



It was reported that the Strategic Commission is currently forecasting that expenditure for the Integrated Commissioning Fund will exceed budget by £3.916 million by the end of 2018/19 due to a combination of non-delivery savings and cost pressures.

It was reported that there is a clear urgency to implement associated strategies to ensure the projected funding gap in the current financial year is addressed and closed on a recurrent basis across the whole economy. The Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2019/20 to 2023/24 identifies significant savings requirements for future years. If budget pressures in service areas in 2018/19 are sustained, this will inevitably lead to an increase in the level of savings required in future years to balance the budget.

Executive Cabinet were informed that the Strategic Commissioning Board had previously considered the report and supported the recommendations.

No alternatives were considered as not reporting on financial performance could put at risk the achievement of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan. Effective budget management was critical to ensuring that financial resources were spent in line with the agreed budgets.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the significant level of savings required during 2018/19 to deliver a balanced recurrent economy budget together with the related risks, which are contributing to the overall adverse forecast, be noted.**
- (ii) That the significant cost pressures facing the Strategic Commission, particularly in respect of Continuing Healthcare, Children's Social Care and Growth, be noted.**

#### **31. PROPOSAL FOR A FORM OF INDEMNITY TO BE GRANTED TO MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance and Pensions, seeking support to refresh the existing indemnity and adopt a revised form of indemnity to be granted to Members and Officers of Tameside MBC.

The Local Government (Indemnity of Members and Officers) Order 2004 allows local authorities to provide an indemnity to protect Members and Officers when acting on behalf of the authority, which goes beyond the long-standing indemnity provisions that are in place. Given the wide range of council activities, the complexity of issues Councillors and Officers' face, and the demands made on their time, it was considered appropriate for the Council to provide an indemnity where a Councillor / Officer inadvertently acts outside the powers given, whilst believing s/he is acting in the interests of the Council. The existing indemnity has been in place since 1999 and it was considered appropriate that it be refreshed.

Members could determine to not approve the indemnity but this would leave both Members and Officers without protection against personal liability for the matters covered by the Order.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That Council be recommended to approve to refresh the existing indemnity and adopt a form of indemnity as detailed in appendix of the submitted report.**

#### **32. LED STREET LIGHTING**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Neighbourhood Services / Assistant Director of Operations & Neighbourhoods, which sought approval for a wholesale LED lantern replacement programme should be considered for the remaining main road traffic routes

over two years at a cost of £3.6M that would deliver revenue savings of £274,375 per year based on current prices.

It was estimated that an initial capital outlay of £3.6M on the main roads would payback over a period of 13 years. The LED lanterns installed would be expected to be operational for a total of 25 years under the manufacturer's guarantee.

The report identified alternative options including to continue with existing cyclic bulk change and clean and general maintenance of main road columns. However, there would be a gradual deterioration of the lighting provision across the main road network and energy savings would not be achieved.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the outlay of £3.6M be approved for a two year programme for the replacement of LED lanterns on main traffic routes.**

### **33. REPLACEMENT OF CREMATORS AND MERCURY ABATEMENT FILTRATION PLANT AND HEAT RECOVERY FACILITIES**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods Services / Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods, which sought approval for the replacement of the cremators, mercury abatement and all auxiliary equipment at Dukinfield Crematorium in order to meet statutory requirements.

The proposed works to replace the cremators, abatement equipment and heat recovery equipment at Dukinfield Crematorium were considered essential in order to be able to continue to provide a cremation service for the residents of the borough, to ensure staff were working in a safe environment, to meet the Council's statutory obligations with regard to the Environmental Protection Act and the Cremation Regulations, to improve air quality in the Borough and control the emissions of harmful pollutants in the environment and to adhere to the Council's Environmental Health regulators permit. The project would also allow the Council to continue receiving a significant, income stream; provide an improved facility and asset and could potentially support local business.

