JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE CABINET WITH OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL

13 February 2019

Present:	Councillors Warrington (in the Chair) Cabinet Members - Councillors Cooney, Fairfoull, Bray, Feeley, Gwynne, Ryan, Overview Audit Members - Bell, Glover, J. Homer, Pearce, Peet, Ricci	
In Attendance:	Steven Pleasant	Chief Executive
	Sandra Stewart	Director of Governance & Pensions
	Kathy Roe	Director of Finance
	Richard Hancock	Director of Children's Services
	Jeanelle De Gruchy	Director of Population Health
	Ian Saxon	Director of Operations & Neighbourhoods
	Alan Dow	Chair of NHS CCG Tameside & Glossop
	Tom Wilkinson	Assistant Director (Finance)
Apologies:	Councillors Bailey, Buglass and Kitchen	

74 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

75 EXECUTIVE CABINET

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 23 January 2019.

RESOLVED
That the Minutes of the Meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 23 January 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

76 STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Strategic Commissioning Board meeting held on 23 January 2019.

RESOLVED
That the Minutes of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 23 January 2019 be received.

77 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.

78 SCRUTINY UPDATE

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance and Pensions summarising the work of the Council's two scrutiny Panels for the period November 2018 to January 2019. The report made particular reference to:

Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel
- On-going work on Children's Services;
- Impact of Welfare Reforms

Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel
- Procurement Arrangements;
- Air Quality;
- Welfare Reform.

RESOLVED:
That the update be noted.

79 SCRUTINY REPORT – SUICIDE PREVENTION

Consideration was given to a report of the Chair of the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel / Executive Leader / Chair of the Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group, which provided recommendations and Executive responses for the improvement of future outcomes in relation to suicide prevention following a review by the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel.

It was reported Tameside had a significantly higher rate of suicide than the average in England and this had been the case since 2012. Male suicide rates in the borough were five times higher than female rates, with chosen methods closely aligned with those shown nationally. The suicide rate for men aged 35-64 years (2013-17) was 32.7 per 100,000; the third worst in England.

Evidence suggested that the large majority of people who die by suicide are unknown to mental health services. It is also widely accepted that thresholds to secondary mental health services remain relatively high in order to support individuals with the most complex needs.

The review referred to the 2016 National Confidential Inquiry into Suicide and Homicide by People with Mental Illness (NCISH) which indicated that effective crisis teams can have an essential role in reducing suicides. Included within national priorities is the need to deliver follow-up support for self-harm patients, particularly following A&E attendance. An increase in suicides under the care of crisis teams was attributed to pressures within the system.

When considering the ways that residents are able to access support, at a primary or community level, it would be important to consider the transitional aspects of the system. At any one time there would be a range of residents who are coping; in crisis; requiring additional support; need to be stepped-up to secondary care and those ready to be stepped-down to a community provision with future care planning to be overseen by their GP. This ultimately placed increased pressures on referral demand for GPs and support services such as Healthy Minds.

Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission was committed to improving the mental health of the population and was working to take forward a number of key service developments. One of these was a new model of care to better meet the needs of people who are not currently covered by NHS services. To do this the 101 Days for Mental Health project had been developed. Building on this, Tameside and Glossop had also been selected by the Innovation Unit to join the Living Well UK programme (one of four sites nationally). The programme would aimed to enable people with mental health needs living in the area to benefit from having a say on how mental health support was developed over the next three years. The new model would seek to improve early intervention and prevention, deliver high quality services and support people to stay well.

Work was being undertaken to deliver a Tameside suicide prevention strategy. The ambition was for a bespoke plan that was fit for purpose and able to address specific challenges for residents. Further engagement with partners was planned to ensure that there is agreement across all key stakeholders with regards to the collective responsibility for making all suicides avoidable.

RESOLVED

(i) That Executive Cabinet commits to work towards achieving a fully co-ordinated approach to reduce suicide prevalence in Tameside and which attempts to reduce the incidence of the identified risk factors.

(ii) That the Strategic Commission explores how current health systems can identify predictors for suicide, such as past episodes of self-harm, and the timescales for contact and support to be established.

