Levels
- Royal Mail Sweeps
- Arrangements for Verification and Count

AGREED:

- (i) That the update be noted;
- (ii) That the options of conducting the local verification by ward be pursued.

21. ELECTORAL COMMISSION BULLETINS

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Director (Governance, Resources and Pensions) that provided Members with recent copies of the Electoral Commission news bulletin which set out current issues affecting the democratic framework for local government.

AGREED:

That the updates be noted.

CHAIR