

EXECUTIVE CABINET

22 June 2022

Commenced: 2.00pm

Terminated: 2.30pm

Present: Councillors Cooney(Chair), Choksi, Fairfoull, Feeley, Jackson, Sweeton, Taylor and Ward

In Attendance:

Sandra Stewart	Chief Executive
Kathy Roe	Director of Finance
Stephanie Butterworth	Director of Adult Services
Alison Stathers-Tracey	Director of Children's Services
Nick Fenwick	Interim 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
Emma Varnam	Assistant Director, Operations & Neighbourhoods
Jordanna Rawlinson	Head of Communications

Apologies for absence: Councillors: Kitchen, North and Wills

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Cabinet Members.

2. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the joint meeting of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 27 April 2022 be approved as a correct record.

3. MINUTES OF STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 27 April 2022 be noted.

4. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Board held on 13 April 2022 be noted.

5. 2021/22 REVENUE OUTTURN REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Lead Clinical GP / Director of Finance. The report was the final report for the 2021/22 financial year which detailed actual expenditure to 31 March 2022.

It was reported that, at the end of another unusual and challenging financial year for the Strategic Commission and ICFT, the final outturn position on 2021/22 budgets presented a broadly balanced position, with a small overspend on Council Budgets). CCG budgets represented a break even position, while the ICFT had delivered a small surplus. Given the significant pressures and challenges that had been faced over the last 12 months, this position was a significant achievement.

Longer term financial outlooks remained a cause for concern, contending with the aftermath of the pandemic at the same time as addressing an underlying financial deficit and implementing significant organisational change across the NHS. The national and global economic conditions, with increasing inflationary pressures across a number of areas, presented significant financial risk for a number of Council budgets.

Appendix 1 to the report summarised the integrated financial position on revenue budgets as at 31 March 2022. The final outturn position presented a broadly balanced position, with a small overspend of £131k on Council Budgets. CCG budgets had achieved a balanced position with nil variance against budget. The final outturn position was net of a range of significant under and over spends across a number of service areas. Further detail on budget variances, savings and pressures, was included in appendix 2 to the report.

It was further explained that The CCG would cease to exist as a statutory body in June, with commissioning responsibilities for Tameside patients transferring to Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board, while Glossop moved into the Derby & Derbyshire system. Precise operational arrangements to support this change were still under development and future iterations of this report would need to adapt to support new governance arrangements, whilst continuing to provide insight into the integrated financial position across the Tameside locality.

Appendix 3 to the report provided an update on Council Tax and Business Rates collection performance and the year-end position on the Collection Fund.

Appendix 4 to the report provided an update on the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). The 2021/22 cumulative deficit on DSG was £3.243m, mainly as a result of the continued pressure on High Needs. 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 2021/22 cumulative deficit on DSG was £3.243m, mainly as a result of the 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 it was expected that the deficit be recovered and spending managed over the next 3 years.

Appendix 5 to the report summarised the write-offs of irrecoverable debts for the period 1 January to 31 March 2022.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the outturn position as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**
- (ii) That the significant variations and pressures facing Budgets as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;**
- (iii) That the reserve transfers detailed on pages 38-43 of Appendix 2 to the report, be approved;**
- (iv) That the outturn position on the Collection Fund be noted;**
- (v) That the outturn position in respect of Dedicated Schools Grant as set out in Appendix 4 to the report, be noted; and**
- (vi) That the write off of irrecoverable debts set out in Appendix 5 to the report, be approved.**

6. 2021/22 TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Director of Finance setting out the Treasury Management activities for the financial year 2021/22.

The report provided an overview of the Treasury Management activities of the organisation over the last 12 months. At year end, the total investment balance was £144m and total long term borrowing was £141m.

It was explained that the current strategy was designed to ensure that borrowing costs were kept low over the longer term, rather than subject to volatility that a high risk strategy might deliver. Where investments were involved, the policy was to ensure the security of the asset rather than pursue the highest returns available.

