

## STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

9 February 2022

Comm: 1.00pm

Term: 1.25 pm

**Present:** Ashwin Ramachandra – Tameside & Glossop CCG (Chair)  
Councillor Brenda Warrington – Tameside MBC  
Councillor Warren Bray – Tameside MBC  
Councillor Gerald P Cooney – Tameside MBC (part meeting)  
Councillor Bill Fairfoull – Tameside MBC  
Councillor Leanne Feeley – Tameside MBC  
Councillor Allison Gwynne – Tameside MBC  
Councillor Joe Kitchen – Tameside MBC  
Councillor Eleanor Wills – Tameside MBC  
Steven Pleasant – Tameside MBC Chief Executive & Accountable Officer  
Dr Asad Ali – Tameside & Glossop CCG  
Dr Christine Ahmed – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG  
Dr Kate Hebden – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG  
Dr Vinny Khunger – NHS Tameside & Glossop CCG  
Carol Prowse – Tameside & Glossop CCG

**In Attendance:**

Sandra Stewart	Director of Governance & Pensions
Kathy Roe	Director of Finance
Steph Butterworth	Director of Adults Services
Alison Stathers-Tracey	Director of Children's Services
Jess Williams	Director of Commissioning
Sarah Threlfall	Director of Transformation
Tim Bowman	Director of Education (Tameside and Stockport)
Caroline Barlow	Assistant Director of Finance
James Mallion	Interim Assistant Director of Population Health
Gregg Stott	Assistant Director, Investment, Development and Housing
Tracey Harrison	Assistant Director, Adult Social Care
Sally Dickin	Head of Service, Early Intervention and Youth Justice

**Apologies for absence:** Councillor Oliver Ryan, Dr Asad Ali and Dr Christine Ahmed

***Further to the decision of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (Meeting of 25 May 2021), to enable the Clinical Commissioning General Practitioners to take part in decisions of the Strategic Commissioning Board, whilst they continue to support the NHS in dealing with the pandemic that all future meetings of the SCB remain virtual until further notice with any formal decisions arising from the published agenda being delegated to the chair of the SCB taking into the account the prevailing view of the virtual meeting and these minutes reflect those decisions.***

### **75. CHAIR'S INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that to enable the Clinical Commissioning General Practitioner to take part in decisions of the Strategic Commissioning Board, whilst they continued to support the NHS in dealing with the pandemic, the meeting would be a hybrid of remote and physical presence.

As a physical presence was required to formally take decisions, any formal decisions arising from

the published agenda have been delegated to the Chair, taking into the account the prevailing view of the virtual meeting.

The only people in the room were the Executive Members, the Chief Executive and Accountable Officer, Monitoring Officer, Democratic Services Officer and the Chair.

## **76. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Board members.

## **77. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **RESOLVED**

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 26 January 2022 be approved as a correct record.**

## **78. MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

### **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Board held on 12 January 2022 be noted.**

## **79. CONSOLIDATED 2021/22 REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT AT 31 DECEMBER 2021**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Lead Clinical GP / Director of Finance, which detailed actual expenditure to 31 December 2021 (Month 9) and forecasts to 31 March 2022.

It was reported that, overall, the Council was facing a total forecast overspend of £1.159m for the year ending 31 March 2022. A substantial majority of this forecast related to ongoing demand pressures in Children's Social Care.

The forecast outturn on Council Budgets had improved by 49k since Month 8, mainly due a reduction in external placement costs in Children's Social Care. There were some other smaller movements relating to Covid income and expenditure.

The CCG reported position at Month 9 showed a forecast overspend of (£3,931k), with a YTD variance of (£814k). With the exception of the QIPP shortfall, all of this was reimbursable, but in line with national reporting guidance needed to be shown as an overspend until appropriate allocation changes were transacted. Further details were set out in the report and appendix.

Members were advised that, in November 2021, Executive Cabinet received a report on the Council's successful bid for Levelling Up Funding of £19.870m. Council officers met with officials from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) on 21 December 2021 to discuss monitoring and delivery arrangements. A draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to be agreed with DLUHC had been shared with the Council and would cover the terms and conditions for the LUF grant funding; the final MOU for Council sign off was anticipated in mid-February 2022.

There would be a grant determination offer letter sent to the Council every 6 months (in line with payment), where the Council would be required to confirm the capital funding spent. Additionally, there would be a requirement to submit a Programme Management Update as part of the 6 monthly reporting process signed by the Council's s.151 officer. It was currently estimated that expenditure of £0.2m would be incurred in 21/22 in relation to land acquisition of the former interchange site and

project management costs (including public realm strategy). It was proposed that the £19.870m be added to the Council's Capital Programme, pending sign-off of the Memorandum of Understanding with DLUHC.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the forecast outturn position and associated risks for the 2021/22 revenue budgets as set out in Appendix 1, be noted; and**
- (ii) That the inclusion of £19.870m of Levelling Up Grant Funding in the Capital Programme be approved, pending sign off of the Memorandum of Understanding with DLUHC (Section 3) and it be noted that on-going performance updates and reporting will be provided to Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel.**

## **80. APPROVAL OF REVISED NON-RESIDENTIAL CHARGING POLICY**

The Executive Member, Adult Social Care and Health / Director of Adults Services submitted a report seeking approval of the revised Non-Residential Charging Policy, following a public consultation exercise on the following matters:

- The level the Council sets the Minimum Income Guarantee (MIG);
- The way that the level of income is disregarded;
- The introduction of an arrangement fee and annual charge for self-funders; and
- General feedback on the revised Non-residential Charging Policy.

It was explained that, following permission to consult on the proposed Non-Residential Charging Policy in general, there were three specific areas that the public consultation explored:

- Level of Minimum Income Guarantee;
- Level of Income that was disregarded; and
- Arrangement and annual fee for setting up care for self-funders.

Details of the feedback received in the consultation exercise was set out in the report.

Proposed changes to current practice were also detailed and discussed.

The report concluded that every effort was made to ensure people that could potentially be impacted by the proposals were made aware of the consultation and opportunity to feed back.

It was estimated that the proposed changes following the consultation exercise, as outlined in the report, would impact on the Council's budget by up to £200k annually. However, it would ensure the proposed Non-Residential Charging Policy recognised that more severely disabled people may have a higher level of spend to meet their enhanced needs, and therefore the additional benefit they received would be disregarded in recognition of this. The added financial pressure may be offset marginally by the introduction of an arrangement and annual fee for self-funders.

If agreed, the new Non-Residential Charging Policy would be implemented at the start of April 2022.

The Residential Charging Policy would be drafted and presented at a future meeting of Executive Cabinet for approval. Consultation may be required on the self-funder's charging element of the Policy. Aside from this, there would be no further changes being proposed to the assessment or charging process in the revised policy, it was an exercise to separate the residential and non-residential elements of the current policy.

## **RESOLVED**

**It be agreed:**

- (i) That permission be given to implement the following elements of the revised Adult Services Non-Residential Charging Policy:**
  - **The Minimum Income Guarantee level remains at the level the Council currently uses;**

- The level of income disregarded is changed to disregard the difference between DLA care higher and middle rate and PIP daily living allowance enhanced and standard rate; and
  - An annual fee for managing non-residential self-funders' accounts of £95 be implemented from 1 April 2022, with an annual review of the level. This will apply only to non-residential packages of care created from this date, rather than existing packages.
- (ii) That permission be given to implement the proposed Non-Residential Charging Policy from 1 April 2022.

#### **81. URGENT ITEMS**

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

#### **82. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

##### **RESOLVED**

It be noted that the next meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Board is scheduled to take place on 30 March 2022.

**CHAIR**