(iii) That significant attention is placed on the growing and urgent need to address local contributory factors leading to depression amongst residents.

(iv) That a local review is undertaken to consider the ability of current suicide bereavement support to meet the needs of residents affected.

(v) That options are explored to communicate suicide awareness, risk factors and support mechanisms with local employers of routine and intermediate occupations.

(vi) Targeted work to be undertaken within the most deprived areas, notably a review of the identification and management of depression within primary care in line with NICE guidance.

(vii) That reassurance is sought on the ability of providers to deliver the increased levels of support during the days and weeks that follow a person's discharge from in-patient treatment.

(viii) To review current referral methods and waiting lists for support, with an aim to improve short-term outcomes for residents and to prevent the deterioration of suicide risk factors. To ensure that the contact numbers to access support for any resident in crisis and experiencing suicidal thoughts are well publicised.

(ix) That there is a need for a local suicide prevention plan to be bespoke, bold and ambitious in its ability to address some of the more area specific challenges and to identify those residents in need of help that are unknown to mental health services.

(x) For the Scrutiny Panel to be considered a formal consultee for strategy development and to undertake future monitoring of suicide prevalence.

(xi) To enhance the role and responsibility of lead commissioners within governance arrangements and future delivery of Tameside Self Harm and Suicide Prevention Group.

(xii) That when developing service changes the process is mindful to the potential impacts on the mental health and wellbeing of residents.

(xiii) That a Member Development session be arranged for all Councillors in relation to suicide prevention.

(xiv) That the Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel be requested to undertake further reviews into causes and prevention of suicide and report to a future meeting.

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

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader / Director of Finance providing an overview on the financial position of the Tameside and Glossop economy in 2018/19. For the year to 31 March 2019 the report forecast that service expenditure will exceed the approved budget in a number of areas, due to a combination of cost pressures and non-delivery of savings.

These pressures were being partially offset by additional income in corporate and contingency which may not be available in future years.

The Strategic Commission was currently forecasting that expenditure for the Integrated Commissioning Fund will exceed budget by £0.4m by the end of 2018/19 due to a combination of non-delivery of savings and cost pressures in some areas. This forecast represented a further improvement on the position reported in prior periods but masked a number of significant cost pressures including a forecast overspend in excess of £7m in Children's Services. This increase in the projected variation since the previous reporting period was primarily related to third party placements expenditure.

The Director of Finance emphasised that there was 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 identified significant savings requirements for future years. If budget pressures in service areas in 2018/19 are sustained, this would inevitably lead to an increase in the level of savings required in future years to balance the budget.

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

81 BUDGET CONVERSATION 2019/20

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader / Director of Governance and Pensions detailing responses to a public engagement exercise undertaken between 5 December 2018 and 29 January 2019 to understand public priorities for spending within the context of the financial challenges facing public services.

The conversation was used to educate and inform the public on the Strategic Commission's budget and its financial challenges whilst also allowing feedback and ideas on how services can be improved and savings made. The conversation focussed primarily on two questions:

- What do you think should be the spending priorities for the Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commission in 2019/20 and future years; and
- Do you have ideas or suggestions for how we might deliver services more efficiently, save money or raise revenue?

To support the engagement activity, a full programme of communications was undertaken. This included a full suite of infographics used to help explain the Strategic Commission's budget and spend. These were used on social media, the web pages and other publicity material. The public were provided with an opportunity to leave comments and feedback through the Big Conversation – available on both the Council and CCG websites. Posters were also produced to promote the Budget Conversation. Copies were sent to Libraries, Children's Centres, GP Practices and Civic Buildings across the locality.

RESOLVED
That the report be noted.

82 COUNCIL BUDGET 2019/20

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader / Director of Finance setting out the detailed revenue budget proposals for 2019/2020 and the Medium Term Financial Plan for the period 2019 to 2023, including the proposed Council Tax increase for 2019/2020. The proposed budget was set in the context, once again, of cuts in Government funding to all councils and significant the significant impact of demographic changes and demand pressures across the economy. Children's Social Care and Continuing Health Care were identified as particularly significant pressures and budgets included significant Targeted Efficiency Programme (TEP) savings targets which needed to be delivered to achieve a balanced position by 31 March 2019.

