

## COUNCIL

29 November 2016

Commenced: 5.00 pm

Terminated: 7.20 pm

**Present:** Councillors Kitchen (Chair), P Fitzpatrick (Civic Mayor), Affleck, Bailey, Beeley, Bell, Bowden, Bowerman, Bray, Buckley, Buglass, Cartey, Cooney, Cooper, Drennan, Fairfoull, Feeley, J Fitzpatrick, Fowler, Glover, Gwynne, A Holland, B Holland, Homer, Jackson, Kinsey, D Lane, J Lane, McNally, Newton, Patrick, Pearce, Piddington, K Quinn, S Quinn, Reid, Ricci, Robinson, Ryan, Sharif, Sidebottom, M Smith, T Smith, Sweeton, Taylor, F Travis, L Travis, Ward, Warrington, K Welsh, R Welsh, Whitehead, Wild and Wills

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Dickinson, Middleton and Peet

*Civic Mayor (Councillor P Fitzpatrick) in the Chair*

### 43. CIVIC MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was with sadness that the Civic Mayor made reference to the recent deaths of Mr Albert Hatton and Mrs Margaret Eddowes. Mr Hatton had served on Tameside Council from 1986 until 1994 representing Denton West Ward. He was Mayor in 1993/94 and Deputy Mayor in 1991/92. Mrs Eddowes served from 1989 to 1990 and again from 1992 to 1996 representing Hyde Werneth Ward. She was also a member of the former Civic Advisory Panel, Chair of Hyde War Memorial Trust, and Werneth Low Country Park Joint Management Committee. Those in attendance joined the Chair in a few moments silence to pay their respects and remember Mr Hatton and Mrs Eddowes and the loyal service they gave to the Council and the local community.

The Civic Mayor also made reference to his Annual Report sharing some of the highlights from the last six months and briefly outlining his work programme for the remainder of his term of office.

*Councillor Kitchen, Chair of Council Business, in the Chair*

### 44. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

**That the Minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Council held on 11 October 2016 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair of Council Business.**

### 45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made by Members at this meeting of the Council.

### 46. COMMUNICATIONS OR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Executive Leader was pleased to present charity cheques to Rose Tipton of MacMillan Cancer Support and Anthony Lord of Willow Wood Hospice for £12,500 and £5,000 respectively and thanked them for the significant work undertaken by their organisations for Tameside residents.

Councillor Robinson reported on the recent success of young people who had been entered by the Youth Offending Team for a Koestler Award following on from their attendance at a Summer Arts College. This was an amazing achievement for both the young people and all the Youth Offending Team staff involved in the delivery of the College.

Councillor Robinson made reference to corporate parenting and that the collective responsibility of the Council to safeguard and promote the life chances of looked after children was widely understood. The Council had the same goals for the children it looked after as those of every good parent and took seriously the moral as well as legal responsibility for enabling the children in its care to experience happy and fulfilling lives.

He was delighted to welcome Reece Whittaker, Chair of the Children in Care Council, who introduced himself and briefly outlined the role of the Children in Care Council giving young people an opportunity to have a say about the things that really mattered in their lives and helping to shape the overall strategy for cared for children and young people in Tameside. Reece then invited Councillor K Quinn and Councillor Robinson to be the first signatories of Tameside's Children in Care Council Pledge to be signed by all Members of the Council. This pledge was a promise describing the way the Council would work to support children in care to be safe, to be healthy, to enjoy life and to achieve their goals.

Councillor L. Travis was pleased to advise that 60 people celebrated achieving their education goals for the year at a Learner Awards Evening at Dukinfield Town Hall. Tameside ACE (Adult and Community Education) held the event in recognition of the all the learners who passed their English, Maths, IT or Enterprise courses over 2015/16. Tameside ACE offered courses for adults aged 19 and over, including people with additional needs, in employment and skills for life including Maths, English, ICT, Confidence Building, Enterprise and Job Searching.

Councillor Travis also advised that two teachers from China had visited Arlies Primary School in Stalybridge to learn and share skills.

In conclusion, Councillor J Fitzpatrick reported that confirmation had been received following the submission to Government of a Four Year Efficiency Plan for the Council necessary to access a four year financial settlement for Revenue Support Grant covering the period 2016/17 to 2019/20 and focused on laying the foundations for delivering a balanced and sustainable budget over the four year time frame.

#### **47. COUNCIL BIG CONVERSATION**

The Chair reported that there were no questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Standing Orders 31.12 and 31.13.

#### **48. EXECUTIVE LEADER'S ANNUAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The Chair of Council Business, Councillor Kitchen, called on the Executive Leader, Councillor K Quinn, to deliver his annual keynote address.

