

## STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL MONITORING PANEL

18 July 2022

Commenced: 2.00pm

Terminated: pm

**Present:** Councillors Cooney (Chair), Boyle, Bray, Fairfoull, Feeley, McNally, North, Ryan and Dickinson

**In Attendance:**

Sandra Stewart	Chief Executive
Tim Bowman	Director of Education (Tameside and Stockport)
Caroline Barlow	Assistant Director of Finance
Emma Varnam	Assistant Director of Operations & Neighbourhoods
Paul Smith	Assistant Director of Strategic Property
Trevor Tench	Head of Commissioning, Adult Social Care

**Apologies for Absence:**

### 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

That EXECUTIVE CABINET be RECOMMENDED 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 out 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**

**That EXECUTIVE CABINET be RECOMMENDED 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 the above DFG allocation 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.

### **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**

**That EXECUTIVE CABINET be RECOMMENDED 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**