

EXECUTIVE CABINET

23 January 2019

Present: Councillor Warrington (in the Chair)
Councillors Bray, Fairfoull, Feeley and Kitchen

In Attendance: Steven Pleasant Chief Executive
Kathy Roe Director of Finance
Ian Saxon Director (Operations & Neighbourhoods)
Richard Hancock Director of Children's Services
Emma Varnam Assistant Director (Operations and Neighbourhoods)
Sandra Whitehead Assistant Director (Adult Services)

Apologies: Councillors Cooney, Gwynne and Ryan.

65. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted for this meeting.

66. MINUTES

a) Meeting of Executive Cabinet

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 12 December 2018.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 12 December 2018 be taken as read and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

b) Strategic Commissioning Board

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 12 December 2018.

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 12 December 2018 be received.

c) AGMA Executive Board Meetings / 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 recent Greater Manchester Combined Authority meetings.

RESOLVED

That the content of the report be noted.

67. STRATEGIC COMMISSION AND NHS TAMESIDE AND GLOSSOP INTEGRATED CARE FOUNDATION TRUST – CONSOLIDATED 2018/19 REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT AT 30 NOVEMBER 2018 AND FORECAST TO 31 MARCH 2019

The Director of Finance submitted a report providing an overview on the financial position of the Tameside and Glossop economy in 2018/19 at the 30 November 2018 with a forecast projection to 31 March 2019 including details of the Integrated Commissioning Fund for all Council services and the Clinical Commissioning Group. The total net revenue budget value of the Integrated Commissioning Fund was currently £580.816 million, against an approved budget of £580 million, an overspend of £1.0 million. The report also provided details of the financial position of the Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care Foundation Trust.

The Director of Finance advised that the economy wide savings target for 2018/19 was £35.920m, which consisted of: CCG £19.800m; TMBC £3.119m; ICFT £13.001m. Against this target, £22.977m of savings have been realised in the first eight months, 64% of the required savings. Expected savings by the end of the year were £33.536m, a shortfall of £2.384m against target. There were high risk savings proposals of £1.273m at risk of non-delivery in 2018/19.

RESOLVED

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

68. CULTURAL SERVICES – STRATEGIC UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of Executive Member (Lifelong Learning)/Assistant Director (Operations and Neighbourhoods) which set out the implementation of third phase of the strategic vision for the service.

Members were advised that Ashton Library would be closed for a month whilst the move into the new Tameside One building was undertaken. It was envisaged that the proposed move of Droylsden Library into Guardsman Tony Downes House was desirable based on concerns with the existing library building and would be possible within 2019. Further consideration would be required in relation to Dukinfield Library where suitable alternative accommodation did not currently exist.

Relocation of Ashton Central Library to the Tameside One building would leave Central Art Gallery in an unviable position if it were to remain in the current location. As such steps were being taken to mitigate closure of the gallery including extending provision at Astley Cheetham Art Gallery in Stalybridge

Due to the closure of Ashton Town Hall upon its separation from the previous Council office building the Museum of the Manchester Regiment had to temporarily close. Options were being explored to develop gallery exhibition space within the wider Ashton Town Hall scheme.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

69. TAMESIDE SPORT AND LEISURE REVIEW

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Neighbourhood Services)/Director (Population Health) which sought the re-profiling of the Active Tameside management fee and updated Members on developing a sustainable funding model for Active Tameside whilst highlighting achievements and key outcomes required from the Active Tameside – A Blueprint for Sustainability document (the blueprint) approved by Executive Cabinet at their meeting on 24 March 2016.

Members were advised that whilst progress has been made towards achieving some of the expected outcomes set out in the blueprint, Active Tameside continues to report a difficult financial position due to current and historic lack of reserves and limited working capital. The Council continued to support Active Tameside's cash flow position by delaying approved/planned management fee reductions and by front loading the profile of the management fee payments in year. The Council has subsequently approved supplementary management fee sums payable in 2017/18 (£ 0.3 million), 2018/19 (£ 0.3 million) and 2019/20 (£ 0.2 million).

The continued issues around the sustainability of Active Tameside have been the catalyst for an options appraisal undertaken by the Council with the support of Max Associates, a specialist Leisure Management Consultant. The key objective of the appraisal was to assess current provider performance, identify strengths, weakness and areas for improvement and evaluate whether an alternative delivery model is required to make the leisure services financially sustainable.

The Chief Executive of Active Tameside reported that revised commercial strategies had been adopted with indicators suggesting that the number boded well for long term growth. Furthermore, the organisation had been announced as the UK Active Outstanding Organisation of the Year for 2018.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the proposed re-profile of the management fee values payable for the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20 and 2020/21, be approved as detailed in appendix 1 of the submitted report**
- (ii) That the existing level of prudential borrowing will be wholly repaid by Active Tameside by 31 March 2025 (2024/25) be noted.**
- (iii) That it be acknowledged that Active Tameside have requested up to £ 1 million additional borrowing to finance the equipment for the commercial venture at Active Denton and the repayment terms for this additional borrowing be subject to a further report to a future meeting of Executive Cabinet.**

70. PRIMARY, JUNIOR AND SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS – DETERMINATION OF ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR 2019/20

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Lifelong Learning)/Director (Children's Services) which sought approval for the submitted admission arrangements and published admission numbers for Tameside community, and voluntary controlled schools for admission in September 2019.

