

BOARD

9 June 2021

Present: **Elected Members** **Councillors Warrington (In the Chair), Bray, Cooney Fairfoull, Feeley, Gwynne, Kitchen, Ryan and Wills**
 Borough Solicitor **Sandra Stewart**
 Director of Finance **Kathy Roe**
 Section 151 Officer

Also in Attendance: **Caroline Barlow, Tim Bowman, Stephanie Butterworth, Simon Brunet, Ian Duncan Richard Hancock, Sarah Jamieson, Dr Ashwin Ramachandra, Mike Reed, Gregg Stott, Paul Smith, Jayne Traverse, Emma Varnam and Debbie Watson**

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Board meeting on the 19 May 2021 were approved as a correct record.

24 LEVELLING UP FUND BIDS

Consideration was given to a presentation of the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Growth / Head of Major Programmes. Which detailed the Levelling Up Fund to invest in local infrastructure.

Members were advised that the fund was expected to be highly competitive nationally with demand far outstripping available funding. Local authorities could submit one bid for every MP whose constituency lies wholly within their boundary. Types of eligible expenditure included capital grant investment in public transport, active travel, accessibility improvements, redevelopment of brownfield sites, regeneration of cultural and heritage assets.

It was explained that the items identified within the Ashton LUF aimed to address key priorities identified in this engagement and build on the investment delivered in the Town Centre to date focused on:

- Land remediation and enabling infrastructure works on the former interchange site
- Walking/cycling and public realm improvements
- Support the restoration of Ashton Town Hall

This would be set within the context of the wider Town Centre master planning work and providing enabling works that would act as a catalyst for significantly accelerating delivery of the comprehensive transformation of the Town Centre as outlined in the Visioning documents completed by the owners of Ladysmith and Arcades Shopping Centres in 2020 that sought to unlock the full potential of the Town Centre.

It was stated that an inception meeting on 30 April identified and reviewed all work undertaken to date and started to consider all options for an LUF bid of up to £20m. This included a detailed review of the visioning work undertaken by the owners of the Ladysmith and Arcades Shopping Centres and MCF walk/cycling proposals. To ensure a robust and deliverable submission the LUF ask was focused on sites/land within the Council's control or where negotiations on land acquisition were relatively advanced.

It was explained that the proposals at the former interchange site comprised a mixed use development as envisaged in the Visioning document that included residential, retail and commercial uses with replacement car parking serving the wider comprehensive redevelopment of the Shopping Centre sites. The walking/cycling and public realm proposals aligned with the current MCF schemes and would improve connectivity, enhance spatial links, enable modal shift towards active travel, and reduce the severance impact of road traffic. Further the LUF contribution towards the restoration of Ashton Town Hall would help support the final phase of Vision Tameside. Members were advised of the importance of a good Benefits Cost Ratio (BCR) as the LUF was highly competitive.

In regards to the Stalybridge LUF bid, it had been developed in the context of the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge Action Plan supporting the achievement of the following key objectives:

- A Vibrant and Visited Town –by maximising its local environment, heritage and culture
- A Liveable Town –by providing access to quality, affordable homes
- A Safe and Clean Town –by removing derelict land and providing a safer town centre

The funding sought would complement the £2.5m investment that was already being made in the town via the High Streets Heritage Action Zone (HAZ). The proposed LUF bid built on stakeholder engagement for Stalybridge Town Centre. The top priorities identified in consultation to date included:

- Reinvention of the Civic Hall to bring it back into everyday use;
- Improve car parking facilities in the town;
- Develop a river walkway;
- Provide new cultural and arts activities; and
- Build more affordable homes to support community in the Town Centre.

It was explained that the Stalybridge LUF bid was based on works within the Council's control that would score well against the required place characteristics, strategic fit, deliverability and value for money assessment and provide a robust submission of £14.5m.

It was further explained that the bid was below the permitted LUF criteria of £20m, however, increasing the grant funding ask would provide a lower BCR score and require either ineligible categories of expenditure, works on third party land that had a poorer deliverability case or schemes that were insufficiently developed to submit in the time available.

Draft applications forms for both Ashton and Stalybridge had been completed and reviewed with the LUF Working Group. Final drafts were scheduled for completion by the 14 June 2021 and final submission of the LUF bids was on the 18 June 2021.

AGREED

Members of the Board agreed that the Levelling up Fund bids applications proceed for submission for the submission deadline on the 18 June 2021.

25 2020/21 FINANCE OUTTURN REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member of Finance and Economic Growth / Lead Clinical GP / Director of Finance. The report was the final report for the 2020/21 financial year which detailed actual expenditure to 31 March 2021.

The Director of Finance reported that at the end of an unusual and challenging financial year for the Strategic Commission and ICFT, the final outturn position on 2020/21 budgets presented a broadly balanced position, with a small underspend on Council Budgets. CCG budgets had achieved a balanced position with nil variance. The ICFT were reporting a small deficit. Given the significant pressures and challenges that had been faced over the last 12 months, this position was a significant achievement.

It was stated COVID continued to place a significant operational strain on the system, while the longer term financial outlook was a cause for concern as the Council contended with the aftermath of the pandemic at the same time as addressing an underlying financial deficit.

There was an in year deficit on the Collection Fund for both Council Tax and Business Rates due to the impact of the COVID pandemic, although the Council Tax deficit was less than previously forecast due to significantly improved collection rates in the final quarter of the year. The deficits would need to be funded in over the three financial years 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24 and this was reflected in the 2021/22 budget and MTFP approved by Full Council on 23 February 2021. **Appendix 3** provided an update on Council Tax and Business Rates collection performance and the year end position on the Collection Fund.

