

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL MONITORING PANEL

18 July 2022

Commenced: 2.00pm

Terminated: 2:53pm

Present: Councillors Cooney (Chair), Bray, Feeley, McNally and Dickinson

In Attendance:

Sandra Stewart	Chief Executive
Caroline Barlow	Assistant Director of Finance
Emma Varnam	Assistant Director of Operations & Neighbourhoods
Stephanie Butterworth	Director of Adult Services
Mike Reed	Head of Major Programmes
Catherine Moseley	Head of Access Services

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Fairfoull, North, Boyle and Ryan.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES

That the minutes of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel meeting held on the 14 March 2022 were approved as a correct record.

3. 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

To NOTE:

- (i) The outturn position for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report,**
- (ii) The funding position of the approved Capital Programme as set on page 9 of Appendix 1 to the report;**
- (iii) The changes to the Capital Programme as set out on page 10 in Appendix 1 to the report; and**
- (iv) 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.**

That EXECUTIVE CABINET be RECOMMENDED to APPROVE:

- (v) The re-profiling of budgets into 2022/23 as set out on page 4 of Appendix 1 to the report.**

4. ADULTS CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Adult Social Care / Director of Place providing an update of the developments in relation to the Adults Capital Programme for:

- schemes previously approved and still underway,
- the usage of the wider disabled facilities grant (DFG) including the housing adaptations budget; and
- the DFG allocation for Tameside for 2022/23.

Progress updates were provided on the following:

- The Moving with Dignity Programme;
- Disability Assessment Centre; and
- Replacement of Ageing and Obsolete Equipment.

In respect of Disabled Facilities Grant and other related adaptations funding, it was explained that the Department of Health and Social Care had determined the DFG allocations for all local authorities for 2022/23. Tameside's allocation was £2,849,319 for 2022/23. This report sought approval to seek a resolution from cabinet to spend this allocation against the Adults Capital Programme. Transformation plans were currently being developed across all Adult Services, which were in line with significant new burdens outlined in the Adult Social Care Reform White Paper. There would be a further Capital Report in Autumn 2022 which would contain recommendations for the Capital Reserves for Adult Care.

It was further reported that the delivery of adaptations was continuing and the rate of delivery had increased as restrictions had eased.

In terms of Changing Places Toilets, it was reported that, during the year, Government announced it was to make funding available to provide Changing Places Toilets (CPT) for disabled people. A total of £30m was available for local authorities to make expressions of interest (EOI) for grant assistance. The Council submitted its EOI in September 2021 for £100k with a £25k co-funding element from the Council. In March 2022, the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities announced the awards and Tameside's bid for funding had been successful and the Council had been awarded £100k for the project. The three schemes within the project were 4C at Christ Church in Ashton, Together Centre at Loxley House Dukinfield and Hyde Bangladeshi Welfare Centre in Hyde. The funding was available until the end of financial year 2023-24.

The report concluded that recruitment to posts within social care continued to be challenging and impacted on a number of the capital schemes. However, work was underway with HR colleagues to seek to improve the recruitment processes and attract more people to work in Adult Services and sustain them longer term.

All costs and benefits were being monitored and reviewed regularly taking into account people's

changing needs and ensuring the right support is in place; whether that be assessment staff or adaptations to enable people to live well and as independently as possible in their own homes.

The publication of the Adult Social Care White Paper (People at the heart of Care) in December 2021 set out a 10 year vision for adult social care and provided information on funded proposals that the government would implement over the next 3 years. There were capital funding implications contained within it, which would need to be worked through both nationally and locally. Updates would be provided appropriately as further details were announced and impacts were clearly understood.

RESOLVED

To NOTE:

- (i) The progress updates against Adults' capital projects; and**
- (ii) Tameside's DFG allocation for 2022/23 of £2,849,319.**

That EXECUTIVE CABINET be RECOMMENDED to APPROVE:

- (iii) permission to spend Tameside's DFG allocation for 2022/23 of £2,849,319 as part of the Adults Capital Programme.**

5. EDUCATION CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Executive Member, Education and Achievement / First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Director of Education / Interim Director of Place providing Members with an overview and updated position on the Council's Education Capital Programme.