Members could determine to only install two cremators however, this would put a pressure on meeting the demands of funerals should there be any down time on one of the cremators. There was not considered to be sufficient space to install four cremators.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the proposed works to replace the 3 cremators at Dukinfield Crematorium, install a new heat recovery system and auxiliary equipment and to carry out minor building works as required including with the 100% mercury abatement or partial abatement as considered to be required be approved from Capital allocation.**
- (ii) That a lifecycle fund is created from income collected for service delivery to enable the cremators to be replaced at the end of their life without it being an unplanned call on the capital programme.**

### **34. REPAIR AND RESTORATION OF CEMETERY BOUNDARY WALLS**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods Services / Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods, which sought approval an increase of £0.060m from the Capital programme to repair cemetery boundary walls that has been identified following an inspection by structural engineers.

A total of £0.200m was earmarked in the Capital programme in October 2017 for the Repair and Restoration of Cemetery Boundary Walls. Subsequently all of the Council's eight cemeteries had been inspected by structural engineers and a detailed analysis of the work required had been obtained. The analysis identified high and medium risk concerns at Ashton, Dukinfield, Hyde, Mossley and Mottram Cemeteries as well as limited masonry work on identified defects on alternative boundary protection such as metal railings and fencing at Audenshaw, Denton and Droylsden Cemeteries.

Members could identify specific schemes to support or determine to not approve the additional Capital spend however, this could jeopardising the safety of residents and aesthetics of the cemetery.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the additional Capital spend to repair cemetery boundary walls be approved.**

### **35. REPLACEMENT OF COUNCIL FLEET VEHICLES**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods Services / Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods, which sought approval for the replacement of sixteen vehicles within the Council's fleet.

It was reported that following a programme of vehicle replacement there remained sixteen vehicles that required replacing on the grounds that they had been kept on fleet for an additional 1-2 years past their original replacement due dates due to condition and mileage. Two of the vehicles were provided under contract hire arrangements due to expire July 2018.

In light of the government's statement to ban the sale of diesel cars from 2040 and the current failings of UK cities to meet its air quality targets, it was considered prudent for the Council to consider these requirements within its fleet replacement programme. The Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) together with the Greater Manchester Mayor had produced an Air Quality Action Plan as part of the GM Strategy in order to meet Air Quality targets, to which the Council was required to be a participant. As such all Services within the Council would consider the use of electric vehicles to meet the requirements.

The report set out detailed alternative options for replacing vehicles within the fleet, however, alternatives were not considered to provide the same level of value for money nor the environmental benefits for the Borough.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the procurement of fourteen vehicles via a competitive EU tendering process, replacing nine diesel engine small vans with Ultra Low Emission Vehicles electric vans, be approved.**
- (ii) The procurement of the necessary electric charging facilities as part of the fleet replacement exercise be approved.**
- (iii) That the 14 vehicles be purchased via an ear-marked reserve, and to tender for a new contract hire arrangement for the 2 vehicles remaining.**
- (iv) A further report detailing a Medium Term Strategic Fleet Replacement Strategy be brought to a future meeting of Executive Cabinet.**

### **36. ENGINEERING CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Neighbourhoods Services / Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods, which sought approval to the virement of existing Growth Deal grants from Engineering Schemes to a single Vision Tameside scheme.

The schemes within the 2018/19 Engineering Capital Programme sought to provide an improved and sustainable highway related asset for the residents and businesses of Tameside, thereby contributing to a safe environment, continuing economic regeneration and contributing to a low carbon economy; key priorities within the 2012-22 Tameside Sustainable Community Strategy. The proposed funding allocation supported the Council's Corporate Plan priorities around the Sustainable Community Strategy. It also supported the objectives of the Greater Manchester Local Transport Plan and associated strategies, thereby underpinning its aims and objectives at a regional and local level, including walking and cycling strategies, reducing congestion and improving air quality.

**RESOLVED**

**That the virement of existing Growth Deal grants from Engineering Schemes to a single Vision Tameside scheme, be approved.**

**37. CORPORATE PARENTING UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Children's Services / Assistant Director of Children's Services updating Members on improvements and progress in strengthening Corporate Parenting arrangements.

**RESOLVED**

**That the report be noted.**

**Chair**