In regards to the Capital Programme the approved budget for 2020/21 was £47.448m and outturn for the financial year is £43.593m. There had been delays on a number of schemes throughout the year due to COVID, and scheme budgets had been re-profiled into the 2021/22 financial year.

An update was provided on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). It was explained that the Council was facing significant pressures on High Needs funding and started the 2020/21 financial year with an overall deficit on the DSG reserve of £0.557m. The 2020/21 deficit on DSG was £1.686m, mainly as a result of a continued pressure on High Needs but partly offset by surpluses on the other funding blocks. Under DfE regulations the authority had produced a deficit recovery plan which had been submitted to the DfE outlining how the Council expected to recover this deficit and manage spending over the next 3 years.

AGREED

That Executive Cabinet be recommended to:

- (i) Note the outturn position as set out in Appendix 1.**
- (ii) Note the significant variations and pressures facing Budgets as set out in Appendix 2.**
- (iii) Approve the budget virements and reserve transfers set out on pages 36 and 37 of Appendix 2.**
- (iv) Note the Collection Fund position for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 3.**
- (v) Note the Capital Programme 2020/21 outturn and approve the re-profiling of capital budgets as set out in Appendix 4.**
- (vi) Note the outturn position in respect of Dedicated Schools Grant as set out in Appendix 5.**

26 COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER POLICY

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Growth / Director of Growth / Assistant Director of Strategic Property. The report detailed the proposed policy for the implementation of a community Asset Transfer Policy and sought approval to formally implement this Policy.

It was explained the Community Asset Transfer presented local communities with the opportunity to breathe new life into public buildings, to preserve valuable community resources or develop exciting new services for local communities. It provided options for the future use of these assets to enable the continuation of services, which had been challenged because of cuts to funding.

It was stated that the Council currently provided property used for direct community use along with office accommodation for partner VCS organisations. In addition to occupied properties, the Council had a number of land holdings used for community purposes throughout the Borough. A number of these existing leases had or were reaching lease expiry and required a formal lease renewal with tenants in some cases requesting leases of over 25 years to enable them to secure external capital funding.

It was further explained that the lack of a formal policy presents a risk to the Council as it lacked governance, transparency and brought uncertainty to officers and community groups when

negotiation lease terms and rentals. In adopting a formal approach, approval to transactions could be obtained and concluded without unnecessary delay.

Members were advised that the proposal to transfer a property to the VCS sector would in most cases be prompted by the Council identifying a property asset that it deemed surplus to its operational requirements, which it could then be offered for CAT. The Council would review its portfolio to identify assets suitable for transfer under the CAT policy.

AGREED

That Executive Cabinet be recommended to:

- (i) Approve the Policy for the Community Asset Transfer of Council owned Land and Property Assets (as attached in Appendix 1).**
- (ii) Note that any Community Asset Transfer that does not strictly adhere to the Policy attached to be referred for further consideration via an Executive Decision.**
- (iii) To note that all proposed Community Asset Transfers have been subject to a Ward Member Consultation process in conjunction with the Executive Member for Finance and Growth.**

27 EDUCATION SPECIALIST AND BASIC NEED CAPITAL PROJECTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage / Director of Children's Services. The report provided an update on the Education specialist and Basic Need Capital projects and sought approval to move a number of schemes forward to ensure work can take place over the summer holidays.

It was reported that plans were in place to add an additional 30 school places per year at Rayner Stephens High School from September 2021. The cost of the work was estimated to be £1.3m and a budget of £473,000 had previously been agreed through Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel. It was recommended that an additional £835,000 be allocated to the project from Basic Need Funding. This was to cover the cost of the work and estimated project management costs.

Further, it was explained that the works would be commissioned by the Stamford Park Trust with oversight within the Council from the Capital Projects Team and a grant agreement would be put in place to fund the project. It was recommended that a grant agreement of £1.3m be agreed with the Stamford Park Trust to support this work. Ongoing monitoring of the project would be through the grant agreement and reported to the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel.

In regards to the year 12 to 14 provision at Cromwell High School and establishing a sixth form provision. Phase one of the plan involved classrooms that the Schools Library Service had rented from Rayner Stephens being identified as suitable for sixth form accommodation as they were next to existing Cromwell School classrooms. A lease agreement was agreed with Rayner Stephens High School for these rooms and they had been remodelled to allow a pilot sixth form scheme to operate since September 2019. Phase one of the plan had now been completed.

It was anticipated that Phase Two would be completed by September 2021. The High Level Programme of Works and the High Level Cost Plan Summary had been devised by the LEP for Phase Two could be found at Appendix 2 and Appendix 3. It was recommended that a budget of £396,000 should be agreed for this work and that it should be commissioned through the LEP. A budget of £655,000 has previously been recommended by the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel, £154,658 would be used for Phase One of the work, the remaining budget would be £99,342 after the spend incurred for phase one and costs estimated at phase two. Ongoing monitoring of the project would be through the grant agreement and reported to the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel.

Members were advised that Oakfield Primary school had been identified as a site where the current resource base provision could be expanded for September 2021. Outline budget costs for the

expansion were shown at Appendix 4. It was recommended that budget of £153,000 be agreed for the scheme and a grant agreement be agreed with the Enquire Learning Trust for £150,000. Ongoing monitoring of the project would be through the grant agreement and reported to the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel.

