

EXECUTIVE CABINET

24 August 2022

Commenced: 1.00pm

Terminated: 1.45pm

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

In Attendance:

Sandra Stewart	Chief Executive
Stephanie Butterworth	Director of Adult Services
Sarah Threlfall	Director of Transformation
Caroline Barlow	Assistant Director of Finance
James Mallion	Interim Assistant Director of Population Health
Tony Decrop	Assistant Director, Children's Social Care
Karen Milner	Service Unit Manager, Exchequer Services
Jordanna Rawlinson	Head of Communications

Apologies for absence: Councillors Feeley and Kitchen.

32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Member	Subject Matter	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Councillor Ward	Agenda Item 15 CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND ACTIVE TAMESIDE	Prejudicial	Chair of Board of Trustees - Active Tameside

33. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

RESOLVED

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

34. CONSOLIDATED 2022/23 REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT AT 30 JUNE 2022

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Director of Finance, which was the first full detailed integrated finance report for the 2022/23 financial year, and also the final in its current form, as the Tameside & Glossop CCG formally closed down on 30 June 2022, with responsibilities transferring to either Greater Manchester ICB or Derby & Derbyshire ICB.

It was explained that, from a healthcare commissioning perspective the report looked at 3 months of expenditure based on 25% of locality level ICB plans (as submitted in April 2022). The Month 3 position on CCG budgets was an underspend of £1,375k due to allocations not being profiled in line with projected spend. An allocation adjustment was included in the position, bringing the CCG overall variance to nil.

As highlighted in the month 2 report, the Council was facing significant and growing inflationary pressures across a number of areas, combined with demand pressures in Adults and Children's services, resulting in a substantial forecast overspend by 31 March 2023 of (£12,850k). The position had deteriorated since period 2 due to growing pressures in Adults social care, additional pressures on SEN Home to School Transport and an increase in forecast cost pressures and savings shortfalls

in Place.

Members were advised that ongoing demand and cost pressures on Council budgets would have implications for the 2023/24 budget and work was in progress to identify mitigations for 2022/23, whilst planning for 2023/24. The current forecast assumed a Local Government pay award within the budgeted 2%, which if significantly greater than this, would place further pressures on the budget. The forecast position was mitigated slightly by the release of contingency relating to transitional social care costs and additional investment income resulting from interest rate rises.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the forecast outturn position and associated risks for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 to the report, be noted;**
- (ii) That the reserve transfers, as set out on pages 36 to 38 of Appendix 2 to the report, be approved; and**
- (iii) That the budget virements, as set out on pages 39 to 42 of Appendix 2 to the report, be approved.**

35. 2022/23 P3 CAPITAL MONITORING REPORT

The First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Director of Finance submitted a report summarising the forecast outturn position at 31 March 2023. The report focused on the budget and forecast expenditure for fully approved projects in the 2022/23 financial year.

It was explained that the approved budget for 2022/23 was £44.809m and the projected outturn for the financial year was £44.798m. 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.

The current forecast was for service areas to have spent £44.798m on capital investment in 2022/23, which was £0.011m less than the current capital budget for the year. The variation was spread across the Education and Adults directorate, and was made up of variations on a number of specific schemes.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the forecast position for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**
- (ii) That the funding position of the approved Capital Programme, as set on page 8 of Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**
- (iii) That the changes to the Capital Programme, as set out on page 7 in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;**
- (iv) That the updated Prudential Indicator position, as set out on pages 9-10 of Appendix 1 to the report, which was approved by Council in February 2022, be noted.**

36. COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2023/24

A report was submitted by the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Assistant Director, Exchequer Services, which detailed the procedural requirement in deciding if changes were required to the Council Tax Support scheme (CTS).

It was reported that Council Tax Support claimant numbers and costs had reduced from April 2021 and scheme costs had increased. Claimant numbers and costs fluctuated daily however, costs increased as the Council Tax set increased each year. The highest number of claimants were those of working age. This was expected as the scheme continued to operate as expected.

Claimants of pension age continued to be fully protected within the scheme. The scheme in terms of equalities monitoring, was operating as expected and this would continue to be monitored every

quarter.

