

## EXECUTIVE CABINET

14 December 2022

Commenced: 1.00pm

Terminated: 1.10pm

**Present:** Councillors Cooney (Chair), Choksi, Fairfoull, Feeley, North (Joined the meeting virtually), Sweeton, Taylor and Ward

**In Attendance:**

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| Sandra Stewart         | Chief Executive                         |
| Kathy Roe              | Director of Finance                     |
| Stephanie Butterworth  | Director of Adult Services              |
| Alison Stathers-Tracey | Director of Children's Services         |
| Julian Jackson         | Director of Place                       |
| James Mallion          | Assistant Director of Population Health |
| Suzanne Antrobus       | Head of Legal Services                  |

**Apologies for absence:** Councillors Wills and Kitchen (ex officio)

### 91. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Cabinet Members.

### 92. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

#### RESOLVED

**That the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 23 November 2022 be approved as a correct record.**

### 93. CONSOLIDATED 2022/23 REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT AT 31 OCTOBER 2022

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy, Finance, Resources and Transformation / Director of Finance, which reflected actual expenditure to 31 October 2022.

It was explained that, from a healthcare commissioning perspective, the report looked at 9 months of expenditure based on indicative ICB plans (for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 March 2023). Month 7 was the fourth month in which the ICB had been operational. As such, final approved delegated budgets at locality level had not yet been confirmed. Work was ongoing to finalise budgets, but in the meantime the report presented indicative locality budgets. Plans for Tameside were submitted for a delivery of £595k surplus in 22/23. At Month 7 it was assumed that the plan would be delivered, which was in line with wider ICB reporting for Month 7. The plan to deliver a surplus required savings of £7.8m to be found, and, whilst there was risk of achievement, it was currently expected that Tameside would be on target, however work continued to ensure that savings identified became recurrent.

As highlighted previously, 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 significant forecast overspend by 31 March 2023 of (£3,548k). This represented a significant improvement of £4,649k since Month 6, due a number of mitigations now being included within the forecasts.

Significant work was still required to balance the financial position in 2022/23. Work was in progress to identify mitigating savings to reduce the forecast overspend on Council budgets, and address the forecast budget gap for 2023/24 and beyond. This was being done in the context of growing

inflationary pressures, including significant energy cost and pay inflation, with no indication that any additional funding would be provided either in 2022/23 or the next two financial years

**RESOLVED**

**That the forecast outturn position and associated risks for 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.**

**94. CONTRACT AWARD FOR THE PROVISION OF A SUPPORT AT HOME SERVICE**

The Executive Member, Adult Social Care, Homelessness and Inclusivity / Director of Adults Services submitted a report, which explained that, on 24 August 2022, Executive Cabinet approved an extension to the existing Helping People to Live at Home and Extra Care Service contract from contract end date 30 October 2022 to 31 May 2023. At the same time, approval was given to tender the five contracts that comprise the Support at Home Service, rescheduled to commence 1 June 2023.

Following a comprehensive competitive procurement process, the five highest ranking providers were identified and the report sought approval to award the contracts as detailed in the report.

**RESOLVED**

**That following the evaluation of tender submissions, the contracts be awarded to the highest ranking and most economically advantageous providers, as follows:**

- 1. North Neighbourhood - Provider 2 - Careline,**
- 2. East Neighbourhood - Provider 1 - Able Care,**
- 3. South Neighbourhood - Provider 8 - Direct Care,**
- 4. West Neighbourhood - Provider 6 - Comfort Call,**
- 5. Extra Care Housing - Provider 22 - Creative Support.**

**95. ALLOCATION OF WINTER PRIORITISATION FUND 2022/23**

A report was submitted by the Executive Member, Adult Social Care, Homelessness and Inclusivity / Director of Adult Services advising that DHSC had made additional funding available to health and social care systems to ensure required capacity and resilience across the winter period 2022/23. This took the form of one off grant funding namely the Health Winter Prioritisation Fund.

The report set out the conditions of the grant, the allocations to Tameside Adult Social Care and the recommended onward use of allocated funds.

The report concluded that the support from the two funding streams would help to alleviate the increased demand across the health and social care system by increasing capacity, as well as the historical lower staffing levels over the Christmas period, to ensure a resilient the workforce over the winter period.