It was reported that the Basic Need allocation for 2022/23 had been updated. In February 2021, it was announced the allocation was £6,348,338. On 28 March 2022, the allocations for future years were announced and the 2022/23 allocation had been updated to £6,777,120. There was no Basic Need allocations for Tameside for 2023/24 and 2024/25 as it was based on pupil numbers, which at this time was predicted to remain at a level that does not trigger the need for additional funding.

Full details of existing and proposed schemes under the School Condition Grant Funding were set out in Appendix 1. It was stated that On 12 May 2022, the final allocations were released, the allocation for Tameside is £1,545,072.

The report sought approval for an increased allocation (£345,072) to £1,545,072 be added to the School Condition Allocation programme. The report detailed the schemes within this programme, costs and progress of each scheme. It was explained that schools would contribute towards all school condition schemes. For 2022/23 this currently amounted to £252,000 for the following schools:

In regards to the Devolved Formula Capital (DFC) Funding, on 28 March 2022, the Government announced the 2022/23 provisional allocations for local authorities. On 12 May 2022, the final allocations were released, the total for Tameside schools is £325,284 and £173,874 for Voluntary Aided schools.

Members of the Panel were provided an update on the progress of the School Condition Grant Schemes. Appendix 1 provided a financial update with the details of current School Condition (SCA) funded projects, included proposed changes to scheme funding. It was stated that in order to develop an informed asset management plan for schools that remain under the Council's responsibility an independent surveyor was appointed to carry out condition surveys of existing school premises. The intention was to create a transparent and targeted schedule of works required to school buildings. The budget available was insufficient to meet the demands placed upon it and the surveyors were asked to identify priorities of the works required within each school and across the portfolio of schools.

In addition to the works identified in the condition survey, there were other calls on the School Condition Allocation budget. This was the only central source of grant money to spend on schools (other than Basic Need, which was purely to create new school places). It had been custom and practice to address health and safety items and support disabled access by using the School Condition Allocation funding.

Members of the Panel were also provided an update on the Special Provision Fund & Healthy Pupils Capital Fund and the High Needs Provision Capital Fund projects. It was highlighted that the Panel were requested to recommend the allocation of £60,000 of High Needs Provision towards the Wildbank Primary School – Hawthorns Satellite Provision project.

RESOLVED

To NOTE:

- (i) **The 2022/23 Basic Need Grant is updated in the capital programme for the additional allocation £428,782 as detailed in paragraph 2.3.**
- (ii) **The proposed changes to return (£491,470) of Basic Need funding as detailed in paragraph 2.4.**
- (iii) **The addition of £345,072 of the 2022/23 School Condition grant from government is updated and added to the capital programme as per paragraph 2.8.**
- (iv) **The addition of £325,284 2022/23 Devolved Formula Capital grant to the capital programme as detailed in paragraph 2.12.**
- (v) **The addition of £3,704,000 2022/23 and £3,521,623 2023/24 High Needs Provision grant funding to the capital programme as detailed in paragraph 2.16.**
- (vi) **The addition of £137,000 contribution from St Anne's Denton Primary as detailed paragraph 4.19.**

That EXECUTIVE CABINET be RECOMMENDED to APPROVE:

- (i) **The proposed changes to add £627,530 of School Condition funding to the programme as detailed in paragraph 2.9.**
- (ii) **That the underspends on Oakfield and Greenside Primaries of £6,140 are reallocated against the overspend of £6,200 on Cromwell School, which will leave a net shortfall of £60 to be funded**
- (iii) **The proposed changes to add £260,800 of High Need Provision funding to the programme as detailed in paragraph 2.17.**

6. PLACE CAPITAL PROGRAMME – PROPERTY, DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

A report was submitted by the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Interim Director of Place / Assistant Director, Operations and Neighbourhoods / Assistant Director, Investment Development and Housing, providing an update on the delivery of the Place Capital Programme managed by the Departments of Strategic Property, Investment, Development and Housing, Planning and Place Making and Operations & Neighbourhoods.