It was further reported that support would remain in place for all claimants in respect of the hardship fund and advice available from both the Council and partner agencies remained in place.

No Tribunal directions had been received in respect of having to change the scheme and no legislative changes from DLUHC were expected. The Local Government Ombudsman had not issued any recommendations with regard to Council Tax Support schemes.

Members were advised that no proposals were made to change the scheme for 2023/24 save for the annual uprating of welfare benefit amounts set by central government and to use the UCDS notification from the DWP as the CTS claim form which, if approved, was beneficial to Universal Credit claimants.

RESOLVED

It be agreed that the Council Tax Support scheme for 2023/24 in principle, remains the same scheme as that set effective from April 2022, subject to:

- (i) annual benefit uprating as detailed in the scheme;**
- (ii) further guidance which may be issued by Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (formerly MHCLG); and**
- (iii) proposal to consider the Universal Credit notifications from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) as the Council Tax Support claim form for Universal Credit claimants.**

37. COUNCIL TAX REBATE FOR ENERGY - DISCRETIONARY FUND

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Assistant Director, Exchequer Services setting out the proposed Council Tax Rebate for Energy Discretionary Fund Policy.

Members were advised that on the 3 February 2022 the government announced a rebate for energy to address the rising costs of energy, which was to be paid using Council Tax systems. The rebate was to award a mandatory £150 to all households in Bands A-D and £14.5m was allocated to Tameside for this purpose. A discretionary scheme was also to be put into place by each Council and the allocation for Tameside was £530,400.

The guidance suggested how Councils may use the discretionary monies and once the Discretionary Policy was determined (and approved where considered appropriate by Elected Members), Councils should publish their agreed guidelines setting out the eligibility criteria for their Council Tax Rebate for Energy Discretionary Fund. The Discretionary Fund Policy would be available on the Councils website.

Based on the guidance, the proposed local Discretionary Fund aimed to support as many financially vulnerable people in the Borough as quickly as possible. Where possible, monies would be paid automatically and the need to complete an application form and provide evidence had been limited as much as possible while being cognisant of the requirements for pre-payment checks to be undertaken. Information would be made available on the Councils website, social media channels and by direct contact with eligible residents

Payments from the Discretionary Fund must be made by 30 November 2022 or sooner if the government monies were used before that date. Any remaining funds would be returned to central government. There was a risk that the Discretionary Fund applications could be oversubscribed, however steps had been taken to identify potential recipients and make a direct award and there was a continuing risk to core business as resources were diverted to paying the rebate for energy as soon as possible.

RESOLVED

That the Council Tax Rebate for Energy Discretionary Fund Policy as detailed in Section 3 and

Appendix A of the report, be approved.

38. CORPORATE PLAN OUTCOMES SCORECARD

The Executive Leader / Director of Transformation submitted a 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.

It was explained that the Corporate Plan Outcomes Scorecard, followed the structure of the Corporate Plan, and contained indicators focused on long term outcomes across the plan's priorities. There were a number of proxy indicators for issues related to the pandemic which would take significantly longer to be reflected in the regular long term measures.

According to newly released economic figures, Tameside's regional gross value added, GVA, fell by nearly £200 per head year-on-year to 2020, down to £15,617.50 in current prices. The total rateable value of non-domestic properties in Tameside in June 2022 was £148,475,723, down almost £400,000 on the same month the previous year, a decrease of 0.25%.

The number of Tameside residents receiving universal credit in May was down 5.1 % on the same month last year, with 25,154 people receiving payments. However, the % of Universal Credit recipients getting payments while also in employment had increased from 37.0% in April 2021 to 40.4% in April this year. Tameside currently sat 0.7 % points below the national average, which had also been increasing over time.

Starts and achievements of apprenticeships in 2021/2022 were both down significantly on the previous year, both in Tameside and England as a whole. In 2021/2022 there were 1,020 apprenticeships started, equivalent to 72.3 per 10,000 Tameside residents aged 16-64; while above the national average of 57.9, this was much lower than the 112.6 starts per 10,000 in 2020/2021 in Tameside and 91.2 across England. In 2021/2022 there were 230 apprenticeship achievements in Tameside, 16.3 per 10,000 16-64 year olds. In the previous year there were 850 achievements, equal to 60.2 per 10,000; across England, there were 44.4 achievements per 10,000 working age people in 2020/2021.