It was also hoped that the retention payments would help moral in a sector, which had, for some months, been feeling the stresses/strains of the last 2½ years in trying to deliver services during very challenging times.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That approval be given to accept the allocation of £1.195k funding from GM Integrated Care Board as part of GM £12m Winter Pressures to Care Home and Voluntary Sector Providers to increase in capacity in the workforce to enable us to use the “available” beds we have in our system.**
- (ii) That approval of allocation of the above funding be given as follows:**
  - £1.15k to the care home sector as outlined in section 3.9 of the report.**
  - £80k to support third sector providers as identified in section 3.10 of the report.**
- (iii) That further such allocations of funding be considered by the Locality Board chaired by**

**the Executive Member for Health.**

## **96. FAMILY HUBS AND BEST START FOR LIFE PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader, Children and Families / Director of Children's Services, which gave details of the delivery plan and projected expenditure for the Family Hubs Programme over the grant period.

It was explained that the DfE required the Council to submit a delivery plan by 31 December 2022 in order to release the funding. The grant allocation for 2022/23 had been confirmed as £799K. For 2023/24 and 2024/25, the DfE had provided a lower and upper range of indicative funding allocations. Funding for these financial years would be confirmed once the formal sign up process was complete. The total grant allocation was divided into specific strands. Each strand had a separate cost centre so that expenditure could be recorded, monitored and reported on.

Members were advised that the DfE Delivery Plan had, and continued to be, developed in partnership with members of the Family Hubs Steering Group, and therefore it was important to acknowledge the detail in the plan was subject to change. Tameside Council and its partners were committed to deliver the full expectations of the Family Hubs and Best Start for Life Programme and were working closely with the DfE Advisor, and the Early Intervention Foundation.

A copy of the draft Family Hubs and Best Start for Life Delivery Plan was appended to the report.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the delivery plan as appended to the report, be approved in principle for submission to the Department for Education (DfE);**
- (ii) That the delivery plan be agreed, taking note that the financial spend proposed is subject to change from partners and DfE. The Delivery Plan is expected to be a live document through the programme timeframe and will change over time, however the main themes and principles contained will remain the same;**
- (iii) That the proposed commissioning intentions be agreed, as outlined in section 4 of the report; and**
- (iv) That it be agreed to receive a further report detailing progression and further spending plans in March 2023.**

## **97. REVIEW OF REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS POLICY AND PROCEDURE (RIPA)**

The Executive Member, Climate Emergency and Environmental Services / Head of Legal Services advising Members of a formal review of the Council's Policy in relation to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers legislation and guidance. The Policy was last amended on 17 April 2019.

It was explained that the Council recently underwent a recent desktop inspection undertaken by the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office ['IPCO'] on 28 March 2022. The revised RIPA policy incorporated the recommendations from the inspection.

On 29 March 2022, the IPCO wrote to the Chief Executive with details of the Inspector's findings as follows:

*'The information provided has demonstrated a level of compliance which removes, for the present, the requirement for a physical inspection. Your authority has been found to be in a good place. Your RIPA policy, as was the case in 2019, was found to be well formed. It was noted that your policy is due to be reviewed, imminently. This is timely, as my Inspector has identified that whilst our RIPA policy contained references to the keeping and management of records (Section D), the policy should also carry details regarding the data safeguards contained*

*within each Code of Practice, and to advise the reader as to the minimum standards required; who will undertake the required review of covertly obtained material; and the time period within which this review will take place, to determine if the material gathered will be retained or destroyed'.*

The revised RIPA policy incorporated the recommendations from the inspection, and a copy was appended to the report.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That the revised policy, as appended to the report, be agreed; and**
- (ii) It be agreed that Officers across the Council continue to engage in a corporate programme of refresher training led by the Director of Governance and Pensions in relation to the Regulation of Investigatory Powers legislation and guidance.**

**98. URGENT ITEMS**

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

**99. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED**

**It be noted that the next meeting of the Executive Cabinet is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 25 January 2023.**

**100. CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS**

The Chair announced that this was the last meeting of Kathy Roe, Director of Finance, who was leaving the authority at the end of December 2022. He thanked Kathy for her hard work and dedication during her time at TMBC and wished her well in her future endeavours.

**CHAIR**