

EXECUTIVE CABINET

27 July 2022

Commenced: 1.00pm

Terminated: 1.25pm

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

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
	Debbie Watson	Interim Director of Population Health
	Jordanna Rawlinson	Head of Communications

Apologies for absence: Councillors: Choksi, Feeley, Kitchen and North

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Cabinet Members.

21. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the joint meeting of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 22 June 2022 be approved as a correct record.

22. MINUTES OF STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 22 June 2022 be noted.

23. MINUTES OF STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL MONITORING PANEL

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel meeting held on 18 July 2022. Approval was sought of recommendations of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel arising from the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (a) The minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel held on 18 July 2022, be noted; and**
- (b) That the following recommendations be approved:**

2021/22 CAPITAL OUTTURN REPORT

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

ADULTS CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE

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

Adults Capital Programme.

EDUCATION CAPITAL PLAN UPDATE

- (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.

PLACE CAPITAL PROGRAMME – PROPERTY, DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING

- (i) 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
- (ii) 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).

24. ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE EMERGENCY WORKING GROUP

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Climate Emergency Working Group held on 15 June 2022 be noted.

25. CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Director of Finance providing details of a review of the current Contract Procedure Rules ("CPRs") and proposed the adoption of a new set of CPRs by each of the STAR Authority.

It was explained that the CPRs had been updated to take account of the changes to legislation and the UK's exit from the EU. In addition, an overarching theme of the review had been to rationalise the CPRs and, where possible, remove those parts which related to procedural aspects in order for them to be dealt with in the Procurement Handbook. This helped to ensure that the CPRs were "future proof" as this was where additional detailed guidance could be provided and updated periodically to reflect operational changes and improvements.

In terms of procurement thresholds, an amendment which had been considered was to increase the threshold trigger for a one quote exercise for both Supplies, Services and Concessions and Works and Public Works Concessions from £4,999 to £9,999.

In considering the amendment, the following data had been used to assess the impact of the amendment:

- Over the past year, the number of contracts falling within this bracket amounted to 166 contracts or about 40 per council per annum.
- The effect on the overall spend was £1,139,194 which was 0.0009% based on £1,200,000,000 estimated four council controllable spend of £300m each.

On that basis, and that it represented very little risk to the councils, the threshold had been increased to £9,999 in the proposed new CPRs.

In respect of modifications, having assessed the procedures linked to modifications and the associated risks of an amendment thereto, the proposed CPRs included the following amendments:

- an additional ground would be added to permit the modification of a contract where there were; “any other exceptional circumstances as agreed by the SRO for Legal” (9.3.1(g)). The additional ground would offer some flexibility in exceptional circumstances whilst requiring the approval of the SRO for Legal would allow for any risk to be minimised; and
- Rule 9.3.6 now also provided for a simplified process where the modification was in respect of an extension to the term of a contract which was provided for in the initial procurement documents and the contract. In these circumstances, the SRO for the relevant service and the Director of Procurement (STAR) would be authorised to approve the modification. This would ensure that contracts with inbuilt extension periods could be extended without undue delay or burdensome bureaucracy. This change did not represent any risk to the Council.

RESOLVED

That the amendments to the Contract Procedure Rules be approved as follows:

- To reflect updated legislation due to the UK’s exit from the European Union;**
- To rationalise the CPRs and, where possible, remove those parts which relate to procedural aspects in order for these to be dealt with in the Procurement Handbook;**
- To increase the threshold trigger for a one quote exercise for both Supplies, Services and Concessions and Works and Public Works Concessions from £4,999 to £9,999;**
- To permit the modification of a contract where there are; “any other exceptional circumstances as agreed by the SRO for Legal” (9.3.1(g)). The additional ground will offer some flexibility in exceptional circumstances whilst requiring the approval of the SRO for Legal will allow for any risk to be minimised; and**
- To implement a simplified process where the modification is in respect of an extension to the term of a contract which was provided for in the initial procurement documents and the contract.**

26. SUPPLEMENTAL SUBSTANCE MISUSE TREATMENT AND RECOVERY GRANT 2022/23, 2023/24 AND 2024/25 – 3 YEARS FUNDING

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Health / Director of Population Health providing background information on the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant, which the government was awarding to local authorities to deliver the ambitions set out in the new national drug strategy. The report outlined the successes of the previous year of additional substance misuse grant funding from government and described the proposed approach to the commissioning and delivery of the continued grant in Tameside with a value of £539,066 for 2022/23 and indicative figures of £728,609 for 2023/24 and £1,195,980 for 2024/25.