The admission arrangements for 2020/21 academic year for all voluntary controlled and community schools remain largely the same as for 2019/20 as determined in February 2018 with some slight amendments for clarification as required by the Department for Education. As a result of the lack of changes no consultation had been required.

RESOLVED:

That the admission arrangements for all Tameside community and voluntary controlled schools for 2020/21, without change from those that applied for admission in 2019/20, be approved as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report.

71. CHILDREN'S SERVICES OFSTED UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Children's Services)/Director (Children's Services) updating Executive Cabinet on the findings of the latest Ofsted Monitoring visit which was undertaken on 27 and 28 November 2018. The visit focused on the Hub and duty services including the front door/initial assessment; intervention regarding statutory child protection and child in need cases, including step down to early help.

Ofsted reported that the Authority continues to make some progress in the improvements of services for children in need of help and protection. However, weaknesses remain in the quality and consistency of assessments and analysis of children's needs, planning, chronologies and supervision. Additionally, recruitment and retention of frontline workers and service unit managers continued to be a significant challenge.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

72. FLOODING – FLOOD PREVENTION AND REPAIRS

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader / Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods which sought approval for the upgrading of key drainage inlet structures to increase resilience to flooding and the completions of repairs to footpaths and bridleways to a total of £645k.

Following flooding in late 2017 and again in 2018, statutory 'Section 19' reports were produced as required by the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. These highlighted a number of flood and drainage assets that were substandard from a maintenance access and performance point of view and required improvement to help increase resilience across the Borough. Following examination ten draining structures had been identified whereby existing design, access and working platforms restricted functionality.

A number of footpaths and bridleways damaged during recent flood events required attention to ensure they would remain open and provide resilience to future events.

RESOLVED:

That option 2, as detailed within the submitted report, for the upgrading of key drainage inlet structures to increase resilience to flooding and the completions of repairs to footpaths and bridleways to a total of £645k be approved.

73. WIDER PEDESTRIAN CONSIDERATIONS AROUND VISION TAMESIDE.

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Strategic Development and Transport)/Director (Growth) seeking approval of pedestrian connectivity proposals for Ashton town centre and its wider environs including enhanced public realm links from Clarendon Sixth Form College through to the wider Shared Service Centre and Town Hall area, including bus re-routing for all buses to utilise Albion Way, Henrietta Street and Penny Meadow.

Vision Tameside is a flagship development for Tameside aiming to provide much needed economic growth and investment especially for the Borough's young people. The project comprises a new 7,000m² Advanced Skills Centre for Tameside College, a new Joint Public Service Centre for Tameside Council and its partners and retail space for Wilko. Integral to the success of the Wellington Road public realm is the adjacent Clarendon Sixth Form College directly linked to the Shared Service Centre. Specifically this will be dominated by high levels of pedestrian activity between the two, not only for staff and students but from activity beyond to the heavy rail station, long stay car parks and residential areas. To ensure the success of the public realm initiative in this locality, pedestrians would need to be allowed to move freely without conflict with vehicle movement.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the pedestrian connectivity proposals for Ashton town centre and its wider environs including enhanced public realm links from Clarendon Sixth Form College through to the wider Shared Service Centre and Town Hall area, linking through to the Market Square be approved.**
- (ii) Once the temporary hoardings to the new Shared Service Centre had been removed, a the short term continuation of outbound bus movement utilising Wellington Road only between Turner Lane and Penny Meadow be approved.**
- (iii) That of the Bus Routing Options outlined in Section 4 of the report, Option 2 (all buses to utilise Albion Way, Henrietta Street and Penny Meadow in both directions) be approved as the most appropriate way forward.**
- (iv) That the ongoing discussions and consultation with 3rd parties in bringing forward Option 2 (all buses to utilise Albion Way, Henrietta Street and Penny Meadow in both directions) as the most appropriate way forward, be noted.**
- (v) That statutory powers are obtained to:**
 - a. Stop all vehicular traffic along Wellington Road between the Camp Street and Harley Street in both directions**
 - b. To relocate existing bus stop provision from Wellington Rd (outside Engine Room/ Ash Tree pub area) to Henrietta Street: (Adjacent Car Park and area of Pizza Hut) and Relocating Penny Meadow alighting only (from higher end of Penny Meadow to as close as possible to junction with Wellington Rd)**
- (vi) That there would be a potential three month implementation period for any revised bus routing agreements.**

CHAIR