

## COUNCIL

12 July 2016

Commenced: 5.00 pm

Terminated: 7.15 pm

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Beeley, Bray, Buglass, Carthey, A. Holland, B. Holland, Patrick, Pearce, Peet, Piddington, Sidebottom and K. Welsh.

*Civic Mayor (Councillor P Fitzpatrick) in the Chair*

### 20. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Civic Mayor was pleased to report that five Tameside based organisations had recently received the very prestigious Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award given to local volunteer groups across the UK to recognise outstanding work done in their own communities. He extended sincere congratulations and thanks to: Droylsden Youth Centre; Mossley Juniors Football Club; Ryecroft Hall Community Association; the Ticker Club at Tameside Hospital and Willow Wood Hospice.

The Civic Mayor also reported that a number of Tameside Citizens had been recognised in her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours List: Police Community Support Officer Gary Etchells from Hyde and John Baron from Ashton, were both awarded the MBE for services to Policing. Philip Jones, Managing Director of Brother UK in Audenshaw received the MBE for services to the business community and Lisa Shepherd, Manager of Greystones Tameside was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to the homeless. He extended congratulations to them all for a fantastic achievement, which was well deserved.

He further extended congratulations to: Ian Hopkins, the Chief Constable, Greater Manchester Police, who had received the Queen's Police Medal and County Fire Officer, Peter O'Reilly, who was awarded the Queen's Fire Service Medal.

*Councillor Kitchen, Chair of Council Business, in the Chair*

### 21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members	Subject Matter	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Councillor Bell	Item 9 (b) – Notices of Motion – Motion in the name of Councillor L Travis	Personal	Daughter is a Teacher at an Academy in Tameside.

## **22. MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 24 May 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of Council Business.**

## **23. COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Executive Leader began by making reference to the recent, tragic loss of Jo Cox MP, and the horrific circumstances surrounding her death. He extended sincere condolences to her family at this very difficult time.

The Executive Leader made reference to the result of the recent EU Referendum and, reinforced his belief in democracy and the need to move on to the next step, in these unprecedented and unpredictable times.

The Executive Leader further emphasised his view that Greater Manchester should have a voice at the 'Brexit table' and that accelerating the process of devolution should now be the number one priority of every council and political party in Greater Manchester.

He stated that the responsibility of the Council was to continue to ensure that the day-to-day services that residents relied on continued to run smoothly whatever the circumstances. It was expected that the Council's current projects, and projects due to start in the near future, would not be significantly affected by the referendum result. In most cases, the budgets for these had already been allocated, contracts signed and investments made.

The Executive Leader further explained that plans for 2016, including Vision Tameside, investment in Active Tameside and the 16 Pledges would continue. The transformation of Active Dukinfield into a state-of-the-art sports village, including a gym and fitness suite, crèche, soft play facilities and café concession had commenced, and, in the months ahead, work would commence on other Active Tameside sites, including building the new Wellness Centre in Denton, a new swimming pool in Hyde and an innovative trampoline centre, Total Adrenaline, at the former Active Longdendale site in Mottram.

He reported that the final stages of redevelopment work at the award-winning Ashton Market was expected to be completed by the end of summer and commented on the strengths of Markets as a proven driver of investment, employment and pride in the local area.

The Executive Leader made reference to the continuing work on pensions pooling to deliver commercial returns for members and investment for the region. This task had become even more urgent as exiting from the European Union could mean a loss of access to European Regional Development Funds.

With regard to education, he announced that the second completely new school in Tameside, Discovery Academy in Hyde, would open in September 2016. This, and Inspire Academy in Ashton, were the result of £250 million investment in education. The rewards of that investment had been reaped through improved exam results and a national award for Tameside's Secondary English Team.

The Executive Leader further announced that consultation on planning permission for housing development on five currently unused plots of Council land was ongoing. This process would start paying back some of the money pledged in order to secure the £250 million for investment in Tameside schools from the Government.

Councillor Cooney, Executive Member, Healthy and Working, informed Members that the Boundary Commission had commenced its review of parliamentary constituencies.

Councillor Cooney also made reference to the current consultation in respect of the Library Service and the financial challenges faced due to budget cuts and the Government's austerity measures. He explained that the service could not continue in its current form without making changes to ensure it was financially sustainable in the future. He further explained that the vision for the future was a library service transformed by technology and new working practices, with customers able to access services independently during longer opening hours than were currently available. Councillor Cooney urged everyone to get involved in the consultation.

Councillor Cooney welcomed to the meeting three veterans and made reference to the Armed Forces Covenant and explained that a Working Group had been set up to support the practical delivery of the Covenant in the Borough. Initiatives to date included:

- Two MOD Covenant Fund bids had been secured and delivered;
- Funding secured to deliver the 'Reach for the Stars' project, which involved veterans sharing their skills and interests in community groups and representing the Borough at the recent Manchester Day parade;
- Improving communication through the bi-annual sponsored newsletter 'Signal'; and
- In keeping with one of the Council's 16 Pledges, the naming of streets in Tameside to 'Honour our Fallen'.

Councillor F. Travis further updated Council in respect of Armed Forces Day on 25 June 2016 and the event held in Victoria Park, Denton. He also gave information with regard to events/exhibitions in Tameside marking of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of the Somme.

Councillor Warrington, Executive Member, Adult Social Care and Wellbeing, updated Members in respect of the Integrated Care Organisation within Tameside and Glossop.

She explained that the aim of the Integrated Care Organisation was to integrate the delivery of health and social care in Tameside and Glossop. As a health economy, Tameside had taken a serious look at future demands and demographics, and it had become clear that present systems were not affordable. A decision was therefore made by the Local Authority and the CCG for Tameside and Glossop to work together to address a very real problem.