The latest release of Sport England's Active Lives Survey, which covered the period November 2020 to November 2021 showed that the proportion of Tameside's residents who were classified as inactive had risen from the same period 12 months prior by 1.9 percentage points, with 32.4% of Tameside's population doing less than 30 minutes of exercise each week compared to 27.2% of the population across England. This linked to the high proportion of adults in Tameside classified as overweight or obese, with 70.3% of residents aged 18+ falling into one of these categories in 2020/2021, down from 71.3% the year before but above the national average of 63.5%.

The rate of first time entrants into the youth justice system had risen from Quarter 4 2021/2022 to Quarter 1 2022/2023, now sitting at 36.76 per 100,000. The monthly rate of crimes committed in Tameside was 10.9 per 1,000 residents in May 2022, up slightly from 10.4 per 1,000 residents in May of 2021.

A copy of the Scorecard was appended to the report.

RESOLVED

That the content of the report and scorecard be noted.

39. INVESTMENT IN ADULTS, CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDREN'S EDUCATION IT SYSTEMS

A report was submitted by the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Director of Transformation, which explained that the Council currently had over 240 systems in its application

portfolio with an estimated annual spend of over £3.8m p.a. on these systems. This indicated that there was a case corporately to explore a wide scale review and rationalisation of systems. A strategic programme of rationalisation and reinvestment across the portfolio would ensure systems were maximised, ensure value for money and facilitate the shift towards more joined up data about residents and services. A wider strategic approach to an appraisal of IT applications would be considered in the medium term. However, in the short term some of the most pivotal systems would need to be reviewed to ensure they continued to support change and improvements in key services, whilst ensuring value for money.

The report outlined a proposed plan to re-contract, rationalise and reinvest in key Adults, Children's Social Care, and Children's Education IT systems.

Members were advised that, by procuring, rationalising and investing in the systems as outlined, the Council would facilitate statutory and regulatory compliance and enable the implementation of transformational activity in key frontline services. It put the right tools in place to enable implementation of the imminent Cap on Care changes and the continued improvement aligned to OFSTED recommendations, whilst reducing the risk of significant service disruption during a crucial time for services to the most vulnerable residents. Risks around financial controls, process inefficiencies and data quality and security would be mitigated and would provide a basis for contractual stability.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the proposed programme of procurement activity be agreed for the systems detailed in the report with a view that this will support the overall aim of system rationalisation across the Council's application portfolio, whilst maintaining service delivery to the most vulnerable, specifically:**
 - (a) Call off from framework without re-opening competition 5+2 year contract for Children's Social Care and Early help Services case management system LCS and EHM;**
 - (b) Call off from framework without re-opening competition 5+2 year contract for Adults Services case management system LAS;**
 - (c) Undertake OJEU tender process to procure a new Children's and Adults Financial systems;**
 - (d) Extend (under rolling contract) Adults Financial Assessment software, Abacus, for a further 16 months until Adults Financial system is procured and implemented;**
 - (e) Extend (under rolling contract) Children's Foster Carer Payment system, Softbox, for a further 9 months until Children's Financial system is procured and implemented;**
 - (f) Call off from framework without re-opening competition a 3 year contract for Education system Capita ONE to achieve co terminus contract with Servelec to enable a single procurement exercise for both systems;**
 - (g) Call off from framework without re-opening competition a 2 year 7 month contract for Education system Servelec to achieve co terminus contract with Capita ONE to enable a single procurement exercise for both systems; and**
 - (h) Undertake soft market test for Client Finance Assessment system (currently Caspar), to test market and investigate if system can be rationalised.**
- (ii) One-off funding for investment in the eight systems be approved to ensure that statutory and regulatory requirements in these key frontline services are digitally enabled. This totals £283,740 for the Adults modules and will be funded from the Community Capacity Grant Reserve and £118,090 for the Children's modules and will be funded from the Children's Systems Improvement Reserve;**
- (iii) Investment in additional annual licensing and maintenance costs be approved to support the programme of system development. The additional annual revenue cost for the Adults modules of approximately £113,000 per annum will be funded from the Adults Social Care Transformation Reserve. The additional annual revenue cost for Children's modules is approximately £75,000 per year. This will be funded from the balance of the Children's Systems Improvement Reserve and the Joint Commissioning Reserve;**
- (iv) Investment in additional staffing be approved, one permanent post and 2 x fixed term posts which will be funded for a period of 3 years to implement and develop the project.**