It was reported 2019/20 was the fourth and final year of a four year funding settlement for the Council. This four year settlement had provided the Council with some certainty over funding levels, but has nonetheless resulted in year on year funding reductions. The 2019/20 resourcing assumptions were based on the information included in the provisional 2019/20 Local Government Finance Settlement announced in December 2018. Beyond 2020, assumptions had been made based on intelligence gathered from the HM Treasury's budget in October 2018. Whilst the budget proposals for 2019/20 presented a balanced position the projected gap for 2020/21 and beyond was significant. This was due in part to the expected funding reductions and significant uncertainty around the allocation of Local Government Funding after 2019, but is also driven by forecast demographic and other cost pressures, particularly in Adults and Children's services.

It was reported that after taking account of budget pressures, additional income and savings identified for delivery in 2019/20, the total net budget requirement for the Council was £196,803k. Before any increase in Council tax levels, the resource available in 2019/20 was £193,290k, leaving a gap of £3,513k. The gap of £3,513k could be closed through an increase in Council Tax of 3.99%. This was made up of a 1% for the Adult Social Care Precept and a 2.99% general increase in Council Tax. For a typical band A property in Tameside a 3.99% increase in Council Tax would equate to an increase of £37.58 per year, or 72 pence per week.

A three year Capital programme had been approved in October 2017 with Capital investment in 2017/18 being £51,385k with forecast and planned investment over the period 2018/19 to 2020/21 of £158,723k. Future investment plans were subject to available resources and the realisation of available capital receipts; however, the current plans would see investment in excess of £200million over the four year period 2017 to 2021. In accordance with the CIPFA prudential code work had been undertaken to assess the additional capital demands for the next five years on top of the current approved investment programme. The capital strategy indicated that the level of investment required over the next five years was £123m which was in addition to the current programme and earmarked schemes.

The Pay Policy Statement had been revised to take into account the Council's approach to severance payments in excess of £95K in line with guidance received from the Department for Communities and Local Government. This pay policy would be applied for the year 2019/20 unless replaced or varied by Full Council. The purpose of the Pay Policy Statement was to ensure transparency and accountability with regard to the Council's approach to setting pay. The Pay Policy Statement has been approved by Council and was publicised on the Council's website in accordance with the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 in March each year.

In relation to the Treasury Management Strategy Members were informed that as at 31 March 2018 the Council had £127m of investments which needed to be safeguarded, and £112m of long term debt, which had been accrued over the years to help to fund the Council's capital investment programmes. The Council was the lead authority responsible for the administration of the debt of the former Greater Manchester County Council, on behalf of all ten Greater Manchester Metropolitan Authorities. As at 31 March 2018, this represented a further £77m of debt. The Treasury Management Strategy set out the estimated borrowing requirement for both Tameside

MBC and the Greater Manchester Metropolitan Debt Administration Fund (GMMDAF), together with the strategy to be employed in managing the debt position.

RESOLVED
That the following recommendations outlined in Section 11 of the submitted report be RECOMMENDED to Council for approval subject to any final minor changes to the final figures:

- **(i) That the significant financial challenges and risks facing the Council be noted;**
- **(ii) That the budgeted net expenditure for the financial year 2019/20 of £196,803k as set out in section 3 and Appendix 1 of the submitted report be approved whilst noting the significant pressures outlined in Appendix 2;**
- **(iii) That the proposed savings to be delivered by management outlined in section 3 and Appendix 3 of the submitted report be approved noting the additional detail provided in appendices 7 to 15.**
- **(iv) That an uplift to fees and charges as set out in appendix 21 of the submitted report be approved;**
- **(v) That an increase in the child allowance fees payable to Tameside Foster Carers and Relative Carers for the financial year 2019/20 in line with the weekly minimum rates as determined by the department of Education, together with a corresponding increase to the related allowances payable be approved;**
- **(vi) That an increase in the personal allowance rate payable in 2019/20 to eligible and relevant care leavers living independently, to the same level as the Job Seekers Allowance rate payable for 18-24 year olds as determined by the Department for Work and Pensions be approved;**
- **(vii) That delegated authority to the Directors (in consultation with the Section 151 officer) to agree any uplifts required to other contractual rates from 1 April 2019, which Directorates will manage within their approved budgets for 2019/20 be approved;**
- **(viii) That the use of £9,300k of reserves to fund further investment in Children’s Services improvements as set out in appendix 4 of the submitted report be approved;**
- **(ix) That a 3.99% increase to Council Tax for Tameside MBC for 2019/20, consisting of a 2.99% general increase and 1% Adult Social Care precept be approved;**
- **(x) That the budget projections set out in section 6 assume a 2.99% per annum increase in general Council Tax through to 2023/24 be noted;**
- **(xi) That the Council accepts the advice of the Section 151 Officer regarding the robustness of the estimates made for the purposes of the budget calculations and the adequacy of the proposed financial reserves. Following this, that the Council determines that the estimates are robust for the purpose of setting the budget and that the proposed financial reserves are adequate.**
- **(xii) That the Reserves Strategy and an increase to the General Fund minimum balance to £28.2m (funded from the Medium Term Financial Strategy Reserve) as set out in appendix 6 of the submitted report be approved;**
- **(xiii) That following year end the Director of Finance will present a review of reserves report to Executive Cabinet be noted;**
- **(xiv) The position on the Capital Programme as detailed in Section 8 and Appendix 17 of the submitted report previously approved by Executive Cabinet, and the forecast future investment requirements be noted;**
- **(xv) That the Pay Policy Statement for 2019/20 as set out in section 9 and Appendix 18 of the submitted report be noted;**
- **(xvi) That the Treasury Management Strategy 2019/20, which includes the proposed borrowing strategy, Annual Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy as detailed in Appendix 19 of the submitted report be approved;**
- **(xvii) That the Capital Strategy 2019/20 a detailed in Appendix 20 of the submitted report be approved.**

83 CAPITAL MONITORING PERIOD 9 2018/19

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader / Director of Finance summarising the 2018/19 capital expenditure monitoring position at 31 December 2018. Members were informed there was a projected capital investment in 2018/19 of £56.441m by March 2019. This was significantly less than the original budgeted capital investment for 2018/19, and was in part due to project delays that are being experienced following the liquidation of Carillion.

There had been changes to the 2018/19 Capital Programme which had resulted in a £9.939m reduction since the period 6 monitoring report. These were largely due to the re-profiling of £10.796m into 2019/20 approved in period 6. After period 6 re-profiling there is a balance of £0.857m compared to the budget for period 9.

The current forecast was for service areas to have spent £56.463m on capital investment in 2018/19, which is £9.827m less than the current capital budget for the year. A Capital Programme Review outlined how the proposed programme, along with additional emerging pressures, needed to be reprioritised in line with current available resources. A reprioritisation exercise was ongoing which sought to determine which schemes that had been earmarked but not fully approved should proceed, and which should be temporarily placed on hold. It was proposed that the capital investment programme was re-profiled to reflect current information. Proposed re-profiling of £9.308m into the next financial year was identified in within the individual service area tables in Appendix 3 of the submitted report. Approved re-profiling at Quarter 1 was £16.753m and £10.796m at Quarter 2.

RESOLVED

(i) That the reprofiling of £9.308m of capital budgets as set out in Appendix 3 of the submitted report to reflect up to date investment profiles be updated;

(ii) That the removal of £0.500m from the Capital Programme Disabled Facilities Grants budget be approved and ring fenced reserve for a new financial assistance policy as outlined in paragraph 4.4 of the submitted report;

(iii) That the changes to the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report be approved

(iv) That the updated Prudential Indicator position set out in Appendix 5 of the submitted report be approved;

(v) That the current capital budget monitoring position be noted;

(vi) That the resources currently available to fund the Capital Programme be noted;

(vii) That the updated capital receipts position be noted.

(viii) That the timescales for review of the Council's three year capital programme be noted.