It was reported that Greenfield Primary School already operated an unofficial resource base which had space for 10 children. The school had expressed an interest in expanding the current base which would mean they could increase up to 20 children. The school had obtained a quote for £22,080 plus VAT to carry out some remodelling work to expand the resource base. The works would be commissioned by the Victorious Academies Trust with oversight within the Council from the Capital Projects Team. It was recommended that budget of £28,000 be agreed for the scheme and a grant agreement be agreed with Victorious Academies Trust for £26,500.

AGREED

That Executive Cabinet be recommended to approve:

- (i) An additional £835,000 of Basic Need Funding is allocated to the Rayner Stephens High School scheme.**
- (ii) A grant agreement for £1.3m is agreed with Stamford Park Trust to enable Rayner Stephens High School to relocate the science classrooms and laboratories back into the main school building, create a fit for purpose drama space and reconfigure the dining hall and kitchen space to enable 30 additional pupil places per year for at least three years from September 2021.**
- (iii) The Council instruct the LEP to commence works at Cromwell High School as outlined in the high level cost plan dated 5 May 2021 to remodel accommodation for use by the sixth form students and the garage is converted to a workshop to a value of £395,850.**
- (iv) An allocation of £153,000 of Basic Need Funding is allocated to the Oakfield Primary School scheme.**
- (v) A grant agreement for £150,000 is agreed with The Enquire Learning Trust to add a modular extension onto the current building at Oakfield Primary School to provide 8 additional resourced pupil places for at least 10 years from September 2021**
- (vi) An allocation of £28,000 of Basic Need Funding is allocated to the Greenside Primary School scheme.**
- (vii) A grant agreement for £26,500 is agreed with Victorious Academies Trust to remodel existing internal space to provide 10 resourced pupil places at Greenside Primary School for at least 10 years from September 2021.**

28 ONE EQUALITY SCHEME ANNUAL UPDATE 2021

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage / CCG Co-Chairs / Assistant Director, Policy, Performance and Communications. The report provided an update on the annual review for 2021 which had been informed by practical examples and related projects from the past 12 months. The report also provided an update on some key equality and diversity related projects that the Strategic Commission had delivered or been part of during the last 12 months.

Members were advised that the report outlined an update on developments of the One Equality Scheme, as part of the annual review for 2021. It remained important that the case study of projects and examples of best practice were able to provide evidence in line with the schemes agreed and measurable objectives. Annual updates to the One Equality Scheme acted as an ongoing position statement and the approach to equalities. The annual review built upon work outlined in the One Equality Scheme (2018-22) and previous One Equality Scheme Annual Reviews (2019 and 2020); as well as providing new examples and evidence sources of achievements in respect of equality and diversity.

The Head of Policy, Performance and Intelligence explained that the report detailed key equality and diversity related projects that the Strategic Commission had delivered or been part of during the last 12 months. These were most notably:

- Covid-19 Equality Impact Assessments
- Inequalities Reference Group (IRG)
- All Equals Charter
- Race Equality Change Agents Programme (RECAP) Cohort 2
- Independent Advisory Group
- North West Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic Strategic Advisory Committee
- Workforce Race Equality Standards (WRES)
- Supporting our workforce through Covid-19

AGREED

That Executive Cabinet be recommended to:

- (i) Note the content of the report.**
- (ii) Approve the attached draft of the One Equality Scheme Annual Review 2021 for publication (Appendix A) - – pending final approval at Executive Cabinet and Strategic Commissioning Board on 23 June.**
- (iii) Note the content of the equalities update**

29 ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION GRANT FUNDING - FUTURE PROVISION

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage / Director of Growth. The report set out a proposed consultation to transfer the Adult Education Service to Tameside College.

Members were advised that Tameside Adult Community Education (ACE) provides skills provision for adults aged 19+. The Provision was based primarily from Stamford Chambers in Ashton Town Centre. The Service was funded with Adult Education Budget (AEB) by Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA). ACE normally enrolled 600 individual learners on an annual basis. The impact of COVID19 had meant that learner numbers have fallen as social distancing measures had been introduced in line with health and safety risk assessments. ACE was an Ofsted 'Grade 2 Good provider' and was Matrix accredited. ACE operated on an academic funding year of 1 August -31 July.

ACE had a contract with GMCA until 31 July 2022 and had recently successfully applied to the GMCA Education, Work and Skills Flexible Procurement System enabling the service to bid for future contracts. ACE was well placed to continue to deliver good quality services to Tameside residents.

The proposal for the service would be to begin a consultation process on integrating ACE into Tameside College to enable the service to bid for future contracts from a strengthened position. Tameside College currently deliver over £2m of AEB services and an Ofsted 'good, grade 2' provider. The timeframe for the process was set out further below in next steps with an expectation that any change be completed by January 2022.

AGREED

It is recommended that the proposal for Tameside Council to begin consultation on the transfer of the Adult Community Education Service to Tameside College is approved by Executive Cabinet.

30 HATTERSLEY DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DEED OF VARIATION 2021

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Growth. The report sought approval for a supplemental agreement to the Deed of

Variation July 2015 to allow for deferral of the final Public Realm payment of £1m until 31 December 2021 and to extend the longstop date for Site 28 until 31 December 2022.