An update on progress of current schemes relating to Town Centres; Strategic Sites; Property; Highways, Walking and Cycling Infrastructure; Flooding; Slope Stability programme; Cremators; Children's Playgrounds; and Street Lighting was given.

In terms of Corporate Landlord – Capital Expenditure, it was noted that a £1,000,000 budget was approved by Executive Cabinet on 29 September 2021 for statutory compliance. Appendix 3 to the report provided details of all expenditure to date of £339,935 that was financed via this budget leaving a remaining balance of £660,065.

In respect of the Mayor's Challenge Fund, it was reported that the Council had secured approval in principle for £10,300,000 of Mayors Challenge Fund (MCF) to support the delivery of walking and cycling schemes across the borough. The Council had secured approval to draw down £1,930,000

of the MCF funding to support scheme development. These funds had previously been reported and added to the Council's capital programme.

In July 2021, and following the over-allocation of the MCF programme across Greater Manchester, TfGM asked all Councils to review projected scheme costs and develop a phasing strategy. The report provided details of the proposed MCF phasing strategy based on current designs and estimated costs. All proposed schemes listed had previously been subject to public consultation in January / March 2020.

With regard to the Active Travel Fund, Members were advised that, on the 29 January 2021 the Council secured £985,000 from TfGM following a successful Active Travel Fund infrastructure bid (ATF). Details were provided of the schemes, which had been prioritised to be delivered from the approved ATF budget.

In terms of Section 106 Agreements and Developer Contributions, Members were advised that the current position for s106 agreements was £2,371,000 in credit. Allocations approved were £273,000 leaving a balance available of £2,098,000 as at 1 April 2022 as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report. The position for Developer Contributions as at 1 April 2022 was £28,000 in credit also detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

Members were further advised that, as a condition of planning consent for the Land formerly known as Robertsons Jam Factory, Droylsden, a developer contribution of £412,800 was made available, under a Section 106 Agreement of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, for a number of highway and traffic control related schemes in the vicinity of the development, details of which were provided in the report. The payment of the S106 monies had been received by the Council. Approval was sought from members to allow the drawdown of funds in order to progress the detailed designs and estimates. Members would be provided with future updates concerning progress and costs.

RESOLVED

To note:

- (i) The progress with regard to the schemes within the Place Capital Programme as set out in the report; and**
- (ii) That £339,935 of Corporate Landlord Capital Expenditure financed from the approved Statutory Compliance budget has been spent, as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report.**

That EXECUTIVE CABINET be RECOMMENDED to APPROVE:

- (iii) The Mayors Challenge Fund (MCF) and Active Travel Fund (ATF) phasing strategy and consultation plans for the walking and cycling schemes listed in Tables 4 and 5 of the report, to allow the required Business Cases to be completed and submitted to TfGM for approval to secure the necessary external grant funding. It be note that a more detailed report will be presented at a future meeting evidencing the outcome from the consultation, estimated scheme costs and proposed funding packages; and**
- (iv) The drawdown of funds (£412,800) in respect of the S106 agreement for the former Robertsons site in Droylsden and add to the Council's Capital Programme to allow the detailed design and estimates for various associated highway works and the procurement of identified TfGM signal improvements (section 3.4 of the report refers).**

7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public be excluded for 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, because financial or business affairs includes contemplated, as

well as past or current activities and disclosure of the land values was not in the interest of the public purse until sold.

8. ITEM 7 APPENDIX 4

Consideration was given to Appendix 4 of the Place Capital Programme Update and the Assistant Director of Strategic Property responded to questions from the Panel.

9. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel was scheduled to take place on 19 September 2022.

CHAIR