

## JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET AND AUDIT PANEL

16 December 2015

Commenced: 2.00 pm

Terminated: 2.50 pm

**Present:** Councillor K. Quinn (Chair)  
Councillors Cooney, J. Fitzpatrick, Gwynne, Kitchen, Robinson, Taylor, L Travis and Warrington

**Apology for Absence:** Councillor M Smith

### 27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members	Subject Matter	Type of Interest	Nature of Interest
Councillor Kitchen	Item 3(b) – Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel	Prejudicial	Chair of Hyde United Football Club
Councillor Taylor	Item 9 – Active Tameside	Prejudicial	Chair of the Tameside Sports Trust

\*Councillor Kitchen and Councillor Taylor left the room during consideration of this item and took no part in the voting/decision thereof.

### 28. MINUTES

#### (a) Executive Cabinet

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 21 October 2015.

#### RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 21 October 2015 be taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### (b) \*Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel held on 30 November 2015.

#### RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel held on 30 November 2015 be received and the following recommendations approved:

#### Vision Tameside Phase 2

- (i) That, subject to confirmation from the TIP that the project represents value for money, the Stage 2 proposal be accepted in principle and authorisation be given to the payment of the Design and Development Fees to bring the project to phase 2 of £1 million, which are in line with the budget for the project, be accepted in principle;
- (ii) That virement be approved as follows:

Expenditure	Projected Expenditure May 2015 £	Projected Expenditure Stage 2 November 2015 £	Virement Requested Stage 2 November 2015 £
Construction and Demolition	35,049,251	36,694,792	1,645,541
TMBC Furniture Budget	1,500,000	1,213,000	-287,000
TMBC construction contingency	941,316	250,000	-691,316
Contingency for inflation	2,642,327	2,294,291	-348,036
Total Construction Costs	40,132,894	40,452,083	319,189
Additional asbestos removal costs in TAC		706,997	706,997
Total	40,132,894	41,159,080	1,026,186
Less SFA grant	-4,000,000	-4,000,000	0
Net construction costs	36,132,894	37,159,080	1,026,186
<b>Additional Costs Confirmed</b>			
Decant / condition works	2,824,452	2,764,452	-60,000
Co-op bank termination of lease	100,000	100,000	0
Programme Management	100,000	100,000	0
Fit out costs of temporary store re Early Lease termination – Wilkos	850,000	832,978	-17,022
<b>Additional Costs to be Confirmed</b>			
College Fixed Furniture and Equipment	300,000	300,000	
Fit out costs re Early Lease termination – Wilkos	859,900	859,900	0
Public Realm	2,631,000	2,631,000	
Document Scanning	500,000	250,000	-250,000
Potential loss of profits Wilkos	550,000	550,000	0
Legal costs of construction works	50,000	50,000	0
IT Enablement	2,194,000	2,194,000	0
Programme Contingency	1,581,548	882,384	-699,164
Total	48,673,794	48,673,794	0

- (iii) That the Executive Director (Place) and the Executive Director (Governance and Resources) be authorised to negotiate and agree a design and build contract for the Vision Tameside Phase 2 building.

#### Asset Management Update

- (i) That the list of disposals identified in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (ii) That the allocation of £101,600 to undertake building condition replacement/repair projects as detailed within the report, be approved;
- (iii) That an allocation of £849,488 in respect of the CCTV installation at Dukinfield Town Hall is provisionally made subject to a full business case being presented at the Cabinet or the next Strategic Capital Panel with procurement through the ESPO framework as set out in Appendix 2 of the report, be approved; and
- (iv) That the Executive Director (Place), Robin Monk, be appointed as the Alternate Director to Steven Pleasant, Chief Executive, replacing Elaine Todd, the former Assistant Executive Director, Assets and Investment in respect of the inspiredspaces Tameside Limited; inspiredspaces (Project1Co1) Limited, inspiredspaces (ProjectCo2) Limited, inspiredspaces Tameside (Holdings1) Limited, and inspiredspaces Tameside (Holdings2) Limited companies. Noting that any director fees payable were not paid to the officers but used to support the BSF affordability.

