

## **BOARD**

**9 March 2022**

**Present:**

<b>Elected Members</b>	<b>Councillors Fairfoull (In the Chair), Bray, Feeley, Gwynne, Kitchen, and Wills</b>
<b>Chief Executive</b>	<b>Steven Pleasant</b>
<b>Borough Solicitor</b>	<b>Sandra Stewart</b>
<b>Deputy Section Officer</b>	<b>151 Caroline Barlow</b>

**Also in Attendance:** **Simon Brunet, Ilys Cookson, Dr Asad Ali, Dr Ian Saxon, Alison Stathers-Tracey, Sarah Threlfall, Trevor Tench, Emma Varnam, and Debbie Watson.**

**Apologies for Absence:** **Councillors Warrington and Cooney**

### **228 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **229 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Board meeting on the 2 March 2022 were approved a correct record.

### **230 HS2 PHASE 2B PETITIONING REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader / Director of Governance and Pensions / Director of Place. The report sought Full Council approval for Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council) to object to the High Speed Rail (Crewe-Manchester) Bill.

It was stated that this report was concerned with a procedural matter, specifically, seeking Full Council approval for Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (the Council) to object to the High Speed Rail (Crewe-Manchester) Bill. This related to Phase 2b of High Speed Rail 2 (HS2).

The report set out the Government's High Speed Rail (Crewe-Manchester) Bill, which was deposited in Parliament to the House of Commons on the 24 January 2022.

It was explained that notwithstanding the Council's overall support for HS2, the Council would need to ensure that any necessary provisions were included in the Bill and/or seeking assurances/undertakings from the promoters to maximise benefits and minimise negative impacts of HS2 on the Borough. Officers would work closely with HS2 Ltd and representatives from the Department of Transport (DfT) to ensure that necessary provisions were provided and would seek to negotiate agreements accordingly; if agreement could not be reached on specific matters it may be necessary to petition the Bill during a specific window, with authority to do so the subject of this report. The Council has identified a number of areas, which it considers to be critical in maximising benefits and minimising negative impacts of HS2 on the Borough.

It was essential that the construction methodology for the HS2 infrastructure be focused on limiting disruption to Metrolink operations. The Bill as currently drafted included provision for the full closure of the Metrolink Ashton Line for a circa two year period. To address this, the Bill should be amended to enable the construction of a new depot at Ashton Moss to enable a tram shuttle service to operate between Ashton and New Islington instead of the full closure of the Ashton Line and the provision of ancillary works, to enable the Ashton Metrolink line to remain open throughout the construction of HS2. The Council required that the existing Metrolink Ashton Line should be kept

connected to the remainder of the Metrolink network for as long as practicable during construction of the HS2 station and modified Metrolink infrastructure and, when the line had to be disconnected from Piccadilly, trams were able to operate as far into Manchester city centre as possible, with bus services provided to bridge the gap.

## **AGREED**

**That Council be recommended to resolve:**

- (i) That it is expedient for Tameside Council to oppose the High Speed Rail (Crewe to Manchester) Bill (“the Bill”);**
- (ii) That, subject to the above, that authority is delegated to The Leader, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to take all such steps as may be necessary or expedient to carry the above resolution into effect including all those steps required for the Council to submit any petition and thereafter to maintain and if considered appropriate withdraw its petition in respect of the Bill and to instruct the Director of Governance and Pensions accordingly; and**
- (iii) Authorises the corporate seal of the Council being affixed to any documents required to be sealed in connection with the submission of its petition and the subsequent opposition to the Bill.**

## **231 PERIOD 10 INTEGRATED FINANCE REPORT**

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 January 2022 (Month 10) and forecasts to 31 March 2022.

It was reported that the forecast outturn position for the council continued to look more positive for 2021/22, with a £458k improvement reported since last month, taking year-end projected overspend to £701k. The overall improvement was largely due to non-recurrent, pandemic related funding streams which would not be available next year. The 2022/23 budget was approved at Full Council on 22 February 2022, this included additional funding for both Children’s and Adults Social Care, but cost and demand pressures were expected to continue to increase.