Councillor Warrington further explained that the Care Together programme set out a series of aims to achieve clinical and financial stability by 2021 and to identify significant pressures as soon as possible, to aid better self-care and prevention and to support the population to maximise roles played by local communities.

A Single Commissioning Board had been established and resources combined into a pooled budget. A senior management team had been established and teams had been brought together to work under one roof as one team. The financial benefits of this arrangement had already become apparent.

The process of establishing five integrated neighbourhood teams, (North, South, East, West and Glossop), was underway, to address and deliver local community needs.

Councillor L Travis, Executive Member, Life Long Learning from 0 to Adult, explained that a collaboration of Tameside teachers had won the English Team of the Year in the Time Educational Supplement Schools Award. Councillor Travis extended congratulations to all involved, including; Literacy Leaders, Librarians, Heads of English, Key Stage 3 and 4 Leaders and Local Authority School Performance and Standards staff had been recognised for their joint work sharing experience and practice for the benefit of all secondary pupils. Their work had also contributed to Tameside's GCSE results last year far exceeding the national average for progress and attainment in English.

She added that Millbrook Primary School had also been nominated in the Primary School of the Year section.

## **24. 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.

## **25. MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of Executive Cabinet Panel held on 29 June 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 29 June 2016 be received.**

## **26. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Council considered a report of the Deputy Executive Leader and the Executive Director of Governance, Resources and Pensions, which set out proposals for the disbanding of District Assemblies and the introduction of Town Councils to provide a new way of working with communities and partners. The proposals built on the steps taken in developing the neighbourhood offer where encouraging communities to do more was a key priority.

Members were broadly supportive of the proposals with the inclusion of an opposition member in the working group set up to assist with the development of a framework/structure for Town Council/Forum meetings, going forward.

It was moved by Councillor Taylor and seconded by Councillor K Quinn and it was:

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That District Assemblies be disbanded;**
- (ii) That nine Town Council be created as set out in section 3.6 of the report;**
- (iii) That East and West Neighbourhood Forums be created as set out in 3.7 of the report;**
- (iv) That the following Member posts be created:**
  - **Town Council Co-ordinator;**
  - **East Area Neighbourhood Co-ordinator;**
  - **West Area Neighbourhood Co-ordinator;**
  - **East Area Assistant Neighbourhood Co-ordinator; and**
  - **West Area Assistant Neighbourhood Co-ordinator;**
- (v) That the following appointments be made:**
  - **Town Council Co-ordinator – Councillor P Fitzpatrick;**
  - **East Area Neighbourhood Co-ordinator – Councillor Sweeton;**
  - **West Area Neighbourhood Co-ordinator – Councillor Ward;**
  - **East Area Assistant Neighbourhood Co-ordinator – Councillor Jackson;**
  - **West Area Assistant Neighbourhood Co-ordinator – Councillor Bowerman.**
- (vi) That the Members Allowance Scheme be amended to reflect the replacement of District Assemblies and that the Town Council Co-ordinator; East Area Neighbourhood Co-ordinator and West Area Neighbourhood Co-ordinators receive a Special Responsibility Allowance equivalent to the current allowance for a District Assembly Chair thereby reducing the number of allowances payable from 6 to 3 and Assistant Neighbourhood Co-ordinators receive an allowance equivalent to that of a District Assembly Deputy Chair thereby reducing the number of allowances payable from 6 to 2 and the cost of members allowances by £44,299 to be used for community benefit.**
- (vii) That the Constitution be amended to reflect the changes;**

- (viii) That a Member of the opposition be included in the Working Group set up to assist with the development of a framework/structure for Town Council/Forum meetings going forward.

## 27. CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES

### RESOLVED

That the following changes to the Membership of Council Bodies be approved:

- (i) That Councillor Wild be appointed as Vice-chair of Speakers Panel (Planning); and
- (ii) That Councillor R Welsh replace Councillor Bell on the Education Attainment Improvement Board.

## 28. 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 Taylor and seconded by Councillor Sharif:

*“That this Council notes with concern that, in the week after the result of the EU referendum was announced, the number of reported incidents of hate crime increased by 50%.*

*This Council believes that racism, xenophobia and hate crime have no place in our society. We are proud to represent a range of diverse communities and unequivocally condemn such acts.*

*We will fully support local bodies and programmes that fight against racism and xenophobia and will work to ensure that hate crimes remain socially unacceptable.*

*Council reassures all residents of Tameside that they are valued members of our community”.*

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

### RESOLVED

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### Motion B

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 M Smith:

*“That this Council notes that:*

- *91% of children taught in local authority schools in Tameside are taught in good or outstanding schools.*

- *Just 36% of children taught in Tameside academies are in schools rated good or outstanding.*

*Council therefore welcomes the Government's abandonment of plans to convert all schools to academies by 2022 following an opposition campaign. Council notes that the campaign had cross party support, including a number of notable Conservative MP's and Conservative controlled Councils".*

*Council therefore resolves to continue to pursue a 'what works' approach to education in Tameside, engaging with all schools, regardless of type, in order to drive up educational attainment across the Borough".*

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

#### **RESOLVED**

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- **91% of children taught in local authority schools in Tameside are taught in good or outstanding schools.**
- **Just 36% of children taught in Tameside academies are in schools rated good or outstanding.**

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**Council therefore resolves to continue to pursue a 'what works' approach to education in Tameside, engaging with all schools, regardless of type, in order to drive up educational attainment across the Borough.**

#### **29. QUESTIONS**

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

#### **30. URGENT ITEMS**

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

**CHAIR**