In summary, due to a combination of strong investment returns and borrowing being taken up at a time of favourable interest rates, there had been an overall saving on the Council's borrowing costs of £699,000 and interest earned on day-to-day investments of £667,000. This exceeded the benchmark LIBOR / LIBID indicators by £334,000. As a result of successful and prudent Treasury Management activity, additional funds were now available to be invested in Council services.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the treasury management activities undertaken on behalf of both Tameside MBC and the Greater Manchester Metropolitan Debt Administration Fund (GMMDAF), be noted; and**
- (ii) That the outturn position for the prudential indicators in Appendix A to the report, be noted.**

7. 2021/22 CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT

The First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / GP Clinical Lead / Director of Finance submitted a report summarising the outturn at 31 March 2022. The detail of the monitoring report was focused on the budget and forecast expenditure for fully approved projects in the 2021/22 financial year.

Members were advised that the approved budget for 2021/22 was £32.198m (after re-profiling approved at Period 10 Monitoring) and outturn for the financial year was £24.651m. There were additional schemes that had been identified as a priority for the Council, and, where available, capital resource had been earmarked against these schemes, which would be added to the Capital Programme and future detailed monitoring reports once satisfactory business cases had been approved by Executive Cabinet.

Service areas had spent £24.651m on capital investment in 2021/22, which was £7.547m less than the current capital budget for the year. This variation was spread across a number of areas, and was made up of a number of over/underspends on various schemes (£1.560m) and the re-profiling of expenditure in other areas (£5.987m), due to delays on a number of schemes.

Detailed capital update reports for each Directorate area were included on the agenda of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel (SPCMP). The report provided a summary of the financial position against the overall programme but further details on scheme delivery could be found in the Directorate reports to SPCMP.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the outturn position for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**
- (ii) That the re-profiling of budgets into 2022/23 as set out on page 4 of Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;**
- (iii) That the funding position of the approved Capital Programme as set on page 9 of Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**
- (iv) That the changes to the Capital Programme as set out on page 10 in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted; and**
- (v) That the updated Prudential Indicator position set out on pages 11-12 of Appendix 1 to the report, which was approved by Council in February 2021, be noted.**

8. CORPORATE PLAN SCORECARDS UPDATE, JUNE 2022

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader / CCG Co-Chairs / Director of Transformation in respect of the Corporate Plan Scorecards (as appended to the report) providing evidence to demonstrate progress towards achievement of the Corporate Plan and improving the services provided to residents, businesses and key stakeholders within the locality.

The outcomes scorecard, which contained long term outcome measures that tracked progress to improve the quality of life for local residents, was attached to the report at Appendix 1.

Appendix 2 to the report, was the Tameside Policy & Performance Framework for the organisation, under which the scorecards operated. The framework clearly set out the different elements that contributed towards the achievement of the Corporate Plan priorities.

RESOLVED

That the contents of the report, scorecard Appendix 1, and the Tameside Policy & Performance Framework at Appendix 2 be noted, and that the next quarterly update to Board and to Executive Cabinet be agreed.

9. SEND WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ACTION – HEALTH FUNDING REQUIREMENTS

The Executive Member, Health / Executive Member, Education and Achievement / GP Clinical Lead / Director of Commissioning submitted a report, which outlined the critical remedial action that the Tameside integrated health and care system was taking to address the ten areas of significant weakness identified following the SEND local area inspection that took place during October 2021 and the requirement to submit a Written Statement of Action (WSOA) to OFSTED.

It was explained that, out of the ten areas of significant weakness, three were of particular focus in relation to integrated health and care provision:-

- The endemic weaknesses in the quality and, due to the pandemic, timeliness of EHC plans, which lead to poor outcomes for children and young people with SEND across education, health and care;
- The high level of dissatisfaction among parents and carers with the area's provision; and
- The unreasonable waiting times, which lead to increased needs for children and young people and their families.

In relation to addressing the unreasonable waiting times, which lead to increased needs for children and young people and their families; and the endemic weaknesses in the quality and, due to the pandemic, timeliness of EHC plans, which lead to poor outcomes for children and young people with SEND across education, health and care, further investment was required.

The services commissioned specifically in relation to these areas of weakness in the SEND Inspection were:- Therapies (Speech and Language, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy), provided by ICFT; Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) and the neurodevelopmental diagnosis pathway, provided by PCFT.

In 21/22 and 22/23 additional investment of £1,421,537 had been earmarked for CAMHS and the Neurodevelopmental pathway. A mobilisation plan was being implemented that would see an improvement in waiting times and timeliness and quality of the EHC Plans for these service areas.