It was stated that BASE Hattersley LLP (Barratt Homes) had requested to defer the final Public Realm payment of £1m from 31 December 2020 until 31 December 2021 and to extend the drawdown longstop date for Site 28 from 31 December 2021 until 31 December 2022. It was explained the reasons for the request to defer the payment were twofold. There was approximately £2.7m in the Public Realm fund, which was sufficient for the schemes needs. Secondly, it would assist BASE (Hattersley) LLP in managing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on delivery and cash flow.

In respect of the request to extend the longstop date for Site 28 this was due to an issue with the planning application / decision for this site. It was in the process of being resolved but this would take additional time, so a request to extend the drawdown longstop date had been made. Barratts submitted a planning application (Ref. 19/01090/REM) on 17 December 2019, issues arose with this application which would require a revised application to be submitted. This would go through the planning process. These issues had required Barratts to request an extension to the longstop date to allow them time to be able to request the drawdown of the land.

AGREED

That Executive Cabinet be recommended to:

- 1) Authorise a Supplemental Agreement to the Deed of Variation July 2015 to allow for an extension of the draw down longstop date for Site 28 to 31 December 2022**
- 2) Authorise a Supplemental Agreement to the Deed of variation July 2015 to allow for the final Public Realm payment to be deferred until 31 December 2021.**

31 LOCK KEEPERS SITE, DROYLSDEN

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Growth / Assistant Director for Investment Development and Housing. This report provides recommendations as to the future direction of travel to unlock the development potential of the Lock Keepers Site (The Site) in Droylsden town centre.

Members were advised that the site occupied land of approximately 2 acres in a highly accessible prominent location fronting Manchester Road in close proximity to the Town centre and presented an attractive development opportunity for a high quality/density residential development scheme. The site was immediately adjacent to the existing library, which was shown edged brown on the plan included in Appendix 1. Following the proposed relocation of the library, the two sites could be combined which would present an enhanced development opportunity, which was likely to be of interest to a wide range of potential development partners.

It was reported the site was planned for commercial development under the Development Agreement, however despite extensive marketing no suitable commercial use had been identified for the site. Negotiations had taken place with Watkins Jones regarding the potential for residential development on the site. Watkins Jones had offered to pay some 2½ times far less than the independent Red Book valuation for the site based on a residential layout.

The Director of Growth explained that road access to the site was owned freehold by Watkins Jones and was subject to a S278 Agreement. The Road was constructed several years ago and although it had not yet been formerly adopted by the Council, rights of access were reserved at the time of the transfer. Watkins Jones owned two small parcels of land adjoining the Marina which would be desirable, but not essential, to be joined to the main development site. Despite obligations in the Development Agreement, Watkins Jones had not landscaped these areas and it was recommended that following the removal of the Lock Keepers site from the Development Agreement that negotiations were undertaken with Watkins Jones to ensure they fulfilled their obligations to landscape or transfer the land at nil cost to the Council.

AGREED

- (i) That the site be withdrawn from the Watkin Jones Development Agreement.**
- (ii) Negotiations are undertaken with Watkin Jones regarding the two parcels of land referred to at appendix 1 to this report.**
- (iii) To formally declare the subject site surplus so that a future sale, including the library, which is shortly due to be demolished, can be considered in accordance with the Council's disposal policy.**

32 NEW BUILDING FOR HAWTHORNS SCHOOL

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning, Equalities, culture and Heritage / Director for Children's Services. The report detailed the need to increase places at Hawthorns School, an outstanding school providing specialist education for primary aged children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).

It was reported that Hawthorns School was an outstanding primary special school located within the Audenshaw area of Tameside and catered for pupils with a range of complex special educational needs aged between 4-11 years old. The school was an academy and part of New Bridge Multi Academy Trust. As a result of growing pupil numbers and to meet expected need for additional places, there was a need to provide additional accommodation to accommodate both the current number of pupils enrolled at the school and the increases in admissions forecast over the coming years.

The Inclusion Service had commissioned a space utilisation company, Space Solutions, to analyse the existing space in the specialist schools and to advise if the existing provision was fit for purpose. This work highlighted in particular the difficulties currently faced by Hawthorns School. The space utilisation company determined that it was very unlikely that there was scope to increase pupil numbers without significantly extending the building.

Members were advised that a RIBA stage 1 site options appraisal had been undertaken by the LEP and only one Council owned site that was not already committed to disposal or another operational use had been found that could accommodate an outline business case. This was Longdendale playing field, adjacent to the Active Longdendale facility.

The site appraisal looked at three options for the future of school places:-

- Option 1 150 Places (Keep 70 places at Existing Hawthorns School)
- Option 2 220 Places (Move all Hawthorns School to new build)
- Option 3 460 Places through School (Move all Hawthorns School to new build)

The report recommended that the Council should pursue option 2 as outlined in the options appraisal. Option 2 would provide Hawthorns School with sufficient space to accommodate current and future demand for places on one site. The school would be purpose built using the area guidelines for SEND and alternative provision as outlined in the Department for Education's Building Bulletin 104. Further, building on a new site would mean that the build would be completed without interruption for children at the school and the adjacent Aldwyn Primary School where building work is also currently underway.

It was stated option 2 presented opportunities for the school and Trust to work with the Active Longdendale provision. A consultation was underway on the future of a number of Active Tameside sites including Longdendale, the results of the consultation were being analysed and would be presented to Executive Cabinet in July. The development of a new school on the Longdendale playing fields site could present opportunities for the New Bridge Multi Academy Trust to potentially work with the provision and support the development of inclusive learning opportunities in a community environment.