## Education Capital Update

- (i) That the allocation of £40,420 Capital Maintenance grant funding from 2015/16 to construct tarmacadam ramps and paths at Hurst Knoll, Stalyhill Infants, Bradley Green primary schools for pupils needing additional support with mobility be agreed;
- (ii) That the schemes detailed in recommendation (i) be funded from the previously approved 2015/16 Capital Maintenance grant schemes listed in the table below, as a result of these schemes costing less than originally estimated, and that the schemes below be removed from the existing capital programme:

SCHEME	£
Livingstone Primary – Retaining Wall	3,401
Gorse Hall Primary – Toilet Refurbishment	2,732
Broadoak Primary – Flat Roof Replacement, Main Entrance Modification, Metal Windows Replacement	25,000
Oakdale Primary – Internal Refurbishment	12,000
Buckton Vale Primary – Furniture	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,133</b>

- (iii) That the provisional allocation of £105,187 to finance the cost of off-site access works in respect of the Discovery Academy. This will be funded from either the confirmed 2016/17 Basic Need grant funding allocation or any additional S106/developer contributions which are received in the 2016/17 financial year; and
- (iv) That in respect of the application by Astley Sports College for a capital grant to fund the development of a 3G football pitch on its grounds, Members, having considered the report and heard the update from the interim Chief Finance Officer felt that they were unable to support the recommendation owing to an absence of a business plan as to how they can fund the match funding of 17% required, together with the maintenance costs arising to create a maintenance fund to replace the artificial turf in year 15 and the lack of necessary assurances from the School. That said the Panel were keen not to lose a significantly grant funded facility for the young people of the Borough and asked that officers work with the school to see if there was an acceptable solution that would enable the Council to support the proposal and make the necessary recommendation to Cabinet.

## Hyde Leisure Phase 2 – Options Appraisal and Acquisition of Hyde United Football Club Clubhouse and Stand

- (i) That the Council offer a premium to Hyde United Football Club Limited for the early surrender of the existing 125 year lease in respect of the land and buildings, currently known as Ewen Fields, Grange Road, Hyde, Cheshire. SK14 2SB of £125K and the Borough Solicitor be authorised to grant a 25 year lease at a rental of £6.25K subject to annual RPI, in respect of the same land and buildings, and to reflect the markets terms subject to a rolling annual mutual break, (contracted out of the landlord & Tenant Act 1954), and subject to a condition of the deal, that Hyde United Football Club repays an outstanding loan made to the Club from the premium; and
- (ii) That with regard to the request from Hyde United Football Club, seeking financial and technical support from the Council to utilise the capital funding to convert the current stadium pitch to a synthetic surface in time for the start of the 2016/17 football season at a cost of £0.405 million, that, further to the resolution (i) above, a new bid for support for facilities be submitted be considered at a later date.

**(c) Enforcement Co-ordination Panel**

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of the Enforcement Co-ordination Panel held on 28 October 2015.

**RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the Enforcement Co-ordination Panel held on 28 October 2015 be received.**

**(d) Association of Greater Manchester Authorities / Greater Manchester Combined Authority**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader and Chief Executive which informed Members of the issues considered at the AGMA Executive Board and Greater Manchester Combined Authority held on 30 October 2015 and 27 November 2015 and the Forward Plan of Strategic Decisions of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and AGMA Executive.

**RESOLVED**

**That the report be noted.**

**29. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader / Chief Executive detailing Grant Thornton's findings for 2014/15 in respect of the audit of the Council's financial statements and the assessment of the Council's arrangements to achieve value for money in its use of resources. It reported unqualified accounts and concluded that the Council had proper arrangements in place to secure value for money.

Mark Heap, External Auditor, stated that the Council had effective arrangements in place during 2014/15 to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness and was therefore given an unqualified value for money conclusion. The Annual Audit Letter also covered three areas of value for money:

- Financial Resilience – the Auditor reported that the Council had responded positively to the challenges created by the reduction in central government funding and continued to show strong financial resilience and good financial planning and management arrangements.
- Better Care Fund – the integration plans for Tameside were more ambitious than most local authority areas with ultimate plans for wider aligned budgets between the Council and the Clinical Commissioning Group of c£300m.
- Vision Tameside – the Auditor noted the significant capital project to relocate Tameside College and create a customer-focused, energy efficient building for public services in Tameside on the site of the current Tameside Administrative Centre building.

