

## COUNCIL

11 October 2016

Commenced: 5.00 pm

Terminated: 6.25 pm

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

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

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

### 31. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

### 32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

### 33. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

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

### 34. COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **35. COUNCIL BIG CONVERSATION**

The Chair reported that there were no questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Standing orders 31.12 and 31.13.

### **36. MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET**

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

#### **RESOLVED**

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

### **37. MEETING OF OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL**

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

## **RESOLVED**

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

### **38. MEETING OF DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES WORKING GROUP**

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

## **RESOLVED**

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

### **39. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES**

## **RESOLVED**

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

### **40. NOTICES OF MOTION**

#### **Motion A**

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

*“That this Council notes that:*

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

*Council believes that:*

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

*Council resolves to:*

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

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

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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 K Quinn and seconded by Councillor Cooney:

*"That this Council notes that:*

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

*That this Council resolves*

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

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

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**That this Council resolves**

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

## **Motion C**

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

*“That this Council notes that*

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

*This Council resolves*

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

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

### **RESOLVED**

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## **41. QUESTIONS**

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

## **42. URGENT ITEMS**

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

**CHAIR**