The staffing requirement will be reviewed as part of the post implementation review in 2025/26. The £45,000 per annum cost of the permanent post will be funded from the Adult Social Care White Paper funding, the cost of £80,000 per annum for 2 fixed-term posts for 3 years will be funded from the Joint Commissioning Reserve; and

- (v) A post implementation review is undertaken in 2025/2026 to quantify deliverables from the programme and assess and realise any additional efficiencies made.**

40. CONTRACT EXTENSION HELPING PEOPLE TO LIVE AT HOME AND EXTRA CARE SERVICE AND HOME CARE FRAMEWORK

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Health, Adult Social Care, Homelessness & Inclusivity / Director of Adult Services explaining that, on 27 October 2021 the Strategic Commissioning Board initially approved a tender process to commence in May 2022 with a contract go live date for 1 November 2022 for both the 'Helping People to Live at Home' contract and the 'Home Care Framework'.

Unfortunately given the unprecedented circumstances of the pandemic, along with the provider's ability to respond to a tender exercise and the need to ensure a stable care market for the impending winter period it was recommended that the tender exercise be aborted. The current contracts did not have sufficient provision for a further extension and therefore the report sought approval for a direct award of contract to extend the service provisions for a period of 7 months to 31 May 2023 given the exceptional circumstances described. Should approval be granted it was intended to reschedule the tender exercise to begin in August 2022 and let the new contract with a 1 June 2023 start date.

Details of the scope of both contracts was provided in the report, including a timeline for the tender process.

It was further explained that it was intended that both contracts be for six years and run from 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2029 with an option to extend for one year, subject to a subsequent decision from Executive Cabinet.

RESOLVED

That, subject to STaR ensuring compliance with the law:

- (i) A contract extension of the Helping People to Live at Home and Extra Care Service contract to 31 May 2023, be approved;**
- (ii) An extension of the Home Care Framework to 31 May 2023, be approved; and**
- (iii) A tender exercise for the above contracts to cover the period 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2029**

41. ADULT SERVICES AND POPULATION HEALTH COMMISSIONING INTENTIONS 2023 - 2024

The Executive Member, Population Health and Wellbeing / Executive Member, Adult Social Care, Homelessness and Inclusivity / Director of Adult Services / Director of Population Health submitted a report summarising the strategic commissioning plan of both Adult Services and Population Health, outlining activity that would take place during 2023-2024 thus ensuring effective resource planning.

It was explained that this was to be achieved by executing the available contract extensions for a number of contracts whilst options appraisals were carried out to inform the future OJEU tender exercises. The activity was co-ordinated by the Adults Commissioning team under the joint leadership of the Senior Adults and Population Health teams. Individual reports for specific contracts would be brought forward during 2023/2024 for those that required subsequent OJEU tender exercise.

The report set out specific details on the following service agreements:

Adult Services

- Provision of services to help older people stay at home
- The provision of mental health services – wellbeing hub
- Provision of respite services for people with a learning disability
- Mental health supported accommodation
- Healthwatch
- Miles of Smiles (Transport Service)

Population Health

- Women and Families Centre
- Locally commissioned services – GP's
 - Long acting reversible contraception
 - Smoking cessation service
 - Weight management service
 - NHS Health Checks
- Locally commissioned services – Pharmacies
 - Emergency hormonal contraception
 - Smoking cessation service
- National HIV sampling service

Members were advised that, following the closure of Tameside and Glossop CCG, legal rights and obligations transferred to Greater Manchester Integrated Care. GM Integrated Care Tameside remained committed to the Miles for Smiles service and the existing model of delivery and intended to continue the current level of NHS investment subject to receiving the necessary delegations from Greater Manchester Integrated Care. The Council were working with STAR procurement on all areas.