The key issues and recommendations were also highlighted as follows:

- Plantation Industrial Estate – The Auditor's report recommended that the Council should consider formally the value for money offered by this lease, including any alternative options that may be available.
- Markazi Jamia Mosque – Whilst the Council could demonstrate progress in implementing the prior year recommendations raised, the Auditor reiterated that the Council needed to resolve this matter as soon as possible.

It was noted that this was the last Audit report that Mark Heap and his team would provide in relation to both the Council and the Greater Manchester Pension Fund finances and the Chair took the opportunity to thank them for all their hard work, professionalism and effort over the years.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the report and the attached Audit Letter of Grant Thornton, covering the audit of the Council's statement of accounts, the issues raised and the positive conclusion regarding value for money be noted.**

### **30. REVENUE MONITORING – QUARTER 2 2015/16**

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance) and the Interim Assistant Executive Director (Finance) detailing the net projected 2015/16 revenue outturn at Quarter 2. Overall, the net projected revenue outturn position for 2015/16 was £6.390m over budget and this included the recommended budget adjustment for children's services area to align its budget with comparable authorities. Strong budget management was required across the Council to ensure the Council achieved its financial plans and higher than budgeted spending would need to be addressed. This forecast was set in the context of challenging savings requirements: £24m for 2015/16 and a further £14.1m and £15.4m planned for 2016/17 and 2017/18 respectively.

It was explained that the report was presented shortly ahead of the publication of the government's Spending Review. The anticipated adverse impact of that announcement had been provided for, wherever possible, within the current financial plan and was a key factor in the future savings requirement. The financial plan would now be reviewed following the publication of the Spending Review and revised and reported as necessary thereafter.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the projected revenue position be noted and corrective action pursued where necessary;**
- (ii) That the detail for each service area be noted;**
- (iii) That the changes to revenue budgets as outlined be approved;**
- (iv) That the intention to review the overall financial plan further to the publication of the government's special review be noted.**

### **31. CAPITAL MONITORING**

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance) and the Interim Assistant Executive Director (Finance) summarising the capital monitoring position at 30 September 2015 with a current projected forecast for service areas to spend £52.044m on capital investment by March 2016. At present, the £52.044m of investment was £14.712m less than the current programmed spend.

The report also detailed schemes with an in-year variation in excess of £0.100m and sought approval to re-profile the capital expenditure of the project.

Particular reference was also made to an update on Prudential Indicators; capital receipts, Compulsory Purchase Orders, indemnities and potential liabilities and it was –

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the current capital budget monitoring position be noted;**
- (ii) That the resources currently available to fund the capital programme be noted;**
- (iii) That the re-phasing to reflect up-to-date investment profiles be approved;**
- (iv) That the current position with regard to Compulsory Purchase Orders and Indemnities be noted;**
- (v) That the changes to be capital programme be noted;**
- (vi) That the capital receipts position be noted;**
- (vii) That the Prudential Indicator position be noted.**

### **32. TREASURY MANAGEMENT**

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance) and the Interim Assistant Executive Director (Finance) providing a mid-year review of the Council's Treasury Management activities for 2015/16, including the borrowing strategy and the investment strategy.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the reported treasury activity and performance be noted.**
- (ii) That the proposed changes to the Council's MRP policy from 2015/16 be approved and agreement to a change in the repayment setting aside basis, to generate an annual revenue saving of £2.5m from:**
  - **4% resulting in a reduced balance; to**
  - **2% resulting in repayment over 50 years;****and that the revised MRP Policy be recommended to Council for approval.**
- (iii) That approval be given to adjust the Council's Treasury Management investment list to match that of the Council's treasury advisors, Capita, allowing access to an increased range of counterparties and therefore improved levels of diversification and yield.**

### **33. TRADED SERVICES**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Economic Growth) and the Assistant Executive Director (Education) updating Executive Board on the delivery of traded and support services to schools and seeking approval to the continuation of the offer of these services from 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017. Following consultation with Headteachers and the Schools Forum last year, it was agreed that all traded services would be procured on the basis of a two year commitment to enable both schools and the Council to plan with greater certainty. The uptake from schools had continued to be high.