84 CORPORATE PLAN

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader / Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Communications seeking approval of adoption of the Corporate Plan 2019-2026. The high level outcomes set out in the plan were subject to further refinement through implementation groups and Boards.

It was explained that the Corporate Plan was Tameside & Glossop Strategic Commission's (Council and CCG) key underpinning policy document and sets the framework for all policy and strategy documentation. The proposed Plan covered a seven year time frame (2019- 2026) setting out the aspirations of the Council and CCG to deliver improved outcomes for the local community. The Plan was set out across the life course and reflects the importance of a vibrant place and economy in delivering our aspirations. It contained a series of statements regarding the vision for the people and place of Tameside and Glossop. The document also set out a series of reform principles which underpin the delivery of the strategy and will enable the workforce and stakeholders to understand the way in which both organisations work.

RESOLVED
That the Corporate Plan 2019-2026 be approved for adoption.

85 PROPOSED INCREASE IN RECOVERY COSTS

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader / Assistant Director Exchequer, which sought approval for an application to the Tameside Magistrates' Court for an increase in the costs of the recovery of council tax and business rates.

The overall cost of recovery of council tax and business rates is reviewed each year to ensure that the costs of recovery were current and levied against debtors in accordance with the Council Tax (Administration and Enforcement) Regulations 1992 Regulation 34 and business rates, in accordance with the Non-Domestic Rating (Collection and Enforcement) (Local Lists) Regulations 1989, Regulation 12 (6).

The Council had to take recovery action to recover council tax and business rates debts through the Magistrates Courts. Members were informed that from April 2017 to end of March 2018 in excess of 26,000 council tax summonses were issued plus over 19,608 for council tax from 1 April 2018 to October 2018, with a combined summons debt value of £9.7m and summons costs totalling £976k. In respect of business rates in excess of 679 summonses had been issued from 1 April 2018 to October 2018 with a value of £3m and summons costs totalling £21k. Arrears continue to be recovered until such time that the debt is repaid, and which can take several years.

RECOMMENDED:
That an application to the Magistrates be approved to request the following:
(i) That the cost of a Council Tax summons to be increased from £81.50 to £86 from 1 April 2019;
(ii) That the cost of a Business Rates summons to be increased from £123.50 to £129 from 1 April 2019

86 COUNCIL TAX LONG TERM EMPTY DWELLINGS

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader / Assistant Director Exchequer seeking approval of a long term empty property charge.

Section 11B of Local Government Finance Act 1992 amended by Rating (Property in Common Occupation) and Council Tax (Empty Dwellings) Act 2018 provides that local authorities may increase the charge for empty dwellings dependant on the period of time that the property had been empty. As such the Council had undertaken a consultation exercise on proposed changes between 10 December 2018 to 18 January 2019.

The consultation was open to all members of the public via the Big Conversation web-site. Empty property owners were advised of the consultation by letter with a total of 1093 letters being sent to empty property owners who had a property empty for more than one year. This included empty properties that were currently exempt from Council Tax and which may at a point in the future attract the empty property charge where the exemption ceases. Overall 37 comments were received which is just 3.3% of the letters that were sent to empty property owners or just 0.03% of all Council Tax properties in Tameside.

Members were informed of the 1,837 (1.8% of all properties liable for Council Tax) that were empty and could be occupied, 1,155 had been empty for less than a year, of those 825 have been empty for less than 6 months, 682 properties had been empty for over one year. Therefore, it was suggested that 0.6% of all residential properties in Tameside are long term empty, or a third of all empty properties are considered to be long term empty.

Members were informed that the proposal had the potential to increase housing supply in the Borough and boost the local economy by bringing empty residential properties back into use, in accordance with the general policy of seeking to apply the minimum levels of discount from council tax where this would lead to increased revenue to the Council and bring empty properties back into residential use.

