

EXECUTIVE CABINET

27 April 2022

Commenced: 1.50pm

Terminated: 2.10pm

Present: Councillors Warrington (Chair), Bray, Cooney, Fairfoull, Feeley, Gwynne, Kitchen and Wills

In Attendance:	Steven Pleasant	Chief Executive & Accountable Officer
	Sandra Stewart	Director of Governance & Pensions
	Kathy Roe	Director of Finance
	Ian Saxon	Director of Place
	Jess Williams	Director of Commissioning
	Debbie Watson	Interim Director of Population Health
	Sarah Threlfall	Director of Transformation
	Caroline Barlow	Assistant Director of Finance
	Tracey Harrison	Assistant Director, Adults Services
	Catherine Moseley	Head of Access Services
	Lorraine Hopkins	Head of Service, Neighbourhoods and Early Years

Apologies for absence: Councillor Ryan

169. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Cabinet Members.

170. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the joint meeting of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 23 March 2022 be approved as a correct record.

171. MINUTES OF STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 23 March 2022 be noted.

172. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Board held on 9 March 2022 be noted.

173. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Emergency Working Group held on 16 March 2022 be noted.

174. CONSOLIDATED 2021/22 REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT AT 28 FEBRUARY 2022

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 28 February 2022 (Month 11) and forecasts to 31 March 2022.

It was reported that at month 11 the CCG was reporting an overspend of £2.285m, all of which was reimbursable through national schemes, meaning that once month 12 allocations had been transacted the position with balanced on an in year, non-recurrent basis. The same was true of the ICFT position where the trust was forecasting a breakeven position for 2021/22.

For the Council budgets an overspend of £0.622m was currently forecast. This represented an improvement of £0.079m compared to month 10, but more work was required to balance the position before year end.

The Council budget included a small contingency which was released throughout the year to offset expected pressures. A further £0.327m of contingency had been released at month 11, leaving an unallocated contingency budget of £0.100m, which would be released in month 12 if not required.

Looking forward, the long term financial position within the locality remained a cause for concern as the Council contended with the aftermath of the pandemic at the same time as addressing an underlying financial deficit and implementing comprehensive organisation change across the NHS.

2022/23 financial plans for the Council had been agreed, whilst the new ICB was in the final stages of planning for health budgets. This would be discussed in more detail in the months to come, but significant work would be required in order to recurrently balance budgets across the system in 2022/23 and beyond.

RESOLVED

That the forecast outturn position and associated risks for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

175. ADULT SOCIAL CARE REFORM WHITE PAPER IMPLICATIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Health / Clinical Lead for Living Well / Director of Adult Services. Members were advised that the Government published its adult social care system reform white paper, 'People at the Heart of Care' on 1 December. The white paper set out a 10-year vision for care and support in England and was based around three key objectives:

- People had choice, control and support to live independent lives
- People could access outstanding quality and tailored care and support
- People find adult social care fair and accessible

It was explained that proposals were backed by the new Health and Social Care Levy announced in September this year, of which £5.4 billion was being invested into adult social care over the next 3 years. Beyond the next 3 years, an increasing share of funding raised by the levy would be spent on social care in England.

The spending review in October 2021 confirmed the investment would be used for the following areas and duties were outlined in the white paper:

- £3.6 billion to pay for the cap on care costs, the extension to means test, and support progress towards local authorities paying a fair cost of care, which together would remove unpredictable care costs; and
- £1.7 billion to improve social care in England, including at least £500 million investment in the workforce

The key elements of the White Paper were outlined, including:

- Providing the right care, in the right place, at the right time (Chapter 4);
- Empowering those who draw on care and support;
- Strategy for the social care workforce;
- Supporting Local Authorities to deliver social care reform; and
- Local context.

Financial implications and next steps were also detailed.

The report concluded that the introduction of a 10 year strategy for Adult Care was welcome and also reflected many of the challenges that were exacerbated by the pandemic. However, there was a risk to the local authority that the funding indicated to meet the new burdens placed on the local authority was likely to be insufficient and this would need to be built into a review of the medium term financial strategy. Preparation for implementing the new burdens and new inspection regime would begin immediately to ensure the local authority was able to meet the required timescales in line with the steps identified.