The CCG reported position at Month 10 showed a forecast overspend of £3,376k, all of which was reimbursable. Once appropriate allocations had been received, a break even position was effectively being reported, which included full achievement QIPP. Work was in progress on national planning returns for 2022/23 with allocations published at an ICB level.

The Trust was forecasting a breakeven financial position for 2021/22 in line with plan. Restoration plans had been established within the Trust and the Trust continued to aspire to deliver nationally prescribed activity targets, which for H2 was to deliver 89% of the completed Referral to Treatment pathways relative to 2019/20. The Trust continued to report good levels of performance against restoration targets. However, the Trust continued to experience significant pressures within Urgent Care, Non-elective and COVID positive admissions and as a result, there had been a small reduction in the number of elective and day cases versus plan this month.

Further detail on the financial position and key headlines was reported in Appendix 1 to the report. Appendix 2 provided more detailed analysis of all Directorate areas.

The latest forecast for the Collection Fund in 2021/22, together with collection performance, was summarised in Appendix 3 to the report.

In 2020/21 the deficit on Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) increased from £0.557m to £1.686m mainly due to funding the overspend on the High Needs Block. If the 2021/22 projections materialised, there would be a deficit of £3.713m on the DSG reserve by 31 March 2022. Under DfE regulations a deficit recovery plan was required to be produced, which will be submitted to the DfE outlining how this deficit was expected to be recovered and spending managed and would require discussions and the agreement of the Schools Forum. The position would be closely

monitored throughout the year and updates would be reported to Members. Further detail was set out in Appendix 4 to the report.

Appendix 5 to the report detailed the write-off of irrecoverable debts for the period 1 October to 31 December, which Members were asked to approve.

Members were informed that, since the update to Cabinet in December, the position on savings delivery had improved overall across the Council. Overall, the total forecast savings to be delivered in 2021/22 had increased to £9.137m which exceeded the original target of £8.930m. However, it was noted that this total included just over 1m of mitigating savings that were one-off in nature and not expected to be available in 2022/23.

During 2021/22 the public sector and especially the NHS had continued to mobilise at pace and scale to address the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. NHS England and Improvement (NHSEI) had, therefore, continued with the 'command and control' financial regime introduced in 2020/21 during the response to the first wave of the pandemic.

This atypical financial regime had resulted in financial plans for 2021/22 being managed at a GM level for which the finalisation and submission of STP level plans were May 2021 (for H1 period April - Sept) and November 2021 (for H2 period Oct – March). This was significantly later than usual which, in turn, had hindered the CCG and its partners with being able to progress its strategic intentions for the Tameside and Glossop populations.

As the organisation had entered the final quarter of 2021/22, the certainty of budgets and plans meant that the CCG's financial outturn position could be forecast with a greater degree of confidence. This put the CCG in the position of being able to provide additional support to the locality's strategic aims by meeting a greater proportion of the health-related costs for some of the transformation programmes being delivered in 2021/22 through the Section 75 pooling arrangements it had with Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council.

It was intended that this situation would enable the CCG to increase its funding to the Section 75 (S75) pooled budget whilst the Council reduced its contribution in 2021/22 thereby releasing some non-recurrent savings for the Council which, in turn, would facilitate ongoing financial sustainability across the economy and support the transformation schemes for locality priorities such as in Children's and Learning Disability/Adult Mental Health services which were facing significant demand pressures as reported at length in previous reports.

It was proposed that the Council should reduce its contribution to the S75 pool by £3.5m in 2021/22 whilst the CCG increased its contribution to fund health-related costs in 2021/22 by the same amount.