In relation to the Therapies provision further investment was urgently required. Since 2008 there had been no additional resource provided to take account of the legislative reform of the Children & Families Act and no amendments to contracts or service specifications had taken place.

The impact of the COVID 19 pandemic had meant that the situation in relation to waiting lists was now urgent as they had increased further and as a result, the impact on Tameside families had been

significant.

With increasing demands and pressures on the service, key challenges remained and as highlighted in the Inspection report it was now characterised by:-

- Demand on the services outstripping capacity; EHCP numbers had increased threefold in recent years to a current level of 2174;
- Ever-increasing waiting times; and
- A need to update processes and procedures to ensure a more responsive and effective service for Tameside families.

The ICFT currently provided these services across Tameside and were best placed to deliver the integrated service required. The additional investment would expand the existing provision and utilise existing pathways, management structures and infrastructure.

In relation to addressing the high level of dissatisfaction among parents and carers with the area's provision and ensure that a service was provided to support Tameside families on their journey through the integrated system and ensure that it is a positive experience, funding was required to support Tameside's Parent Carer Forum. The SEND Code of Practice stated an expectation that funding would be made available for the local Parent/Carer forum. To widen the scope and service of the Parent Carer Forum would require a contribution of circa £40,000 per annum.

In order to implement the written statement of actions, a Programme Implementation Team would need to be mobilised. The team would ensure that the investment requirements, as outlined in the report, provided value for money and that there was appropriate oversight and reporting of SEND requirements. An estimated cost for this level of support was £150,000 for the first year.

RESOLVED

- (i) That an immediate investment of £410,000 be approved, to enable the immediate recruitment of 50% of the specialist children's therapists and a commitment to a further £410,000 whilst a permanent long-term sustainable solution is fully developed;**
- (ii) That a contribution of £40,000 p.a. be approved, to widen the scope and service of Tameside's Patient Carer Forum to address the weaknesses identified by the Inspection; and**
- (iii) That the recruitment of an interim dedicated programme support be approved, to ensure effective implementation and performance monitoring of the Written Statement of Action and ensure the integrated system is compliant with its statutory duties.**

10. NOMINATION OF A PLACE LEAD FOR HEALTH AND CARE INTEGRATION

A report was submitted by the Executive Member, Health / CCG Co-Chair / Director of Commissioning explaining that the role of a single responsible Place Lead for Integrated Care was a core feature of Greater Manchester's development as an integrated care system. The report outlined the proposed nomination and appointment process to the role in Tameside.

It was explained that the Greater Manchester Health and Social Care Partnership (GMHSCP) issued the Accountability Framework for the Place Lead for Health and Care 17 March 2022. The framework requested that each locality identified a new role as part of NHS GM Integrated Care arrangements, this would be known as a Place Lead for Health and Care Integration. The Place Lead would ensure that Tameside remained a strong and influential component part of the Greater Manchester Integrated Care System.

The Place Lead for Health and Care Integration would be responsible for driving the local integration of health and social care and connecting that to wider public services to address the social determinants of health, with the purpose of improving health outcomes, improving the quality of care, reducing health inequalities and maximising the value of public resources.

Noting that the GM accountability framework set out that within each locality the Council would remain the place leader. The nomination process was to establish the Place Lead for Health and Care Integration via one of three options:

Option 1: The Local Authority Chief Executive. As the Place Lead for Health and Care Integration forms part of the Local Authority Chief Executive's role they would need to be supported by a senior officer who would also be a member of the ICB locality team. This was anticipated to be an existing Tameside CCG executive. The Place Lead for Health and Care Integration would hold dual accountability to the Tameside Strategic Partnership Board and the Chief Executive of NHS GM Integrated Care. This would require a contract of employment with both NHS GM Integrated Care and Tameside Council.

Option 2: An individual employed by NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board. A full-time role with the responsibility for delivering the requirements of the accountability framework. Fully employed by NHS GM Integrated Care with dual accountability to the GM Integrated Care Chief Executive and Tameside Council Chief Executive via the place-based board. The post holder would be the head of the locality team.

Option 3: Bespoke locality arrangements. If Tameside partners had alternative proposals from the options set out in the accountability framework a clear rationale should be provided which described and justified the difference and evidenced the full involvement and support of Tameside Council and other locality partners.