As part of the Local Authority's commitment to schools, quality assurance processes had also been put in place to monitor the delivery of services. A Headteacher Panel had been convened in May this year at which all service managers attended to receive feedback and provide responses to issues which had been raised. Schools now needed to consider which services they wanted to procure for 2016/17 based on the offer the Council was putting forward.

In conclusion, it was stated that there was no doubt that the changing context nationally, regionally and locally as described in the report would require a fundamental review of the way in which support services were delivered. However, whilst these deliberations had begun, they would nevertheless take some time to work through, particularly where shared services with other authorities were being developed.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That for the financial year 2016/17, the Council would continue to offer the Council Services listed in Appendix A with the proviso that:**
  - **HR Support Services would be packaged to reflect a more realistic cost of time required on case work;**
  - **Education Welfare and Educational Psychology Support Services reviewed their capacity to deliver support over and above their statutory functions;**
  - **The price of all Council Services were inclusive of all associated expenditure as a minimum as per current arrangements.**
- (ii) That work commences supported by the Interim Assistant Executive Director of Finance and appropriate officers to find an alternative solution to current hosted traded services such alternatives need to consider a wholly owned school solution or partnership approach with colleges / Academies, and or arrangements with other neighbouring authorities.**

### **34. RESTRUCTURE OF NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAMS / YOUTH SERVICES / INTEGRATED PARTNERSHIP**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Health and Neighbourhoods) and the Head of Stronger Communities which explained that driven by the imperative to find alternative approaches to public service delivery on a smaller budget, a service redesign of Neighbourhood Services was proposed following consultation. The report provided an overview of the consultation results and recommended the preferred model for the redesign of Neighbourhood Services.

The public consultation focused on four options under consideration and also asked questions about the types of activities that were important at community level. It ran from 25 September 2015 to 23 October 2015 and in parallel a young person specific consultation exercise had commenced on the same date and closed on 28 October 2015. The options proposed were outlined including a summary of potential impact and risk as follows:

- Option 1 – Discontinue Neighbourhood and Youth Service.
- Option 2 – Reduce the service by 50% without integration with partners.
- Option 3 – Discontinue the service and redistribute some of the functions across other Council services.
- Option 4 – Development of an Integrated Hub underpinned by the principles of public service reform.

Option 4 demonstrated how aligned structures had the potential to offer value for money when compared to single organisational models with reduced resources. The public consultation showed support for this approach and a detailed analysis of responses was appended to the report.

The Integrated Community Hub would be another step forward in Tameside's reform agenda. It would work alongside the Complex Families Hub but with a focus on communities and providing early identification and an ongoing support to communities, families and individuals.

In conclusion, it was stated that the report concentrated on the first phase of the development of an Integrated Community Hub to be in place by 1 April 2016. There would be greater resilience in staffing numbers and a commitment to a single focus and single priorities and was felt to be the option that offered best value for money. Phase two would aim to incorporate a broader range of public, community and voluntary sector organisations and would commence in June 2016.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the results of the public consultation in relation to the redesign of Neighbourhood Services be noted.**
- (ii) That in light of the results of Public Consultation, Option 4 - the development of an Integrated Community Hub, be supported.**

### **35. LED ROLL OUT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Transport and Land Use) and the Assistant Executive Director (Environmental Services) providing an update of the work undertaken in the first two quarters (April to September 2015) as part of the Council's 15 for 15 Pledges to invest £5m in a wholesale replacement programme of 17,000 LED lanterns on residential streets, reducing energy costs by approximately £451,000 a year.