## **AGREED**

**That Executive Cabinet be recommended to:**

- (i) Note the forecast outturn position and associated risks for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1.**
- (ii) Note the detailed analysis of budget forecasts and variances set out in Appendix 2.**
- (iii) Note the forecast position on the Collection Fund in respect of Council Tax and Business Rates as set out in Appendix 3.**
- (iv) Note the forecast position in respect of Dedicated Schools Grant as set out in Appendix 4.**
- (v) Approve the write-off of irrecoverable debts for the period 1 October to 31 December 2021 as set out in Appendix 5.**
- (vi) Note the progress with delivery of Council savings targets for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 6.**
- (vii) Approve the proposals for the CCG increasing its contribution to the Section 75 pooled fund (and the Council reducing its contribution by the same value) in accordance with the Integrated Commissioning Fund risk share agreement as set out in section 7.**

## **232 COUNCIL TAX BILLING AND ENERGY REBATE**

The Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Assistant Director, Exchequer Services submitted a report detailing the impact of the payment of the one-off £150 energy rebate via the Council tax system.

It was explained that on 3 February 2022 central government announced that households in council tax bands A-D, would receive a £150 rebate. The energy rebate would be administered by local authorities from April and would not need to be repaid. In addition there would be discretionary funding of £144 million provided nationally to support vulnerable people and individuals on low incomes that did not pay council tax, or that paid council tax for properties in Bands E-H.

Guidance was received on 23 February 2022 and set out scheme eligibility, payments, fraud risk management, council tax billing, communication with households, monitoring and reporting. The guidance also detailed allocations to be provided to each billing authority in March for the council tax rebate and the discretionary fund. The amounts for Tameside were £530,400 in respect of the discretionary fund and £14,545,050 for the non-discretionary £150 payments.

Guidance made clear that with rising energy bills people needed to receive monies quickly to alleviate hardship and, while these rising costs would affect most households across the country, they were more likely to disproportionately affect those on lower incomes, who tended to spend a higher proportion of their income on utility bills. Eligibility was based on the following:

- Property must be in Bands A – D
- Must be a sole or main residence
- It is a chargeable dwelling
- The person is liable to pay Council tax (including those with a nil liability), not be a local authority, or corporate body ie a housing association
- Eligibility is based on position as at 01 April 2022.
- Payment must be made by end of September 2022.

Properties not eligible were:

- No permanent resident or property is a second home
- An unoccupied property

Members were advised that payments would be made per household, regardless of number of occupants or number of liable council tax payers, via a person's bank where direct debit details were held by the Council for the purpose of paying council tax. The Council must be assured that payment was made into the correct bank account.

The report gave details of issues arising from the payment of any monies which were not directly connected to the administration of council tax, yet the council tax system was being used for that purpose, including:

- Number of eligible accounts to receive the payments
- Payment into bank accounts
- Timing and resources
- Systems and processes
- Discretionary scheme

### **AGREED**

**That Executive Cabinet be recommended to agree that the discretionary policy be approved.**

## **233 GODLEY GREEN GARDEN VILLAGE - PROJECT UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Employment / Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth. The report provided an update on the Godley Green Garden Village scheme in Hyde.

Members of the Board were provided an update on the delivery of the Garden Village at Godley Green. An update was provided on each of the elements of the delivery programme. It was explained that the award of a £10,000,000 Housing Infrastructure Fund award from Homes England endorsed the view that the site was suitable, deliverable and available and that the Council's approach to engagement with landowners has provided greater assurance on the deliverability of the site.

The work of the project team would now focus on critical path of programme activity and the detailed work taking place across the targeted work streams. Efforts of the Project Steering Group will now also be focussed on moving through the stages of the delivery programme.

**AGREED**

**That the report be deferred for consideration at a future meeting of Board and Executive Cabinet.**

**234 TAMESIDE TOWN CENTRE FRAMEWORK – CONSULTATION DRAFT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Place / Assistant Director for Investment, Development & Housing.