The Council proposed to commission the existing specialist substance misuse service provider, CGL Services My Recovery Tameside to deliver the services funded by the grant. The substance misuse commissioners in the Population Health Team were working collaboratively with the management team from CGL to develop a continued robust delivery plan that met local needs and delivered on the changing range of interventions set out in the report.

RESOLVED

- That approval be given to award the indicative allocation of £2,463,655 for delivery of the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 as outlined in the report in the premise that the indicative figures of £728,609 for 2023/24 and £1,195,980 for 2024/25 are received, though the final allocations may vary; and**
- That approval be given to vary the existing contract with CGL Services My Recovery Tameside to deliver the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant in 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25. This has been advised by STAR as an appropriate procurement route as the financial value sits within the threshold for variations to the existing contract, and the timescales of the grant funding fall within the current contract**

term.

27. REDUCED PARENTAL CONFLICT GRANT

A report was submitted by the Deputy Leader, Children and Families / First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Assistant Director, Early Help and Partnerships setting out proposals to agree the spending for the continued RPC Grant which had been allocated to the Local Authority from the Department for Works and Pensions (DWP) to fund local authority in developing staff skills and capability to identify parents experiencing relationship difficulties, deliver interventions and provide support to reduce parental conflict. This was a continuation of the funding allocation received 2021.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the extended Reducing Parental Conflict grant be accepted and approved; and**
- (ii) That approval be given for spend of the allocated grant over the two years as follows:-**
 - (a) £48,974 to be spent on the recruitment of an RPC coordinator for 25 hours per week on a Grade F; and**
 - (b) £12,866 to be spent on training and evaluation.**

28. REGIONALLY IMPORTANT GEOLOGICAL AND GEOMORPHOLOGICAL SITES (RIGGS) UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Planning, Transport and Connectivity / Interim Director of Place, explaining that Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGs) were a local designation recognising locations, which were the most important places for geology and geomorphology outside of statutorily protected land such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) and were used across Greater Manchester.

Members were advised that the site at Rocher Vale had been identified as hosting a wide array of geomorphological features including an incised fluvial gorge, fluvially derived spurs, differential weathering of exposed outcrops of sedimentary rocks and easily accessible outcrops of Pennine Lower Coal Measures. The GM RIGS Group also identified the potential for the site to contribute to a geological/historical trail as the site abuts the Park Bridge Iron Works and Heritage Centre. The full assessment of the site was included in Appendix 1 to the report.

Rocher Vale was already a designated Local Nature Reserve and Site of Biological Importance (Rocher Vale South) and, as such, was protected under Policy N2 of the adopted Tameside Unitary Development Plan. The site also sits entirely with the Green Belt and abuts the existing Park Bridge Quarry RIGS, becoming the third RIGS in Tameside alongside Park Bridge Quarry and Arden Bridge Quarry. The proposed Rocher Vale RIGS boundary was included in Appendix 2 to the report. The existing Local Nature Reserve and SBI boundaries would not be affected by the RIGS designation.

Part of the proposed RIGS crossed into the borough of Oldham. Officers within the adjacent borough were similarly preparing a report for discussion with Members to recognise the asset.

Designation of the RIGS would be a material consideration in determining any development that may affect the site, as well as in formulating policy and allowing the Council to most effectively manage its greenspaces.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the designation of the Regionally Important Geological Site at Rocher Vale following survey by the Greater Manchester RIGS Group and endorsement of GMEU be noted; and**
- (ii) Updated spatial data to reflect the designation be published to inform land management and planning decisions.**

29. URGENT ITEMS

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

30. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED

It be noted that the next meeting of the Executive Cabinet is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 24 August 2022.

CHAIR