The Council had made a commitment to prioritise the installation of the LED lanterns in the areas that undertook the bin swap trials throughout the Borough and these were shown in **Appendix 1** to the report. The programme had been constructed over a 28 month period starting in December 2015 with a completion date of March 2018.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the report be noted.**
- (ii) That the installation programme detailed in Appendix 1 be approved.**

### **\*36. ACTIVE TAMESIDE**

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Performance and Finance), the Executive Member (Health and Neighbourhoods) and the Director of Public Health which stated that following previous reports to Executive Cabinet on 4 February 2015 and Executive Board on 15 July 2015 it was agreed that a planned reduction in the Active Tameside management fee would be deferred until 2016/17 to enable a strategic review to be undertaken to determine opportunities and options for the development of a financially and operationally sustainable long-term business model.

Alongside this, transformational work had been ongoing to enhance the contribution of Active Tameside to improving health outcomes and reducing health inequalities within Tameside.

This report detailed specific proposed next steps in relation to Active Tameside and the Tameside Sports and Leisure estate. The proposals explored included:

- Rationalisation of the existing estate;
- A programme of Capital investment;
- Increased commercially profitable activity;
- Growth in inward investment; and
- Partnering arrangements.

The proposals identified within the report could potentially enable the Tameside Council Revenue Investment in Active Tameside to be reduced from £1.865m to £0.720m by 2019/20. It was noted, however, that this remained dependent on the final outcome of consultation and the final Key Decision to be taken on 23 March 2016.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) To consult from 17 December 2015 until 11 February 2016 on the closure of Active Dukinfield, subject to a final key decision on 23 March 2016;**
- (ii) To consult from 17 December 2015 until 11 February 2016 on the closure of Active Ashton, subject to a final key decision on 23 March 2015;**
- (iii) To consult from 17 December 2015 until 11 February 2016 on the closure of Active Denton, subject to a final key decision on 23 March 2016;**
- (iv) To consult on the development of a new Wellness Centre and the feasibility and desirability of potential sites, subject to a final key decision on 23 March 2016;**
- (v) To consult on the addition of a second swimming pool at Active Hyde, subject to a final key decision on 23 March 2016;**
- (vi) That the proposal for a programme of investment detailed in the report be noted;**
- (vii) That the award of a contract for 2016/17 to Active Tameside at a value of £1.775m be approved;**
- (viii) That the proposals for a longer term contract award for a period of time commensurate to the remaining lease, subject to the outcomes of consultations under (i) to (vi) above and a final key decision on 23 March 2016 be noted.**

### **37. ASTLEY SPORTS COLLEGE – FOOTBALL FOUNDATION GRANT – NEW 3G FLOODLIT PITCH**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Learning, Skills and Economic Growth) and the Assistant Executive Director (Development, Growth and Investment) which explained that Astley Sports College had been awarded a capital grant from the Football



Foundation for the installation of a new floodlit 3G football pitch. The maximum sum awarded was £487,227 which represented 83% of the total project cost of £587,227.

The Council was required to accept the Football Foundation grant conditions detailed in **Appendix A** to the report on behalf of Staley Sports College. The request had been presented within a report to the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel on 30 November 2015. There were a number of assurances required by the Council prior to acceptance of the associated grant terms to ensure the Council was indemnified in the event of any pre or post project completion liabilities (21 year term grant clawback period from date of grant acceptance).

The report provided Executive Cabinet with the details of these assurances to support the recommendations. The Sports College Governing Body would be required to provide a legally binding agreement to support the indemnification of any project related liabilities to the Council. This would be required in advance of acceptance of the grant conditions by the Council and would also bind any successors in title to cover in the event of academisation.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That following assurances received from the College that the Council would not be subject to any pre or post project completion liabilities, the Football Capital Grant Conditions in relation to the installation of floodlit 3G football pitch at Astley Sports College, Dukinfield, be accepted.**

### **38. SITES OF BIOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Transport and Land Use) and the Assistant Executive Director (Development, Growth and Investment) providing an update on changes that had occurred to designated Sites of Biological Importance within the Borough. These were sites which had been surveyed by the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit in 2014 and a summary of the outcomes was highlighted.