The report proposed that a Tameside Town Centres Framework be produced to cover each town centre within the borough and to act as a strategic 'umbrella' to coordinate future development and regeneration activity. The Framework was intended to complement Tameside's Corporate Plan and support delivery of the Tameside Inclusive Growth Strategy (2021). It would also align with existing and future studies and strategies for the town centres. The Framework would help to provide the direction of travel to create more prosperous and investable locations which met local needs and ensure that each town centre has the right offer of retail, food and drink, leisure, commercial, community and residential uses, as well as supporting infrastructure required.

**AGREED**

**That Executive Cabinet be recommended to:**

- (i) Note the work undertaken to date in respect of the Tameside Town Centres Framework;**
- (ii) Give approval for public consultation on the proposed Tameside Town Centres Framework and notes that a further report will be brought back to the Executive setting out the results of the consultation and a final draft of the Framework.**

**235 FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF UNION STREET SITE, HYDE.**

The Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Place submitted a report, which set out plans for the future development of Union Street site, Hyde.

It was explained that it was understood that Hyde Library was opened on the Union Street site in February 1899. In an effort to reduce costs and protect the library service, in September 2014, the Council announced plans to relocate the library function into Hyde Town Hall. The library service successfully transferred into the refurbished space in Hyde Town Hall in February 2015.

Despite the fact that the building closed a number of years ago and had suffered as a result of substantial amounts of theft and vandalism since this time, the former library remained an important structure which both the residents and Council were keen to protect.

Given the condition, the viability of refurbishing and converting the former library building in its entirety could be marginal. Due to its significance and in an attempt to ensure that a scheme remained financially viable, rather than advertising the former Library building in isolation, the Council were looking to include the adjoining land, including Union Street car park, in the opportunity for potential redevelopment.

In addition to this, whilst exploring a range of disposal options, officers would continue to monitor the availability and use of grant funding, via the Evergreen and Brownfield Homes Funds which potentially, would allow any future scheme to maximise the benefit and positive impact on the Borough.

The wider strategy for Hyde Town Centre and the options that would need to be considered by the Authority to achieve the best delivery outputs, which would safeguard the property in the long-term, were also detailed in the report.

#### **AGREED**

**That Executive Cabinet be recommended to agree that that the Council proceed to market the subject site immediately via informal tender, using the services of Knight Frank as specialist agent. The basis of the tender is set out in section 5 of the report.**

### **236 GM TOWN OF CULTURE**

A report was submitted by the Executive Member, Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage / Assistant Director, Operations and Neighbourhoods setting out the bid submitted to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority for Stalybridge to be the Town of Culture for 2022. Following the successful award the report detailed the current programme and the proposals for developing this further over the coming weeks. It detailed the overall budget requirements to enhance the programme and that it was a significant and important opportunity for celebrating Stalybridge and the start of developing a sustainable cultural offer unique to Stalybridge and Tameside.

It was stated that the successful programme hinged on it being closely linked to Stalybridge as a place, a home and a venue for celebrating its past, present and future through an ambitious 4 month programme of workshops, activities and events. The programme had been designed to enhance and amplify events already taking place in Stalybridge such as Street fest, the Stalybridge Carnival, the theatre programme within Astley Cheetham Art Gallery and Cheetham's park and the Beer Festival as well as it being closely aligned with projects happening as part of HAZ.

The Bridge was Stalybridge's cultural consortium set up as part of the HAZ programme. Their vested interest in the town and their desire to programme high quality cultural content will act as a springboard for further programming as part of ToC. Theatre, Beer Festival being expressed in these.

The community programme proposed as part of the report would enable Stalybridge to grow and develop its own talent pool for a sustainable future of cultural programming bringing with it opportunities for future funding to support the new initiatives proposed as part of the programme namely the Canal Festival and the Emergency Exit Art Commission for 2023.