Members were advised that Option 1: Nomination of the Local Authority Chief Executive was endorsed at the Shadow Tameside Strategic Partnership Board April 2022 and by Tameside and Glossop CCG Governing Body. The nomination would be submitted to NHS GM Integrated Care for ratification.

RESOLVED

That the essence of the arrangement continue and that the Chief Executive of Tameside Council be nominated as the Tameside Place Lead for Health and Care Integration.

11. STALYBRIDGE LUF BID

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Business and Employment / Director of Place seeking approval for the submission of a bid by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council to the Levelling Up Fund Round 2 for Stalybridge Town Centre.

It was explained that the Council had identified Stalybridge Town Centre, as one of its priority areas to deliver the objectives of the Tameside Inclusive Growth Strategy 2021-26 in making town centres hubs for living, culture, employment and services supporting a sustainable retail sector. Stalybridge Town Centre was selected as Tameside's focus for the GM Mayor's Town Centre Challenge in 2018. Initial work to plan and progress the delivery of Stalybridge's Town Centre Challenge was co-ordinated by the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge (STCC) Board and the Stalybridge Town Centre Challenge Action Plan – Our Place Our Plan which set out the aspirations for the town centre.

In September 2019 it was announced that the Stalybridge High Street Heritage Action Zone (HSHAZ) had secured a £1,275,000 grant from Historic England with £1,275,000 match funding from the Council. The HSHAZ was helping to regenerate areas of the town centre and restore the town's local historic character including delivery of the Heritage Walk to provide connectivity and improve safety along Market Street and repairs to the Civic Hall to future proof this historic building.

Funding of £360,000 had been secured from the Brownfield Homes Fund to enable the redevelopment of 24 new apartments at the Stalybridge Police Station site. This would remove a derelict brownfield site in the centre with new residents able to live in the core of the town centre, to support the town's retail, culture and leisure offering. It should be noted that this would not be a capital scheme managed

by the Council and the Council would therefore not receive the aforementioned Brownfield Homes Fund grant.

In July 2021 the Council launched an early evening street food and drink market, offering a wide array of hot food, drinks, family entertainment, and live music. The events had drawn thousands of visitors to the town, with significant local economic, social and environmental benefits. Launched on a six month trial basis using money the Council secured from the Welcome Back Fund, due to the success of the event, the Council had agreed to continue the event in 2022.

The Stalybridge Action Plan identified the need to determine the future role of Stalybridge Bus Station and consider the potential for its relocation into a more appropriate location. The Council had now commenced work on the Stalybridge Interchange Options Study, utilising £100,000 secured from TfGM, to develop options for a potential new transport interchange (bus and rail) in and around the existing rail station, linked to the wider programme of regeneration in the Town Centre.

In January 2022, the Council was successful with a Town of Culture bid to GMCA, which had secured an additional £50,000 to support a programme of cultural activity in Stalybridge during 2022. This would enable Stalybridge to build on its existing vibrant programme of cultural activity and bring further exciting opportunities for residents and visitors as well as a lasting legacy for the town, working in partnership with The Bridge Cultural Consortium. These would tie in with existing cultural highlights in the town, such as the monthly Street Fest event.

A bid to the Fund had been prepared for Stalybridge 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.

This bid had been developed to build on the unsuccessful bid to the Fund for Stalybridge made in Round 1. While the Round 1 bid was not successful, the feedback received had suggested that had the submission been worked up further in delivery terms, it would have secured a higher scoring

An internal Council cross service working group had been established to focus on the coordination and development of the bid led by the Place Directorate. In the preparation of the detailed bid a range of local stakeholders were being consulted to support the strategic case for investment. This internal team had been supported by specialist external advice from Arup that had been procured via STAR procurement as part of a competitive tender process.

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

The draft bid for Stalybridge was focused enabling infrastructure to bring forward vacant sites for redevelopment, public realm and active travel improvements, and the delivery of the Stalybridge 'Cultural Quarter' at the Civic Hall and Ashley Cheetham Art Gallery. This would help the Town Centre to reach its full potential and deliver further comprehensive regeneration, attracting additional investment.

It was further explained that the bid was supported by match funding that the Council had successfully secured via the HSHAZ of £2,550,000, to help regenerate areas of the Town Centre and restore the local historic character. This scheme was included in the Council's capital programme. There was further investment via the £360,000 Brownfield Homes Grant for the Stalybridge Police Station site.