The Executive Leader stated that despite some very difficult circumstances there had been investment in Tameside's future. The Council's efficiency plan had been accepted and a fixed four year settlement would be received to provide some solid footing in a changing environment. The announcement in the Autumn Statement that the government was increasing spending on infrastructure was very welcome but decision making needed to be speeded up to start to see results.

He made reference to Greater Manchester Devolution and stated that the focus for the next year would be the Greater Manchester Mayoral Election, Greater Manchester Spatial Framework and health and social care devolution and Tameside would be at the heart of all three.

He commented that extraordinary events had recently happened in Tameside when a month's worth of rain had fallen in a few hours badly affecting Stalybridge and Mossley. Staff had worked all day and through the night on the day of the floods and continued to work through the week to

clear the aftermath, assist residents and make sure areas were safe and he extended his thanks to all those involved.

The Council had started 2016 with an announcement regarding the overhaul and investment in leisure services and the Executive Leader referred to the progress made so far with the opening of Total Adrenaline offering adventure facilities suitable for children and families, the iTrain opening in January providing a 24/7 health and fitness facility and the Tameside Wellness Centre, a world class swimming and leisure centre to be built in Denton.

The Executive Leader advised that one of the Council's key long-time objectives to increase life expectancy and quality of life in Tameside up to the average and beyond could only be achieved by moving forward with health and social care devolution. The health and social care economy had received £23.2m in transformation funding for its care together programme, bringing together the people of Tameside and Glossop along with GPs, the local council, care providers, hospital staff, community services and charities working together to achieve goals.

In terms of the pledges 2016, he was pleased to report progress on Dementia Friends and health pledges, the Big Clean Up, Every Child a Coder and Honour our Fallen and many would continue into the new year.

In March 2016, the LGA had named Tameside MBC as Council of the Year, a validation of all the work undertaken to date and showing that independent, national organisations thought that investments in infrastructure and the future were making a difference. He highlighted:

- Vision Tameside – three learning centres;
- Ashton Old Baths – redevelopment combining old tradition with modern technology;
- £250 million investment in education – new academies, rebuilding and refurbishing existing schools and award winning support teams;
- Third consecutive year of GCSE improvement – above national average and a trend of sustained improvement;
- Linking Tameside up to Greater Manchester, neighbours across the Pennines and Tameside Interchange; and
- Greater Manchester Spatial Framework – Tameside designated as 'Eastern Gateway' with more new homes and infrastructure.

He continued by advising that Tameside was not just leading the way on investment locally but nationally as well through the Greater Manchester Pension Fund, working with Merseyside, Lancashire and West Yorkshire to develop a £35 billion pension pool. As well as investment, the power of pensions was being used to take businesses to task on their ethics and behaviour.

The Executive Leader was, however, disappointed to report that the Government would not be supporting any bids for Expo 2025. Given the scale of upfront investment and infrastructure required this meant that a Greater Manchester bid was not possible. Whilst he considered this a missed opportunity work would carry on making Greater Manchester a city that could compete across the globe and renowned for its innovation and ideas.

The Executive Leader concluded that Tameside had weathered the storm of change but there would be challenges ahead referring to the forthcoming local government settlement and as the consequences of Brexit became more apparent. However, the Council would continue to work hard for all its residents and continue to make investment in Tameside.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Chair of Council Business called upon the Leader of the Main Opposition Group, Councillor Bell, who responded by expressing his Group's views on the matters raised.

Councillor Bell echoed the comments of the Executive Leader in respect of GM Devolution presenting an opportunity to make decisions locally to better meet the needs and aspirations of the

people who lived and worked in the area. He also welcomed the Chancellor's announcement in his Autumn Statement to provide extra funding to improve infrastructure and the confirmation that the Council's efficiency plan had been accepted would provide an opportunity for the Council to plan ahead.

He raised concerns regarding the massive pressure on local authorities and health services as they struggled to meet the challenges of an ageing population and that the significant risks must be addressed as the demand was likely to increase in years to come. He was disappointed that a decision was taken not to hand over extra resources for adult health and social care and the next two years would be extremely difficult.

Councillor Bell sought information on a recent Ofsted Inspection on Children's Social Care Services and the Executive Leader advised that once the outcomes were confirmed the Authority would respond accordingly.