Members were advised that this was an opportunity to showcase Stalybridge, to re-invent Stalybridge as a 21<sup>st</sup> century climate conscious cultural hub for adventurers and people wanting to explore the best of both town and country with easy links to Manchester and Leeds and the Pennines

#### **AGREED**

**That Executive Cabinet be recommended to agree that:**

- (i) The Stalybridge Town of Culture proposal and the awarded £50,000 to deliver the programme in 2022 is noted.**
- (ii) That the proposed current programme of activity is noted and that a more developed programme will be determined over the coming weeks.**
- (iii) The Council's contribution to support the enhanced delivery of Town of Culture is noted.**

## **237 STALYBRIDGE VACANT DEVELOPMENT SITES**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Housing, Planning and Environment / Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Place. The report provided an update on the work undertaken in the Town Centre and sought approval for resubmission of a Stalybridge Town Centre bid to Round 2 of the national Levelling Up Programme and for delivery of the next steps in the programme around the emerging initial Masterplan footprint, which would focus initially on the sites as outlined within the report and building upon the Evergreen work already undertaken (as appended to the report at Appendices A & B).

Details were given of the commencement of a programme of work to produce a development prospectus, next stage planning and delivery strategies and the undertaking of a Soft Market Test around the development opportunity in Stalybridge on the emerging and initial Masterplan footprint, as follows;

- a Development Prospectus - to support the Development Prospectus, necessary work to be undertaken including all relevant due diligence and development work around next stages including taking relevant development plots to RIBA Stage 2, and possibility of an outline planning application to assist with bringing the plots to market. On completion of the next stage works, a comprehensive Planning & Development Strategy will be brought back to Executive Cabinet for decision.
- prepare documentation and undertake an initial soft market test exercise working directly with STAR and the appointed Multi-Disciplinary Team for the delivery of the project against the emerging Masterplan for Stalybridge, building on the Evergreen work. This to focus initially on the development potential and sites contained within this report.
- Working in parallel with the soft market test, a detailed level Commercial, Investment & Delivery Strategy to be developed around the emerging Masterplan of the Evergreen work.
- The detailed Commercial, Investment & Delivery Strategy (informed by the soft market test) will be brought back to Executive Cabinet with recommendations for a decision on options to progress to a formal and full market exercise to secure a Strategic Partner(s) for the delivery of the Stalybridge Masterplan.
- To undertake further detailed Open Space & Public Realm design work across the emerging Masterplan footprint and the common areas in Stalybridge Town Centre.

### **AGREED**

**That Executive Cabinet Note the work delivered and planned in Stalybridge Town Centre and be recommended to:**

- (i) Agree the resubmission of a Stalybridge bid application as part of the national Levelling Up Programme Round 2 with the bidding process due to be announced in spring 2022.**
- (ii) Agree to incur expenditure of up to £40,000 associated with the resubmission of the Levelling Up bid including the appointment of a multidisciplinary team to support the bid as set out in sections 4 and 5 and the Director of Place to manage the programme of works and services.**
- (iii) Agree to undertake an initial public consultation on the emerging Masterplan as produced under the Evergreen Phase 1 Work and as contained within this report. To note, that further and full consultation(s) with the public and key stakeholders will be held throughout 2022.**
- (iv) Agree to undertake the necessary procurement exercises (via STAR) and to appoint a Multi-Disciplinary Team to take forward the wider supportive studies building upon the Evergreen Phase 1 funded work around the emerging and initial Masterplan footprint as identified in paragraph 1.3 of this report.**
- (v) Agree to incur expenditure of up to £290,000 associated with the wider supportive studies as set out in recommendation (v) as identified in paragraph 1.3 of the report and approval for the Director of Place to manage whole programme of works and services as set out within this report and to bid for funding, drawdown and incur all expenditure related to the delivery within the Council's financial and legal framework. For the avoidance of doubt this means the Director will need to sign of Executive**

**Decisions for the spend.**

- (vi) **To note that Council owned sites as set out in section 3 (excluding the GMPF sites) of this report to now go through the Corporate Strategic Asset Management process to declare sites as surplus to requirements.**
- (vii) **To note that all on-going performance and reporting will be provided as necessary relating to the works/services contained within this report.**

## **238 PUBLIC SECTOR DECARBONISATION SCHEME FUNDING ROUND THREE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods Community Safety and Environment / Director of Place. The report set out the sites identified for the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme Funding Round Three and set out the facts of the current PSD3 bid application and underlined the need to pursue this work.