Members were advised that there were significant elements of the white paper to be fully confirmed and as such, there would be a series of reports presented to Strategic Commissioning Board over the next three years.

RESOLVED

- (a) It be noted that the People at the Heart of Care: Adult Social Care Reform White Paper places new burdens on the Council that are far reaching and will affect a number of functions across the council as outlined in sections 2 - 6 of the report;**
- (b) The indicative funding allocations for 2022-2025 for Tameside Adult Care be noted as outlined in section 8 of the report;**
- (c) That the key priorities for implementation of the Adult Social Care Reform in Tameside as identified in section 9 of the report, be agreed;**
- (d) That the allocation of £779,000 implementation support fund for 2022/23 be accepted and it be approved that this allocation be utilised in full for the preparatory work as described in section 9 of the report, subject to the business case and necessary internal governance required; and**
- (e) That the development of an Adult Care Strategy and associated medium term financial strategy (MTFS) for 2022-2025 aligned to the white paper and recovery of local activity following the pandemic, be agreed.**

176. SENDIASS REVIEW UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Deputy Executive Leader (Children and Families) / Assistant Director, Children's Services setting out proposals for the future delivery of SENDIASS service in Tameside.

It was explained that options had been explored to identify if any efficiency saving could be made with regard to the delivery of the service. This included benchmarking across North West & GM, to look at how other LA's delivered the service and compared delivery/costs and outcomes against the in-house model.

Members were advised that work with STAR and commissioning colleagues was undertaken to explore how neighbouring LA's delivered their SENDIASS service. Models of delivery across GM was variable within authorities aligned to STAR - Oldham and Stockport currently commissioning the service externally with good outcomes.

Identification of savings where appropriate, were explored, building on discussions with other LA's, to see if this would be a viable option for Tameside. Discussions with Tameside's finance and HR services were maintained throughout the process to assess and manage any identified risks against the options explored.

An options appraisal, as appended to the report, was completed by STAR, which outlined the procurement routes available for the various requirements in order to deliver the council's SENDIASS service effectively and in a timely manner.

The following four options were considered.

- Open Procurement;
- Deliver In-House Service;
- Modify Stockport Agreement with Together Trust; or
- Direct award following soft market test. This would be procured via an Exemption – '*The ASO can demonstrate that there is no genuine completion can be obtained of the purchase of particular Supplies, Services or execution of Works*'

Having undertaken an analysis on the variety of options as detailed above, STAR procurement recommended that the preferred option was to modify the Stockport Council agreement with Together Trust to include Tameside Council for one year with the ambition to procure a joint service from 1 April 2023.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the commissioning out of the SENDIASS to the Together Trust by way of a modification of Stockport Council's existing contract with the Together Trust for one year and thereafter for Tameside and Stockport Councils to procure a joint recommissioning from 1 April 2023, be agreed;**
- (ii) It be agreed that Stockport Council be the lead authority in relation to the contract; and**
- (iii) That the necessary steps be undertaken in relation to the transfer of affected staff.**

177. REVISED GAMBLING ACT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES 2022 – 2025

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment / Director of Place, which explained that Licensing authorities were required to develop, consult on, and publish a Statement of Principles every three years that set out the principles they proposed to apply in exercising their functions under the Gambling Act 2005.

It was further explained that, in preparing the Statement, the Authority had to have regard to codes of practice and guidance issued by the Gambling Commission. The Statement reflected collaboration across Greater Manchester with, for the first time, a joint Statement of Gambling Principles approved at local level. The aim of this was to provide a more consistent policy position across Greater Manchester; with the shared aim of preventing and reducing the negative impacts of gambling on individuals, families and communities.

A copy of the proposed Gambling Statement of Principles was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Details were given of the 8 week consultation process, which had taken place between 29 November 2021 and 24 January 2022 and copies of responses received were appended to the report.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) had been completed showing there was no adverse impact on the community. The EIA form was also appended to the report.

RESOLVED

That it be RECOMMENDED that Full Council adopt the Gambling Statement of Principles as appended to the report.

178. REVISED STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY – LICENSING ACT 2003

The Executive Member, Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment / Director of Place submitted a report, which explained that Licensing authorities were required to prepare, consult on,

and publish a Statement of Licensing Policy every five years. The policy detailed how the Council would administer and enforce the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003.