#### **49. MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 19 October 2016. It was moved by Councillor K Quinn, seconded by Councillor Taylor and –

##### **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 19 October 2016 be received and it be agreed that the designation of a Forum or Area should be delegated and determined by the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel following the publication of applications for Neighbourhood Forums and Areas undertaken by the Executive Director (Place) in consultation with the Borough Solicitor and the constitution amended accordingly.**

#### **50. MEETING OF OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 21 November 2016. It was moved by Councillor Ricci, seconded by Councillor Ryan and –

##### **RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 21 November 2016 be received.**

#### **51. HONORARY ALDERMEN**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader and the Chief Executive which stated that at its meeting on 6 December 2011, Council had agreed that a minimum length of service of twenty years should apply as a minimum criterion for becoming an Honorary Alderman. Given the historic nature of the title it was noted that it was gender biased. Council had also agreed that in addition to the length of service criterion the person must have made a significant contribution to the Council and the people it represented, including holding two or more of the following positions for a period of five years or more:

- Chair of a key Committee or a member of the Cabinet;
- Mayor / Deputy Mayor;
- Leading role on Council Panels / Committees, e.g. Overview and Scrutiny, Panel;
- Council representative on Greater Manchester District Bodies – GM Police Authority; GM Fire Authority; Manchester Airport;

- Regional or national bodies, e.g. North West Regional Assembly, Local Government Association;
- Voluntary or community organisations.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) **That a Special Meeting of Council be held at the rise of the Annual Meeting of Council on 23 May 2017 to confer the title of Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman on those former Councillors meeting the criteria described in 2.1 of the report.**
- (ii) **That every four years an assessment be made to determine which former Councillor meet the criteria to become an Honorary Alderman / Alderwoman and, if required, a Special Meeting of Council be held on the day of Annual Council in that year.**

## **52. MEMBERSHIP OF COUNCIL BODIES**

There were no changes to be made to the membership of Council bodies.

## **53. NOTICES OF MOTION**

### **Motion A**

Consideration was given to the following motion received in accordance with Standing Order 16.1, which was proposed by Councillor B Holland and seconded by Councillor Cartey:

*“That following the outcome of the Hillsborough inquiry, which was damning in its assessment of the leadership and culture prevailing at the time in the South Yorkshire Police Force, Leigh MP Andy Burnham has called for an inquiry into policing tactics by that same force at Orgreave on 18 June 1984.*

*Tameside Council believes that the events at Orgreave in 1984 are not only of national importance but also of local because it is important to residents that there is trust and confidence in the transparency and conduct of the justice system. Across the country miners and their families were adversely affected by the events of that day in terms of wrongful arrest, false imprisonment, ill-health, family breakdown and termination of employment as a direct result of policing tactics at Orgreave.*

*This Council therefore supports Andy Burnham MP and other MPs in calling on Home Secretary Amber Rudd to reverse her decision not to order an inquiry in to the ‘battle of Orgreave’.*”

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

## **RESOLVED**

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## **Motion B**

Consideration was given to the following motion received in accordance with Standing Order 16.1, which was proposed by Councillor Cooney and seconded by Councillor Kinsey:

*“That this Council notes:*

- *That alcohol can be enjoyed in a responsible way by adults.*
- *That alcohol can cause serious and fatal diseases, including several types of cancers; that the UK Chief Medical Officers’ Alcohol Guidelines advise both men and women that it is safest not to drink regularly more than 14 units per week, to keep health risks from drinking alcohol to a low level.*
- *That there are 5896 alcohol-related hospital admissions every year in Tameside.*
- *14,200 adults in Tameside are dependent drinkers and over 11,500 are high risk drinkers.*
- *That alcohol can only be legally purchased by adults over 18 years old.*
- *That the advertising of alcohol is designed to make products more appealing and in turn can appeal to children and young people.*
- *That the recent Healthier Futures/Alcohol Health Alliance public opinion survey found 73% support in Greater Manchester for a 9pm watershed for alcohol adverts on TV.*
- *That the recent public engagement campaign ‘See What Sam Sees’ by Healthier Futures, talked with over 200 people across Greater Manchester and received overwhelming support for a 9pm watershed from the Greater Manchester public.*

*This Council believes:*

- *That it is the responsibility of all levels of government to try to ensure good public health in the population.*

*This Council resolves:*

- *To request the Leader of the Council to write the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, expressing these views and asking her to bring forward legislation to introduce a 9pm watershed for the advertising of alcohol products on TV to protect children and young people from the influence of alcohol advertising.*
- *To continue to promote good health in our borough, to support the UK Chief Medical Officers’ Alcohol Guidelines, and to protect children and adults from alcohol-related harm.”*

Following consideration of the Motion it was:

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#### **54. QUESTIONS**

The Chair reported no questions had been received in accordance with Standing Order 17.2.

#### **55. URGENT ITEMS**

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

**CHAIR**