It was explained that six sites had been identified where heating plant and associated equipment was at the end of its viable life. With escalating fuel costs as well as the councils commitment to respond to the climate emergency – refitting these sites with low-carbon alternatives was both morally and financially prudent. After adjustment from GMCA in late February 2022, the cost of the works was now projected at £2,971,808. The grant total that the Council can apply for was £1,918,258 (65% of the total programme cost) requiring a match funding sum of £1,053,550 (35%) via the Council.

Revenue savings were calculated at £912,560 over the twenty year lifecycle of the programme (this being a conservative estimate as energy prices had become so volatile – savings could be significantly more). The amount of carbon proposed to be eliminated was calculated to be 6,802 tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>e – again over the twenty year projected lifecycle. It was likely the proposed investment would, in reality, continue to deliver savings beyond that twenty-year threshold.

### **AGREED**

**That Executive Cabinet be recommended to:**

- (i) **Agree that in principal, the Council enters into a contract with the Greater Manchester Combined Authority subject to the necessary due diligence for the purposes of disbursement of funding in relation to the PSDS award, based on submission of invoices for completed individual measures. The governance required to enter into this contract will be subject to an Executive Decision (ED) at a later date.**
- (ii) **Agree that the Council agrees that the delivery of design works and installation of measures will be undertaken via the Council's arrangement with the LEP (via Robertson) and the associated supply chain utilising the Tameside Additional Services Contract (TAS).**
- (iii) **Approve the inclusion of the phase 3 Decarbonisation programme (estimated total cost of (£2,971,808) within the Council's approved capital programme as set out in Appendix 1. Any subsequent variance to the estimated cost and funding of the programme will be subject to separate governance at a later date.**
- (iv) **Approve the allocation of £599,000 to support the match funding required to finance the phase 3 Decarbonisation programme. The sum to be allocated via the Planned Preventative Maintenance capital budget allocation of £1,896,000 that was approved at the Executive Cabinet on 29 September 2021 — agenda item 7, Capital Programme and Financing Update report refers.**
- (v) **Note that works will be expected to be completed by 31 March 2023.**

## **239 LEVELLING UP FUND: DENTON BID**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Place / Assistant Director for Investment, Development & Housing. The report sought approval for the preparation of a bid to the Levelling Up Fund for Denton Town Centre and approval for the procurement of specialist external consultancy support for the preparation and submission of



a bid by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council.

It was stated that the Council had identified Denton Town Centre as one of its growth priorities, supporting delivery of the Tameside Inclusive Growth Strategy 2021-26 in making Tameside's town centres hubs for living, culture, employment and services supporting a sustainable retail sector.

Denton Town Centre had benefited from significant investment in recent years, including delivery of the Tameside Wellness Centre, new housing development and the growth of the evening economy. Despite this investment, the Town Centre has been negatively impacted by national market trends in the retail sector, increasing vacancy rates, the poor condition and/or underutilisation of prominent buildings, varying quality of public realm and a disconnection between key assets.

It was proposed that a bid to the Fund and specific interventions be prepared for Denton Town Centre in the context of an emerging wider strategic vision for the Town, consistent with the Council's emerging Tameside Town Centres Framework, supporting existing and planned investment. This would in turn help to deliver a catalytic economic and social impact to the local community. Interventions for the bid would be developed to provide public realm improvements, walking and cycling facilities, enabling infrastructure and support for heritage and townscape enhancements. This would help the Town Centre to reach its full potential and deliver further comprehensive regeneration, attracting additional investment.