The bid provided a significant opportunity in bringing all of the above together as part of a comprehensive emerging vision for Stalybridge which would seek to capitalise on and develop further the growing evening economy in the Town Centre and further explore the full potential of Council assets, such as the Town Hall, to provide a wider mix of uses.

The Council was required to submit its bid to the Levelling Up Fund for Stalybridge Town Centre by the deadline of 6 July 2022. There would be significant competition for the Fund across England and funding requests would be far in excess of funding availability with bids assessed as part of Green Book process/appraisal criteria. The Council would finalise a robust and deliverable bid for submission to the Fund for Stalybridge Town Centre based on the contents of the report. A further update would be provided once successful bids to the Fund were announced in Autumn 2022.

RESOLVED

- (i) It be agreed that a bid to the Levelling Up Fund for Stalybridge Town Centre is submitted from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council by the deadline of 6 July 2022; and**
- (ii) It be agreed that the Director of Place finalise the bid in consultation with the Executive Member (Business and Employment) and Director of Finance.**

12. DENTON LUF BID

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Business and Employment / Director of Place seeking approval for the submission of a bid by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council to the Levelling Up Fund Round 2 for Denton Town Centre.

It was explained 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 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 was being impacted by national market trends in the retail sector, increasing cost pressures on businesses, the poor condition and/or underutilisation of prominent buildings, varying quality of public realm and a disconnection between key assets.

A bid to the Fund had been 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.

An internal Council cross service working group had been established to focus on the coordination and development of the bid led by the Place Directorate. In the preparation of the detailed bid a range of local stakeholders were being consulted to support the strategic case for investment. The internal team had been supported by specialist external advice from Arup that has been procured via STAR procurement as part of a competitive tender process.

The bid to the Fund had been designed to be an economic driver that delivered 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 served its local catchment.

The draft bid for Denton was focused 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 development at Crown Point and the new Denton Wellness Centre, were fully captured. Further capital investment was also sought at Festival Hall and Denton Town Hall to provide enabling infrastructure that made best use of the Council's estate. This would help the Town Centre to reach its full potential and deliver further comprehensive regeneration, attracting additional footfall and investment.

It was further explained that the bid was supported by match funding that the Council had been successful in securing via the £300,000 Brownfield Homes Grant for the former Denton Baths site in 2021/22 and investment from TfGM of £1,950,000 via the Active Travel Fund for the Crown Point A57

scheme providing an improved environment for walking and cycling. This sum was expected to be confirmed in the current financial year.

The bid provided a significant opportunity in bringing all of the above together as part of a comprehensive emerging vision for Denton which would seek to capitalise on and develop further the growing evening economy in the Town Centre and further explore the full potential of Council assets, such as the Town Hall, to provide a wider mix of uses.

The Council was required to submit its bid to the Levelling Up Fund for Denton Town Centre by the deadline of 6 July 2022. There would be significant competition for the Fund across England and funding requests would be far in excess of funding availability with bids assessed as part of Green Book process/appraisal criteria. The Council would finalise a robust and deliverable bid for submission to the Fund for Denton Town Centre based on the contents of the report. A further update will be provided once successful bids to the Fund were announced in Autumn 2022.

RESOLVED

- (i) It be agreed that a bid to the Levelling Up Fund for Denton Town Centre is submitted from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council by the deadline of 6 July 2022; and**
- (ii) It be agreed that the Director of Place will finalise the bid in consultation with the Executive Member (Business and Employment) and Director of Finance.**

13. CIVIC EVENTS REPORT 2022

A report was submitted by the Executive Member, Town Centres and Communities / Assistant Director, Operations and Neighbourhoods setting out the programme of events and activities for 2022.

It was explained that the civic events programme spanned a full 12 months of a calendar year and featured the key events:

- Whit Friday Brass Band Contest,
- Armed Forces Day,
- Remembrance Services and Parades; and
- Corporate lantern parade and town Christmas switch on events.

Full details were provided for each of the above in the report.

Further details were also provided of annual events of national or local significance which the Events Panel proposed that the Council marked corporately and or through community engagement activity, such as Pride.