The Greater Manchester Ecology Unit review process provided consistency in reporting, recording and monitoring across Greater Manchester in supporting existing and forthcoming planning policy and the wider management and protection of nature conservation and countryside assets. It was important, therefore, that revisions to boundaries of Sites of Biological Importance and associated changes were adopted by the Council.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the changes to the boundaries and grading of the Borough's Sites of Biological Importance be recommended to the Council for adoption.**

### **39. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the contents of Appendices A, B and C to Agenda Item 14 – Vision Tameside 2 Update and Approval, as they contained exempt information falling within paragraphs 3 and 5 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of the parties (including the Council) had been provided to the Council in commercial confidence and its release into the public domain could result in adverse implications for the parties involved. Disclosure would be likely to prejudice the Council's position in negotiations and this outweighed the public interest in disclosure. Furthermore, the document contained legal advice which the Council might not wish to reveal in Court because to do so could prejudice its position. In conclusion, whilst the public interest in releasing this information was significant in terms of facilitating scrutiny of public**

**expenditure, the public interest in maintaining the confidentiality of the information outweighed the public interest in releasing it.**

#### **40. VISION TAMESIDE 2 – UPDATE AND APPROVAL**

Consideration was given to a report of the First Deputy (Finance and Performance) and Assistant Executive Director (Development, Growth and Investment) stating that the Vision Tameside Phase 2 project had now reached the end of Stage 2 and formal governance was required to progress the project to financial close and contract award. January 2016 was the target date for the Council to award the Design and Build contract to the Tameside Investment Partnership to avoid significant adverse impacts on project cost and delivery timescales.

The report provided a further update, following consideration at the meeting of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel on 30 November 2015, on project development, costs, delivery timescales and key risks which required consideration prior to a Council commitment to the project and the programme.

The following additional information had become available which had led to a revision of the recommendations from Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel:

- Receipt of the final reports of the Stage 2 Cost Plan Review and Strategic Business Case;
- Further progress made with the commercial negotiations with the LEP;
- An updated assessment of the risks to the Council.

The report recommended approval for the necessary steps to progress the project to financial close and contract award. It further recommended approval of programme governance arrangements to provide robust direction and oversight throughout the delivery phase.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the update on design development, the timetable for development and the comments on Value for Money, financial implications, legal implications and key risks as outlined in the report be noted.**
- (ii) That the draft Stage 2 Cost Plan Review report prepared by the Sweett Group detailed in Appendix A to the report confirming that the Stage 2 cost plan price was considered reasonable and provided an acceptable level of value for money but recommending further negotiation in specific areas to achieve better value for money be noted.**
- (iii) That the draft Stage 2 submission by the Tameside Investment Partnership contained in Appendix B to the report in respect of the Vision Tameside Phase 2 building subject to further negotiation be accepted.**
- (iv) That the payment of the costs incurred in reaching Stage 2 of £1m to the Tameside Investment Partnership be approved.**
- (v) That the draft Stage 2 Strategic Business Case prepared by Genecon contained in Appendix C to the report confirming that the project was supported by a compelling case for change, represented best public value, was commercially viable, affordable and achievable, be noted.**
- (vi) That the virements as set out in table 1 of the report be approved.**
- (vii) That authorisation be given to the Executive Director (Place) in consultation with the Executive Director (Governance and Resources) to further negotiate and agree detailed project scope, technical terms and commercial terms set out in the Stage 2 submission prior to financial close and contract award subject to the price not exceeding the budget of £41,196,080.**
- (viii) That authorisation be given to the Executive Director (Place) in consultation with the Executive Director (Governance and Resources) to approve the final Tameside Investment Partnership Stage 2 submission in respect of the Vision Tameside Phase 2 building.**

- (ix) That authorisation be given to the Executive Director (Place) in consultation with the Executive Director (Governance and Resources) to award the Design and Build contract for the construction works of the Vision Tameside Phase 2 building conditional upon the contract sum not exceeding the budget of £41,196,080 and no significant increase in the risk allocation to the Council before financial close.**
- (x) That the establishment of the Vision Tameside Project Board and the draft Terms of Reference detailed in Appendix D to the report be approved.**

#### **41. URGENT ITEMS**

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

**CHAIR**