The bid to the Fund would be designed to be an economic driver that delivers a genuine levelling up opportunity supporting national, GM and Tameside strategic policies. Contributions would accrue from enhancing sustainable travel and the continued regeneration of Denton as a modern hub that more effectively serves its local catchment.

There was now potential for a strong LUF bid to be compiled for Denton particularly focussing on public realm and active travel to further strengthen the links across the town centre. This would also ensure all of the benefits from the significant new investment and development that was taking place in Denton such as new residential and the Denton Wellness Centre to name a few were captured.

It was explained that in order to ensure a competitive submission it would be necessary to bring in additional resource, capacity and independent and professional advice/input. This would also give the bid further weight and justification of having sought external advice and as a normal course of any major bid preparation. The Council would utilise its own internal capacity and expertise to facilitate and drive the bids but it would be necessary to ensure the internal team have access to the resource and independence as required to ensure both a robust bid was put together but also one that can address all technical and compliance requirements.

It was estimated that a budget of up to a maximum sum of £50,000 was required to support a robust bid for Denton Town Centre. The budget would be used to support bid preparation and associated due diligence required to prepare a robust bid for submission to the Fund.

## **AGREED**

**That Executive Cabinet be recommended to :**

- (i) Agree that a bid to the Levelling Up Fund for Denton Town Centre is prepared for submission and referred back for consideration prior to the bid submission date (once confirmed).**
- (ii) Agree on the procurement and appointment of Specialist external support through STAR to assist in the preparation and submission of a bid to the Levelling Up Fund for Denton Town Centre.**
- (iii) Approve a budget of up to £50,000 (via business rates 100% retention funding which is allocated to support economic growth within the borough) to appoint the aforementioned external support and this budget is approved for all professional fees and costs associated with the preparation and submission of a bid to the Levelling Up Fund for Denton Town Centre. Budget to be taken from the Government's Levelling**

**Up Fund allocation already provided to TMBC for purposes of submitting Levelling Up Fund bids and as outlined within this report.**

## **240 ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

A report was submitted by the Executive Leader / CCG Co-Chairs / Director of Transformation providing an update on the delivery of engagement and consultation activity from June 2021 to date.

It was explained that much of the work was undertaken jointly – coordinated through the Tameside and Glossop Partnership Engagement Network (PEN) – by NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group, Tameside Council and Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust. However, it was noted that each of the three agencies undertake work individually where necessary and appropriate for the purposes of specific projects.

It was further explained that the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic had also meant that different ways to engage local communities had to be identified. The report set out some examples of the ways in which this had been achieved, including the establishment of both the Community Champions programme and Tameside & Glossop Inequalities Reference Group.

The Director of Transformation highlighted the key headlines from June 2021 to date:

- Facilitated 16 thematic Tameside and/or Glossop engagement projects
- Received 3,957 engagement contacts (excluding attendance at virtual events)
- Supported 7 engagement projects at the regional and Greater Manchester level
- Promoted 7 national consultations where the topic was of relevance to and/or could have an impact on Tameside and/or Glossop
- Established the Community Champions Network to provide residents and workforces with the coronavirus information they need to lead the way in their community, with over 270 members now registered and a networking event on 1 March 2022.
- The Tameside & Glossop Inequalities Reference Group, established in response to how the coronavirus pandemic, and the wider governmental and societal response to this, continues to bring equalities and inequalities into focus. Two reports have been produced for two areas of focus, making recommendations on how to address inequality. These are: Digital Inclusion and Community Cohesion.
- Delivered three virtual Partnership Engagement Network (PEN) conferences attended by over 130 delegates in total.
- Retained 'Green Star' top rating for public and patient engagement as part of the CCG Improvement and Assessment Framework (IAF).

Further information was also provided in respect of:

- Community Champions Network;
- Tameside & Glossop Inequalities Reference Group
- Partnership Engagement Network (PEN) Update; and
- Other engagement work.