Additional cultural events and activities were also highlighted as follows:

- Summer Theatre;
- Summer Reading Challenge; and
- Tameside Heritage Month.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the plans for Whit Friday be noted;**
- (ii) That the plans for Armed Forces Day be noted and agreed;**
- (iii) That the plans for Remembrance Sunday and the associated Services and Parades be noted and the proposal for additional recurrent revenue budget of £14,000 (sections 2.17 and 6.5 refers) be considered. It is recommended that a revenue budget of £14,000 is approved for the 2022/23 financial year only (via the Council's revenue contingency budget) pending a review of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. This review will determine availability of recurrent funding from 2023/24 for these events. This will then be subject to separate approval via the Council's 2023/24 budget report that will be presented to Members at the February 2023 Council meeting;**

- (iv) That the proposal relating to Tameside's corporate Winter Lantern Parade 2022 be agreed;
- (v) That the dates for the Town Christmas events 2022 be agreed;
- (vi) That the support package for the Town Christmas events be agreed;
- (vii) That the request for additional recurrent revenue budget of £15,000 (sections 3.11 and 6.1 refer) to support the core Christmas package be considered. It is recommended that a revenue budget of £15,000 is approved for the 2022/23 financial year only (via the Council's revenue contingency budget) pending a review of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. This review will determine availability of recurrent funding from 2023/24 for these events. This will then be subject to separate approval via the Council's 2023/24 budget report that will be presented to Members at the February 2023 Council meeting.
- (viii) That the additional plans and capital budget of £320,000 (sections 3.14 and 6.3 refer) for an enhanced festive lighting scheme be considered. The Council's capital programme will be reviewed and updated during 2022/23 for additional priority schemes that will be subject to available funding and separate Member approval. A capital budget of £320,000 is to be proposed for enhanced festive lighting as a priority scheme to be considered in the 2022/23 capital programme review; and meanwhile consideration will be given to a deliverable project for Christmas 2022.
- (ix) That the additional highlighted events programme be noted.

14. HOLIDAY ACTIVITY FUND FUNDING EXTENSION

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Education and Achievement / Assistant Director of Children's Services setting out proposals to agree the spending for the continued Holiday Activity Fund Grant, which had been allocated to the Local Authority from the DfE to fund local co-ordination of free holiday activities and healthy food for disadvantaged children during 2022 (covering Easter, Summer and Christmas holidays). This was a continuation of the funding allocation received 2021.

It was explained that, on 8 November 2020, the government announced that the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme, which had provided healthy food and enriching activities to disadvantaged children since 2018, would be expanded across the whole of England in 2021. Tameside was allocated £1,162,030 to deliver the requirements of the HAF programme 2021. The programme was successfully delivered and outcomes met. In October the DfE announced further funding was to be allocated to existing Local Authorities to cover one week at Easter, 4 weeks over summer and one week at Christmas holidays in 2022. Tameside 2022 allocation was £1,174,560. Conditions of the Grant were detailed in the report.

Members were advised that, in Tameside there was an established multi- agency steering group to oversee and support the implementation of the HAF programme. A HAF coordinator secondment to Tameside MBC from Active Tameside had been appointed. The HAF coordinator worked with schools and providers across Tameside to develop a plan to enable the full delivery of the programme to all eligible families. In addition, the post would identify gaps within workforce development, put a plan in place to ensure the activities became embedded and sustainable going forward.

It was further explained that Active Tameside were already a key partner within the delivery of the programme and it was requested that this continue with the grant arrangement coming to the Local Authority from the DfE and work with Active to implement the programme to ensure the consistency and success of the programme. This would ensure all targets and outcomes were met to ensure the funding was drawn down. On advice from STAR, a Preferred Provider list had been established and the HAF coordinator would continue to work with STAR procurement to further develop the preferred provider list. This would ensure that all aspects of the criteria to enable the Local Authority to purchase free places for children and young people across the school holidays were met and were fully compliant.

RESOLVED

- (i) It be agreed that the HAF grant be spent on supporting vulnerable families who are eligible for 'free school meals' in the holiday period;
- (ii) It be agreed to continue the secondment for the HAF coordinator, from Active Tameside, to oversee the project and coordinate activity and planning for school holiday periods;
- (iii) It be agreed to continue with the current arrangements with Active Tameside to deliver activity and to deliver the food element with the nutrition team across the holiday periods;
- (iv) It be agreed that the remaining allocation for 2022/23 be spent on HAF project over the holiday periods as outlined within the HAF grant conditions; and
- (v) That TMBC pay external providers that are on the preferred provider list for delivery of the programme through the school holidays 2022.