Members were advised that the DfE supported the build of new special schools via the Free Special School applications proposal process. This process was open only to Multi Academy Trusts and other non-Council organisations. This route not only provided capital funding for the build but also unlocked additional revenue funding into the High Needs Dedicated Schools Grant.

Further, conversations had started with DfE to see if the revenue funding could be accessed as the Council's intention was to work with New Bridge Trust and for this school not to become a maintained special school. If these representations were unsuccessful consideration could be given for New Bridge to approach the DfE to see if it could be considered for the Special Free School proposal process, this would put a time delay into the process, which could result in students being placed out of borough whilst the process is progressed.

It was highlighted that without sufficient local provision that the only option for specialist provision would be for pupils to be placed out of borough or access independent settings which would be more costly than an in borough offer. The average cost of an out of borough placement was broadly comparable with Tameside cost, however the average independent placement would cost approximately £34,119, the average out of borough place costing £26,484.

AGREED

That Executive Cabinet be recommended to approve the following:

- (i) A budget of £13m of Basic Need funding is allocated to the expansion and relocation of Hawthorns School to 220 places on the Longdendale Playing Field site.**
- (ii) The LEP is instructed to develop the design of the expanded / relocated Hawthorns School to RIBA Stage 3 and carry out site investigations as required to inform the development. With a target of opening in September 2023.**
- (iii) The issue of revenue funding be pursued with DfE as a matter of urgency.**

33 GODLEY GREEN - RESOLUTION IN PRINCIPLE TO USE COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER POWERS

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Housing Planning and Employment / Director of Growth / Assistant Director of Investment, Development and Housing. The report detailed the work necessary for the preparation of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO).

It was stated that whilst it was hoped that the Council would be able to acquire land by option agreements, the Council must consider using compulsory powers to provide certainty of delivery and to overcome any rights, encumbrances or ownerships that could not be dealt with via private treaty negotiations. The project milestones required that the Council develop a site wide CPO strategy to provide confirmation that all development land could be secured. Should the authority be unable to secure an interest in land by way of private treaty through options agreements, it would need to ensure that the ability to acquire all of the land within the development redline could be achieved through CPO.

It was explained if the Council did not carry out any preparatory work on the CPO until after planning consent had been granted) this could cause delays to the project milestones and requirements. The Project Team had sought advice from our appointed CPO experts on the options available. Their recommendation were that the Council progress work on the CPO at this point to run in parallel with the planning application, giving the Council the best chance to secure the Order and meet the project milestones.

It was further explained, in order facilitate the implementation of the masterplan, achieve the project milestones and aid site assembly the Council were seeking a resolution to enable them to carry out all the work necessary to make a CPO. The CPO process now needed to progress to run in parallel with the planning application. This would provide the best chance to secure the successful making and confirmation of the order.

AGREED

That Executive Cabinet be recommended to approve:

- (i) To obtain express resolution to authorise the progress of any preparatory work required prior to the making of a CPO as necessary to progress the Godley Green project.**
- (ii) Agree that all necessary preparatory be undertaken work so as to make a CPO to deliver the project, subject to the final decision to make a CPO being agreed at a later date by Executive Cabinet.**
- (iii) Enter into such legal agreements as deemed appropriate, in preparing for a CPO, and prior to the actual making of a CPO.**
- (iv) To note that a resolution is required for the actual making of CPO at the relevant stage if it is considered necessary.**

34 ADULT SERVICES COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS 2021-2022

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Health, Social Care and Population Health / Clinical Lead for Living Well, Finance and Governance / Director of Adult Services. The report detailed the Adult Services Commissioning intentions for 2021/2022.

It was reported that the contract for the provision of extra care support service for people with a physical and/or sensory disability commenced on the 1 April 2017 for a period of 3 years to 31 March 2020 with the option to extend for up to a further 2 years, this option was exercised and the contract was due to end on 31 March 2022. The current spend for the core element of the service 2021/22 was £228,367, working with colleagues in Finance a tender value for 2022-23 would be agreed reflecting an inflationary uplift in line with the National Living Wage and any reasonable costs that are likely to impact during the first year of the contract.

In regards to the Integrated Community Equipment Service, the current contract had been delivered by Ross Care and commenced 1 October 2017 for a period of 3 years with the option to extend to 30 September 2022, which had been authorised and invoked. Given the essential role this service played across the health and social care system permission was sought to tender the service with a view to awarding a new contract for up to 7 years.

It was stated that the contract for the provision of independent advocacy for adults commenced on 7 July 2017 for a period of 5 years. As the Council has a statutory duty under the Mental Health Act 2007 and the Care Act 2014 to provide independent advocacy for adults permission is sought to tender the service with a view to awarding a new Contract for 5 years.

Members were advised that in July 2018, the government published a Mental Capacity (Amendment) Bill which would see DoLS replaced by the Liberty Protection Safeguards (LPS). It was explained that it was difficult to predict what this would mean for the Council, in order to ensure compliance, a competitive procedure would need to be undertaken to avoid non-compliance with the CPRs until the introduction of the LPS. In order to ascertain the capacity of the market, particularly with the uncertainty of future legislation, a soft market test was launched in March 2021. Once the route to market had been established permission was sought to tender the service with a view to awarding a new contract for 5 years.