### **AGREED**

**Strategic Commissioning Board and Executive Cabinet are asked to note the contents of the report and support future engagement and consultation activity with the communities of Tameside and Glossop.**

## **241 ADULT SOCIAL CARE FEES 2022-23**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Adult Social Care and Health / Director of Adults Services outlining proposals in relation to revised prices to meet the increasing cost of providing adult social care services for 2022-23.

It was explained that, the Council and CCG, as had been reported over a number of years, continued to face significant financial pressures in the coming years. The budget report, as in previous years, for 2022/23 proposed a balanced budget, subject to the delivery of identified savings on Council Budgets, and an increase in Council Tax. The response to the Covid pandemic had created significant additional pressures and costs along with impacts on the Council's income budgets.

The CCG was currently working on the practicalities of its incorporation into the GM Integrated Care Service (ICS), due to go live in July 2022, with discussions on funding available locally ongoing. The CCG was party to a number of joint contracts with the Council, primarily in relation to support at home/home care and care homes with respect to the nursing element, and agreement had been in place with regards to contract uplifts that any reasonable or unavoidable uplifts should be agreed in line with the proposed increases included in the Council's budget.

Members were advised that much work had been done over the past few years to radically change the way that services were provided, and there had been a focus placed on reducing the costs of services to support management of the overall budget reductions of the last decade. At the same time as managing reductions in financial resources, demand for service provision had been rising - the increasing number of older people and younger adults with complex and life limiting conditions and disabilities continued to add further pressure to services provided. The period of the Covid Pandemic had seen increasing numbers of people requiring care and support – seen most acutely in services supporting people to remain living in their own homes. The rise in the demand for care and support had not been matched by an increased ability to attract sufficient numbers of staff to keep pace with the demand for support.

The report set out proposals for costs that would constitute the minimum requirements to meet the specific cost pressures imposed on providers across the health and social care sector in the following areas:

- Care Homes;
- Support at Home/Home Care;
- Extra Care Housing;
- Supported Accommodation including LD Respite;
- Other Social Care Contracts;
- Direct Payments;
- Wilshaw House – Dementia Day Centre;
- Day Service Options;
- Shared Lives;
- Out of Borough Placements; and
- Charges for services.

#### **AGREED**

**That Strategic Commissioning Board be recommended to:**

- (i) Approve the proposed new rates for care home placements as detailed in Section 4 of this report in line with the agreed cost of care framework detailed in Appendix 1.**
- (ii) Approve the proposed new rates for Support at Home at £19.22 per hour (Appendix 2) and Standard Home Care at £17.73 per hour (Appendix 3)**
- (iii) Approve the spot purchase rates for sleep-in at rates of £110.63 per night, and £147.48 per night for waking nights.**
- (iv) Approve the proposed 6.6% uplift on the core contract prices at the four Extra Care Schemes and the proposed revised rate for additional hours commissioned in Extra Care of £16.71 per hour (Appendix 4)**
- (v) Approve the proposed uplift by 5.3% of Adult Social Care contract prices highlighted in Section 2 and 4 of this report.**
- (vi) Approve the revised Direct Payment rates as detailed in section 4;**
- (vii) Approve the 5.3% uplift in the annual contract price for the Dementia Day Service at Wilshaw House.**
- (viii) Approve the revised contract price for the Day Service Options Contract Lead**

**Provider, Active Tameside, at the value of £1,395,728 for 2022-23 as detailed in section 4 of this report.**

- (ix) Approve the rate increases for Shared Lives Carer payments detailed in Section 4**
- (x) Approve the offer to increase younger adults out of borough placements by 5.3 % with flexibility to approve a higher rate where providers evidence a higher rate is required as detailed in Section 4.**
- (xi) Approve that all the proposed new rates becoming effective from 1 April 2022**

## **242 FORWARD PLAN**

The forward plan of items for Board was considered.

**CHAIR**