15. PROPOSAL TO DECLARE ASSETS SURPLUS TO REQUIREMENTS (BATCH 3)

A report was submitted by the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Director of Place explaining that on 30 September 2020, Executive Cabinet approved a policy relating to the disposal of Council owned land and property

Members were advised that officers were looking to consult with Ward Councillors in respect to the potential release of the following assets:

- Land at Craven Street, Droylsden, M43 7UN (Droylsden East Ward);
- Land adj. 4 Lime Street, Dukinfield, SK16 4NF (Dukinfield Ward);
- Former 237-241 Cavendish Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 7DS (St. Peters Ward);
- Land at Quarry Street, Stalybridge, SK15 1SJ (Dukinfield / Stalybridge Ward);
- Land at Godley Green, Hyde;
- Buckley Street / Cheetham Hill Road, Stalybridge, SK15 1TU (Dukinfield / Stalybridge Ward);
- Droylsden Cemetery, Manor Road, Droylsden, M43 6QA (Droylsden West Ward);
- Stamford Park Conservatory, OL6 6RW (Ashton St Michael's / Stalybridge North Ward);
- Land to the rear of 125 Great Norbury Street, Hyde, SK14 1HT (Hyde Werneth Ward);
- Land to the rear of Canon Burrows Church of England Primary School, Oldham Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL7 9ND (Ashton Waterloo Ward);
- Land adj. former Clinic, Stamford Street / Trinity Street, Stalybridge, SK15 1JZ (Stalybridge North Ward);
- Land to the rear of 61-83 (odd) Palace Road, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 8HL (Ashton St. Michael's Ward); and
- Former Longdendale Children's Centre, off Spring Street, Hollingworth, SK14 8LP (Longdendale Ward).

Details of all the above were included in appendices to the report.

RESOLVED

It be agreed that, following consultation with Executive and Ward Members, the schedule of assets as set out in Section 2 of the report and above, are declared surplus.

16. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded for consideration of Appendix 1 of the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would or would likely prejudice the commercial interests of the Council and it would not be in the Council's and/or taxpayers interests to disclose at this time.

17. GODLEY GREEN GARDEN VILLAGE – DEVELOPER PARTNER SELECTION

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Business and Employment / Director of Place providing information in respect of progress of the Godley Green Garden Village project.

It was explained that 2021 was a year of consolidation and progress for the project. The relationship with Homes England had been strengthened and their support re-confirmed through revised Housing Infrastructure Funding (HIF) contractual Milestones. The critical Milestone of the spending of all grant funds had been moved from March 2022 to March 2023.

The Outline Planning Application was validated in November 2021, which was the culmination of detailed pre-application discussions with the LPA, which allowed the Council to meet a critical HIF milestone.

The land Option Agreements, whereby an interest in land was secured by the Council, were now going through the final legal documentation stage with four landowners and terms had been agreed with a fifth.

In July 2021, the Council resolved that it would begin the process of gathering the evidence required to support the development of a Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) Strategy for the site.

In December 2021, a Soft Market Engagement (SME) exercise was carried out in order to understand the development market's view of the project and to get commercial feedback to inform the Council's ongoing role in the project. As a result of the responses to the SME, greater clarity and focus had been provided by the market on how Godley Green was perceived as a development opportunity.

A recommendation report, as appended to the report, had been produced by the Council's project team. This assessed the options available against the Council's Objectives for this process and concluded that a development agreement with a master developer would be the preferred route to market.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the analysis of the soft market engagement exercise, restrictions and 3rd party obligations, assumptions and objectives when considering the preferred delivery option and procurement route, be noted;**
- (ii) That the commencement of the developer partner selection process, in accordance with the preferred delivery option, procurement route and procurement timetable, be approved;**
- (iii) It be noted that the project team will update on the outcome of the delivery partner selection process and outline in detail the proposed legal and commercial arrangements of a proposed development agreement to a future Executive Cabinet meeting; and**
- (iv) It be noted that the project team will also return to a future Executive Cabinet meeting with proposals for governance and procedures with the necessary delegated authorities to support the operationalisation of the development partnership.**

18. URGENT ITEMS

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

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

It be noted that the next meeting of the Executive Cabinet is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 27 July 2022.

CHAIR