Members were advised that Tameside Council's Statement of Licensing Policy was last revised in January 2016. Due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic a full review of the Licensing Policy was unable to take place, therefore the policy was extended for a period of 12 months in May 2021.

The revised draft policy reflected recent changes to legislation including the Immigration Act 2016. The most significant change was the proposed removal of the Cumulative Impact Policies (in Stalybridge town centre and Ashton-under-Lyne town centre).

A copy of the proposed Statement of Licensing Policy was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Details were given of the 8 week consultation process, which had taken place between 29 November 2021 and 24 January 2022 and copies of the response received was appended to the report.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) had been completed showing there was no adverse impact on the community. The EIA form was also appended to the report.

RESOLVED

It be RECOMMENDED that Full Council adopt the Licensing Policy as appended to the report.

179. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION TO ESTABLISH A TEN PLACE RESOURCE BASE AT CORRIE PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

A report was submitted by the Executive Member, Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage / Director of Children's Services, which informed Members of the outcome of a school organisation consultation to establish, with effect from 1 September 2022, a designated resource base at Corrie Primary and Nursery School to enable up to 10 pupils aged 5 – 11 with cognition and learning and/or communication and interaction and/or social, emotional and mental health needs to be supported.

The report outlined the consultation process and the responses received.

It was concluded that there was a clear need to develop additional resourced provision in the borough. The pilot project had been successfully received by governors and staff at Corrie Primary and Nursery School and parents, as evidenced by the responses to the consultation. The proposal was in line with the SEND Forward Plan and provided better value for money. The 10 place unit avoided potential additional costs of up to £348,200 to the DSG High Needs budget, which was expected to be £3.2m in deficit by the end the financial year.

RESOLVED

That the proposal to establish a designated resource base at Corrie Primary and Nursery School to enable up to 10 pupils aged 5 – 11 with cognition and learning and/or communication and interaction and/or social, emotional and mental health needs without modification from 1 September 2022; be approved.

180. SUPPORTING FAMILIES GRANT

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader (Children and Families) / Assistant Director, Children's Services providing an update following the confirmation of continued funding from the Supporting Families Programme Grant, its amount and the proposed financial allocation of monies. It was explained that Early Help Services were currently funded from TMBC core budget funding and other grants, one of which was Supporting Families.

Members were advised that the government had confirmed the continuation of the grant for a further

3 years with £1,194,683 being allocated for 2022/2023. This was an increase in previous years, of £390,600 and it was proposed to continue to fund existing services with an opportunity to develop and expand further services.

The Strengthening Families Programme grant currently funded services and posts as set out in the appendix A to the report and as described in section 3 of the report.

The report set out proposals to agree the spending for the continued Supporting Families Grant, which had been allocated to the Local Authority via Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) (Earned Autonomy) for 2022 to 2025.

The Supporting Families Programme grant was a continuation of the established grant Tameside had received for 8 years as identified in previous reports.

RESOVLED

- (i) That the current arrangements with Action Together, Domestic Abuse services and HomeStart, continue to be funded as follows:

Provider	Amount per year	Type of Arrangement
HomeStart	£50,000	Service Contract
Action Together	£65,000	Grant Agreement
Domestic Abuse Services	£152,443	Services Contract

- (ii) That the extension of the Inspire Family Intervention service contract delivered by Jigsaw be agreed for a further 6 months till 30 September 2022, then this contract will cease;
- (iii) That the current commissioned Family Intervention service provided by Jigsaw, Inspire services be put out to tender for a 2.5 year period.

Year 1 (6 months) Sept 2022 – March 2023	£108,000
Year 2 April 2023 – March 2024	£216,000
Year 3 April 2024 – March 2025	£216,000

- (iv) That spend of £207,358 budgeted from the Supporting Families grant that will be used to obtain more resources to support wider service delivery and strategic leadership to build capacity within Early Intervention over the next 3 years on fixed term contracts as outlined in 3.32 of the report, be approved.

181. URGENT ITEMS

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

182. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

It be noted that the next meeting of the Executive Cabinet is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 22 June 2022.

CHAIR