RESOLVED

That the following be approved:

Adult Services:

- (i) **Extend the current contract for the provision of services to help older people stay at home by twelve months from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024;**
- (ii) **Extend the current contract for the provision of mental health services – Wellbeing hub by twelve months from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024;**
- (iii) **Tender the respite service for people with a learning disability for a contract period of five years to commence 1 October 2023;**
- (iv) **Tender the mental health supported accommodation service for a contract period of five years to commence 1 April 2024;**
- (v) **Tender the Healthwatch service for a contract period of six years to commence 1 April 2024; and**
- (vi) **Agree a further three year jointly commissioned grant agreement with the GM NHS ICB for the Miles of Smiles Service.**

Population Health

- (vii) **Extend the current Women and Families Centre contract for a period of six months from 1 October 2023 to 31 March 2024 to bring in line with Bridges Domestic Abuse Service Tameside contract to enable an integrated approach to commissioning Domestic Abuse Services in Tameside;**
- (viii) **Extend the locally commissioned services – GP's for a period of twelve months from 31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024;**
- (ix) **Extend the locally commissioned services – Pharmacies for a period of twelve months from 31 March 2023 to 31 March 2024; and**
- (x) **Extend the National HIV sampling service contract by six months 1 January 2023 to 30 June 2023 and to utilise the national call off framework to directly award the service to the chosen provider of this service post 30 June 2023 based on the specific call off framework agreement and contract duration agreed.**

42. PROCUREMENT OF A NEW FRAMEWORK OF CONTRACTORS TO DELIVER ADAPTATIONS AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE

The Executive Member, Adult Social Care, Homelessness & Inclusivity / Director of Adult Services submitted a report, which sought permission to procure a new Framework of Contractors to deliver adaptations over a 4-year period to disabled people living within the borough via 5 separate Lots, with the intention of issuing call off contracts to contractors who had successfully bid to be included in the Framework.

The Framework would include:

- Lot 1 for delivery of a range of major adaptations;
- Lot 2 for delivery of a range of minor adaptations for building works;
- Lot 3 for delivery of a range of minor adaptations for visual impairment and electrical works;
- Lot 4 comprising a list of contractors who would bid for works where property extensions or conversion of garages was required; and
- Lot 5 comprising a list of contractors who would bid for works where disrepair was identified or health and safety issues were present.

The report further sought permission to extend the current Framework contract that expired at the end of July 2022, to allow time for the procurement process and governance process for the award.

RESOLVED

- (i) That it be agreed to procure a new Framework contract containing 5 Lots via STAR Procurement, to deliver adaptations and other works over a 4-year period covering major and minor building adaptations, together with electrical and other work for visually impaired, property and extension conversions together with maintenance and/or health & safety issues; and**
- (ii) That it be agreed to extend the current Framework Contract for 10 months to allow for the procurement process and governance process to be completed.**

43. STAYING CLOSE FUNDING: SECTION 31 GRANT AWARD

A report was submitted by the Deputy Executive Leader (Children and Families) / Director of Children's Services giving details of the Council's successful bid to receive £1.36 million of funding over three years from the Department of Education to support a pilot project entitled 'Staying Close'

It was explained that the pilot would enable children leaving care at 18 from children's homes to access a much wider offer of support. The grant funding would allow the Council to offer a range of employment, transition, mental health, social work and housing support, which would make a step change in their outcomes. It also meant that young people who lived in children's homes would get comparable support to their peers in fostering, who could stay with families until they were 21.

Members were advised that the pilot built on existing services, with a clear exit strategy for the grant funding, and was focused on reducing the need for services, which were currently funded from placement budgets.

RESOLVED

That it be agreed to accept the Section 31 Grant Award to support Staying Close.

44. MOSSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN - AREA DESIGNATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Planning, Transport and Connectivity / Interim Director of Place, which considered the designation of the Mossley Neighbourhood Area in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), following an application by Mossley Town (Parish) Council, as a relevant body for the purposes of section 61(G) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

An application to designate a Neighbourhood Area had been received by the Council as the Local

Planning Authority, from Mossley Town (Parish) Council. The application was submitted following a meeting and resolution of the Town (Parish) Council on 16 June 2021.

The application together with an area map had been submitted. The application and associated documents were appended to the report.

Members were advised that it was considered that the proposed Mossley Neighbourhood Area application complied with the requirements of the appropriate legislation and regulations and should be designated accordingly and the decision be publicised via the mechanisms as set out in the report.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the content of the report be noted;**
- (ii) That the application by Mossley Town (Parish) Council to designate the Mossley Neighbourhood Area as shown on the Maps at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved;**
- (iii) That the proposed publication of the fact of this decision be noted, as soon as possible after it has been made, in accordance with the mechanisms at paragraph 5.1 and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended); and**
- (iv) It be noted that the Council, as Local Planning Authority, will support the Town Council with Neighbourhood Planning activities in accordance with the 'Neighbourhood Planning Service Level Framework' as approved by Executive Cabinet (19 October 2016 item number 5 refers) and presented at Appendix 3.**

Having declared a prejudicial interest in the following item of business, Councillor Ward left the meeting at this juncture, and took no part in the discussion or decision thereon.

45. CONTRACT BETWEEN THE COUNCIL AND ACTIVE TAMESIDE

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Interim Director of Place, which presented the case for extending the existing contract between the Council and Active Tameside for a two year period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2026.

Details were provided of the existing contract between the Council and Active Tameside and it was explained that the funding agreement and facility lease between the Council and Active Tameside came to an end on the 31 March 2024. In normal circumstances, the expiry of a 25-year contract would precipitate a procurement exercise, which would necessarily commence during the course of 2022.

Active Tameside had requested an extension from the Council to the management fee agreement and facility lease of two years ending on the 31 March 2026. Active Tameside's rationale for the extension was outlined in the report.

Members were advised that, in order for a new contract to be considered and granted by the Council there needed to be a clear justification for this from a Council standpoint. The impact of the Covid pandemic on the leisure operator sector had been significant. It was very unlikely that a procurement process would result in a meaningful and competitive return from the market.

The volatility on the leisure market was significant with the cost of utilities rising significantly, the limited recover period post Covid for leisure trusts and financial pressure brought to bear by the rise in the cost of living meant that it was not the time to seek to re-procure a new leisure operator. A new two year contract would give the Council the opportunity to revisit the extent of the current operational estate and explore options available to the Council either to retain or modify the delivery model from 2026 onwards.

It was proposed that the Council undertake a strategic review to consider all the options available to the Council. In addition, the review would consider the following:

- The condition and viability of the existing leisure asset portfolio including proposals for investment and disinvestment.
- What leisure facilities the Council wish to see provided taking into account the condition of the assets potentially available, and
- The affordability/viability of the various options including social return on investment.

It was proposed that the strategic review would culminate in a report to Executive Cabinet. The review would take place, at an optimum time, when the financial position of the Council and Active Tameside would be better understood and the leisure contracts market should be better placed to submit realistic bids if the decision was taken to progress with procurement.

The significant implications for both the Council and Active Tameside of not extending the existing contract were detailed and discussed.

RESOLVED

- (i) **That the existing contract between the Council and Active Tameside be extended by way of a new contract for a period of two years to 31 March 2026 together with any ancillary agreements such as leases, which are also extended for a period of two years to 31 March 2026 (to be excluded from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954) to give effect to the extension;**
- (ii) **That a strategic service review of the options for the future financing, management and delivery of the service is carried out; and**
- (iii) **That a report be submitted to Executive Cabinet with the review findings to include proposals for the future delivery of leisure services in Tameside.**

46. URGENT ITEMS

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

47. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

It be noted that the next meeting of the Executive Cabinet is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 28 September 2022.

CHAIR