It was stated that the Council operated a Flexible Purchasing System for the delivery of daytime support that was delivered via a call of arrangement dependant on an individual accessing a service of their choice. The original flexible purchasing system had expired and in the interim whilst a new commissioning model was in the process of being developed there would be advertisements for providers to join the list of da time activities. Approval was sought to consult with current service users and providers regarding a proposed offer. Further, approval was sought following the review to procure the new commissioning model. Permission was sought to tender the service with a view to awarding a new contract for 5 years.

The Director of Adult Services reported that the Intensive Support Service for Adults with a Learning Disability contract commenced on the 1 April 2017 for a period of 5 years with the option to extend for a period of 2 years. Not retaining this service would lead to the Council having to make alternative provision for the users of the service which could lead to returns to expensive out of borough or hospital placements. Authorisation was therefore sought to extend the contract for up to 2 years as allowed for the contract terms.

AGREED

That the Strategic Commissioning Board be recommended to approve:

- (i) Tender the provision of extra care support for people with a physical and/or sensory disability aged 18–65 at Lomas Court for a new contract to commence 1 April 2022**
- (ii) Tender for the provision of the Integrated Community Equipment Service for a new contract to commence 1 April 2022**
- (iii) Tender for the provision of an Independent Advocacy Service for a new contract to commence 7 July 2022**
- (iv) Tender for a Framework for DoLS Assessors to commence no later than 1 April 2022**
- (v) Consultation with current service users and providers regarding a proposed daytime offer. In addition, approval is also sought following the review to procure a new commissioning model for daytime offer/activity/service options for a five year period.**
- (vi) That permission is given for the Director of Adult Services to approve the contract awards following the tenders, subject to compliance with the Council's Procurement Standing Orders.**
- (vii) Extend the contract for the provision of an Intensive Support Service for Adults with a Learning Disability where there is provision to do so in the contract for up to 2 years from 1 April 2022**
- (viii) Authority for the Director of Adult Services to approve the contract awards following the tenders, subject to compliance with the Council's Procurement Standing Orders.**

35 EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage / Executive Member for Finance and Growth / Director of Education / Assistant Director of Strategic Property. The report provided an overview of the Council's Education Capital Programme.

Members were advised that on the 27 April 2021 Devolved Formula Capital for Tameside Schools was announced and was £264,244 for Maintained Local Authority Schools and £174,553 for Voluntary Aided Schools. A query had been submitted to the DfE due to DFC funding not being received for 5 schools who currently have academy orders in place but have not yet converted.

It was reported the School Condition Grant Funding available in 2020/21 was £2,941,924. On 27 April 2021, the Government announced an allocation for Tameside of £1,328,013 for 2021/22 School Condition Funding. Full detailed of existing and proposed schemes were set out in Appendix 2.

The High Needs Provision Capital Allocation was provided to local authorities as a un-ringfenced grant and was intended to address the need for high need places for the academic year 2022/23. On the 9 April the Government announced an allocation for Tameside of £1,223,336 for 2021/22 work was underway to establish how the funding could be utilised.

It was reported that the current focus of the Council's Basic Need programme was to complete the two remaining scheme at primary schools and create additional places in secondary and special schools where forecasts had indicated a need. Members were provided with an update on schemes that had already been approved by Executive Cabinet. The Council had £12,010,447 of Basic Need available to spend in 2020/21. This was a balance of unspent grant from previous years the council did not receive any allocation in 2020/21. Notification had been received of an additional allocation of £12,231,816 for 2021/22 and £6,348,338 for 2022/23.

In regards to the School Condition Grant the Council had £2,941,924 of School Condition funding available to be spent during the 2020/21 financial year, to improve and maintain the school estate. Notification had been received for an allocation of £1,328,013 for 2021/22. It was stated that the budget available was insufficient to meet the demands placed upon it and the surveyors were asked to identify priorities of works required within each school and across the portfolio of schools. In addition to the works identified in the condition survey there were other calls on the School Condition Allocation budget. This was the only central source of grant money to spend on schools other than Basic Need which was purely to create new school places.

The Assistant Director for Education explained that the report sought approval for the budget slippage and proposed changes to the Basic Need Funding, School Condition Funding, Special Provision Funding and Healthy Pupil's Funding. The Assistant Director of Strategic Property explained that the slippage and proposed changes were due to projects that had not been completed in 2021/22 that had been moved to be completed in 2022/23.

AGREED

That Executive Cabinet be recommended to approve:

- (i) Approval for £264,244 of Devolved Formula Capital grant to be added to the Capital Programme for 2021/22**
- (ii) Approval of £1,328,013 of School Condition grant to be added to the Capital Programme for 2021/22.**
- (iii) Approval of £1,223,336 of High Need Provision grant to be added to the Capital Programme for 2021/22.**
- (iv) Approval of £12,231,816 of Basic Need grant to be added to the Capital Programme for 2021/22.**
- (v) Approval of £6,348,338 of Basic Need grant to be added to the Capital Programme for 2022/23.**
- (vi) That the 2020/21 Capital Expenditure Outturn position is noted in Appendix 1, 2 and 3.**
- (vii) Budget slippage of (£220,405) and proposed changes of £14,843,100 to the Basic Need Funding as detail in Appendix 1.**
- (viii) Budget slippage of £657,755 and proposed changes of £1,516,150 to the School Condition Funding as detail in Appendix 2.**
- (ix) Budget slippage of £176,342 to the Special Provision Funding as detail in Appendix 3.**
- (x) Budget slippage of £134,000 to the Healthy Pupil's Funding as detail in Appendix 4.**

36 CAPITAL PROGRAMME - OPERATIONS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS (MAY 2021)

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment / Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods. The report provided information with regards to the 2020/21 and 2021/22 Operations and Neighbourhoods Capital Programme.

The Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhood explained to allow all MCF schemes to be developed the Council has secured Development Cost Funding to the value of £1,937,125. This funding had been included in the Capital Programme. In addition, approval for the full construction costs had also been received for the Hill Street and Chadwick Dam schemes. The total MCF grant approved for both schemes was £686,951, which included £80,000 activation funding that would be used to increase awareness and use of the new routes by residents and businesses. These works were progressing well and are on track to be complete by summer 2021.

Members were advised that Appendix 1 provided a summary of the Mayor's Challenge Fund schemes which were prioritised at this time along with the estimated costs and approved development costs. Good progress had been made in developing the remaining schemes with a key focus on high quality provision for active travel, to meet new and emerging standards, including the recent GM Interim Active Travel Design Guide. In April 2021, TfGM asked the Council to review the latest scheme costs and agree a phasing strategy, in line with the programme budget of £10.3m. The MCF schemes would continue to be developed, in line with the agreed development budget,

but the delivery costs for some schemes would be removed from the current allocation, awaiting further funding opportunities.

It was explained that a sum of £3.576m for Tameside's 2021-22 Transport Grant and Pothole and Challenge funding was subject to approval by the GMCA at a future meeting. If approved, it was proposed that £1.289m be ring fenced for Pothole and Challenge funding in the Highways 2021-22 Revenue budget and £2.287m be added to the Highways 2021-22 Capital budget. Members should note that the proposed 2021-22 grant allocation was £0.417m less than the 2020-21 grant allocation. If approved, a programme of Highway capital works would be presented to Members for approval.

It was stated that the work on the replacement of cremators and mercury abatement, filtration plant and heat recovery facilities was progressing well. A four week extension to the project timeline was anticipated due to unforeseen circumstances with an unknown floor void. The void required filling before steel structures could be erected as part of the construction works. Following a structural survey on the steeple, it had become apparent that urgent work was needed to ensure that the fabric and integrity of the steeple is safe. Work had been undertaken with the LEP as to how best to deliver the works to the Steeple which would cost in the region of £400K to be met from the project contingency.

AGREED

That the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel be recommended to note the following:

- (i) **The progress with regards to the Tameside Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and the Highways Maintenance Programme completed in 2020/2021. The commencement of the works programme was revised due to Covid 19.**
- (ii) **The progress with regards to Flooding: Flood Prevention and Consequential Repairs.**
- (iii) **The progress with regard to the Slope Stability Programme and potential additional works required.**
- (iv) **The progress with regards to the Cemetery Boundary Walls Programme.**
- (v) **The progress with regards to the replacement of Cremators and Mercury Abatement, Filtration Plant and Heat Recovery Facilities.**
- (vi) **The progress of capital schemes in section 2.14-2.23, and external grant schemes in section 3 and 4.**
- (vii) **The progress being made to secure external grant funding in order to deliver a number of walking and cycling infrastructure schemes as set out in section 3 and the requirement to undertake consultation on a number of schemes being developed.**

And Executive Cabinet be recommended to approve:

- (viii) **The addition of £686,951 to the Council's 2021/22 Capital Programme for the Full Delivery and Activation costs for the Mayor's Challenge Fund schemes at Chadwick Dam, Ashton / Stalybridge and Hill Street, Ashton as set out in section 3.7.**
- (ix) **The re-phasing of the Mayor's Challenge Fund Walking and Cycling schemes as set out in Appendix 1.**
- (x) **Subject to GMCA approval at a future meeting, £2.287m Highways grant funding be added to the Council's 2021-22 capital programme.**
- (xi) **To approve the expenditure of up to £400K from the approved project contingency budget to undertake urgent repair works to the steeple at Dukinfield Crematorium to be procured through the LEP with the necessary governance being achieved through an executive decision.**

37 GROWTH CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member of Finance and Economic Growth / Director for Growth, which provided an update on the 2020/21 Growth Capital Programme and set out details of the major approved capital schemes.

It was reported that the Denton Baths Site Clearance capital project was now complete. The report requested an additional £0.025m to stabilise the sidewalls of the deep excavation where it adjoins the highway. However Members were advised that a technical solution had been found so the recommendation would be removed prior to consideration at Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel.

The report detailed additional work required at the former Two Trees School due to previously undiscovered asbestos. Additional contingent budget was required to remove previously undiscovered Asbestos. The area in question was contaminated by asbestos dust after a break in. The area could not be properly surveyed until after an environmental clean. The Council had been alerted to this via an Early Warning Notice issued from the LEP. The cost of the additional asbestos removal was £0.060m. It was proposed that a budget of £0.060m be allocated to the scheme. The asbestos must be removed in order to complete the demolition scheme and achieve the full amount of GMCA grant funding allocated to this scheme.

Members were reminded that part of the High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) funding for Stalybridge was for a replacement roof on Stalybridge Civic / Market for which a budget of £567,100 was allowed. However, as survey work to inform the contract had identified additional works that needed to be carried out, this included replacement of the extensive roof lights which were in too poor a condition to re-use and the replacement of an essential health and safety access system which is also unable to be reused. The estimate for the contract was £1.7m and this report requested an additional £1,132,900. Members of the Board agreed that a separate report would be drafted to consider the additional budget for the Stalybridge roof replacement project.

AGREED

That Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel be recommended to note the report and recommend to Executive Cabinet that the following be added to the approved Council Capital Programme:

- (i) The Corporate Landlord Statutory Compliance capital expenditure for the period identified in Appendix 4 of £28,956.16.**
- (ii) That additional budget of £0.060m be allocated to the former Two Trees school site clearance scheme to remove previously undiscovered asbestos. The contingent budget to be financed by the approved capital programme.**

38 CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE CAPITAL SCHEMES UPDATE REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader / Assistant Director for Children's Social Care, which provided an update on the Children's Social Care Property Scheme and set out details of the major approved capital schemes in this Directorate.

The Director of Children's Services delivered a progress update on the capital projects and advised Members that the original plan was to purchase a property to deliver an assessment unit. However, the report proposed St Lawrence Road, which was originally identified to be a respite unit, be repurposed to deliver an assessment unit. Work would continue to pursue a property to deliver a respite unit. It was explained that in consultation with colleagues in Growth St Lawrence Road was considered to be a more appropriate building to deliver an assessment unit from given the size of the building and its location with easy access to public transport and local amenities.

It was further explained that purchasing a property to deliver a respite unit is a matter of urgency to fulfil this requirement. A suitable property search was underway and would be fully completed in 2021. It was anticipated that the cost of this would be less than that of purchasing a property for an assessment unit. At this stage, the cost was unknown until an appropriate property had been identified, therefore it was proposed that the remaining budget of £397,297 originally approved for the assessment unit be utilised to purchase a property for the respite unit.

AGREED

That Executive Cabinet be recommended to:

- (i) **Note the 2020/21 Capital Expenditure Outturn position in Appendix 1 and approve the budget slippage.**
- (ii) **Approve the repurpose of St Lawrence Road to become the Assessment Unit rather than the Respite Unit as originally planned.**
- (iii) **Approve the additional drawdown of £3,800 to allow completion of the St Lawrence Road scheme.**
- (iv) **Note the delays in relation to the purchase of the new residential property, which approval is now sought to purchase a property for the respite unit.**
- (v) **Approve the utilisation of the approved budget available of £397,327, which was originally to purchase a property for an assessment unit to purchase a property to become a respite unit.**

39 GREATER MANCHESTER MUSIC HUB PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT 2020 - 2022

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning / Assistant Director of Education. The report provided background and context on the Greater Manchester Music Education Hub including Tameside Music Service's role within the Hub. It also detailed the work that was being undertaken by Tameside Music Service to fulfil the remit/terms of both the Arts Council England grant and the National Plan for Music Education by the Music Service.

The Head of Access Services explained that Tameside Music Service work in partnership with Bolton Music Service who were the Greater Manchester Hub Lead Organisation, six other Greater Manchester local authority Music Services, Stockport, Oldham, Salford, Rochdale, Trafford and Wigan and one independent Music Service to form the Greater Manchester Music Hub. Each of the members of the Greater Manchester Music Education hub were responsible for the delivery of music services in their local area, and had a responsibility to fulfil the Arts Council's grant conditions which were renewed annually.

In 2020/21, Tameside Music Service's grant allocation was £365,447 and in 2021/22, the allocation was £366,145. The core and extension roles of Music Services were reflected in the Greater Manchester Music Hub Partnership Agreement at Appendix 1.

The report sought approval for the partnership agreement for the Greater Manchester Music Education Hub to allow for Tameside Music Service to receive the grant funding required to fulfil the Core and Extension roles

AGREED

That the Executive Member for Lifelong Learning be recommended to approve a Partnership Agreement for the Greater Manchester Music Education Hub be entered into between Tameside Council and the other 8 members of the Greater Manchester Music Education Hub for 2020-21 and 2021-22 to enable access to grant funding of £365,447 for 2020/21 and £366,145 for 2021/22.

40 AWARD OF GRANT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF MANCHESTER TO HOST THE GREATER MANCHESTER SEXUAL HEALTH NETWORK

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member of Adult Social Care and Population Health. The report proposed a direct award grant of £69,458 to the University of Manchester to host and deliver the Greater Manchester Sexual Health Network from 1 April 2021 until 31 March 2022.

The Assistant Director of Population Health explained that the Greater Manchester Sexual Health Network (GMSHN) provided leadership and coordination for sexual health commissioning and provision across Greater Manchester. It provided the forum for discussions and agreements between providers, including from the voluntary sector, and commissioners.

It was further explained that Sexual health commissioning was led by Public Health across Greater Manchester. The review of the grant had been included in the work plan for the current year, but the senior time, particularly the time of Greater Manchester Directors of Public Health and Consultants in Public Health, had been fully occupied with managing the COVID response and there had been no capacity to review the sexual health network. Core sexual health contracts had also been extended with providers by one year because of the same capacity issues. This extension was consistent with that for the service provision.

It was stated that it was urgent that the work continued to be commissioned as public health teams had a considerable amount of work to pick up in 2021/22, not least that many areas would be recommissioning services in this year. The GM local authorities relied on the support of the network to manage the complex interdependencies arising from the commissioning of open access services, funded by 10 areas, and straddling primary and secondary care, as well as community and acute based setting.

AGREED

That the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Population Health be recommended to approve that the current grant arrangement continues and a grant of £69,458 is awarded to the University of Manchester to host and deliver the Greater Manchester Sexual Health Network until 31March 2022

41 FORWARD PLAN

The forward plan of items for Board was considered.

CHAIR