RESOLVED
(i) That from 1 April 2019 200% Council Tax is charged on properties that have been empty for more than 2 years;
(ii) That from 1 April 2020 200% Council Tax is charged on properties that have been empty for more than 2 years and less than 5 years and 300% is charged for properties that have been empty for more than 5 years;
(iii) That from 1 April 2021 200% Council Tax is charged on properties that have been empty for more than 2 years and less than 5 years; and 300% is charged for properties that have been empty for more than 5 years and less than 10 years; 400% is charged for properties that have been empty for more than 10 years

87 BUSINESS RATES

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader / Assistant Director Exchequer seeking approval of changes to the Councils Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme.

Members were advised retail discount is a fully funded discretionary relief that may be awarded from April 2019, following guidance received from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in November 2018. Retail Discount may be awarded to:
- Occupied hereditaments (businesses) with a rateable value of less that £51,000 and
- Hereditaments that are wholly or mainly being used as shops, restaurants, cafes and drinking establishments.

The value of this government funded relief available for each property for 2019-20 and 2020-21 under this scheme is one third reduction on the amount of business rates payable, and which may be awarded after mandatory reliefs and other discretionary reliefs have been applied. This excludes any payments made under the Hardship scheme which in itself is discretionary. To qualify for the relief the business should be wholly or mainly being used as a shop, restaurant, cafe or drinking establishment.

RESOLVED
That changes to the Councils Discretionary Rate Relief Scheme be approved in accordance with Section 47 of the Local government Finance Act 1988 by granting Retail Discount to:
- **Eligible occupied retail properties;**
- **With a rateable value of less than £51,000; and,**
- **The value of the discount should be one third of the bill and should be awarded after mandatory reliefs and other discretionary reliefs funded by section 31 have been applied.**

88 INVESTMENT IN A NEW EARLY HELP IT SOLUTION

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Children’s Services / Director of Children’s Services, which sought approval of investment in the procurement of an Early Help IT system and allocation of additional staffing resources to support the implementation and maintenance of the software.

Members were informed that implementation of the software package would facilitate efficiency improvements within Children's Services particularly in supporting the Early Help service to deliver a number of strategic objectives in their improvement plan.

RESOLVED

(i) That a £0.204m (year one) investment in the procurement of an Early Help IT system as detailed within the submitted report be approved;

(ii) That the financing arrangements for the licensing and support of the IT solution as detailed in Appendix A of the submitted report be approved;

(iii) That the additional staffing resource and costs to ensure that the system is implemented and maintained appropriately from year two onwards as detailed in Appendix A of the submitted report (£0.101m in year two, increasing by inflation each year thereafter) be approved.

89 PROPOSAL TO MAKE A DIRECT AWARD FOR INTERIM SERVICES TO SKYLAKES A SPECIALIST CHILDREN'S SOCIAL CARE AGENCY

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Children's Services / Director of Children's Services, which updated Executive Cabinet on an Executive decision taken by the Deputy Executive Leader, Executive Member (Children's Services), Director of Finance and Director of Governance and Pensions which approved the engagement of a specialist agency to provide a self-contained social work team along with its own management, family and business support capacity to lift circa 200 Child in Need cases out of our locality services. Approval was also given to the necessary additional budget of £0.302m and to agree to waiving Procurement Standing Order F1.4 to make a direct award of a contract to Skylakes.

RESOLVED

a) **That Executive Cabinet endorse the proposed approach;**

b) **That expenditure be allocated of £0.308 million (contract value of £0.302 million with car mileage charged as an additional cost estimated at £0.006 million) to this proposal ;**

c) **That an exception to procurement standing orders so that a direct award can be made to Skylakes, be approved.**

90 INCREASED CAPACITY WITHIN THE TRANSITION SUPPORT SERVICE

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Children's Services / Director of Children's Services seeking approval for the publication of Tameside's Local Offer to Care Leavers and an increase in capacity to the transition support service under the management agreement.

Tameside's Local Offer to Care Leavers outlined a full support offer and entitlements as set out as a requirement in the Children and Social Work Act 2017. In line with the Corporate Plan the proposal provides evidence to the Local Authority commitment to improve the quality of social care practice by having a consistent and robust local offer that provides clarity in relation to entitlements and support offer from both Children's Services and partner agencies. The transition support service development will improve placement stability for looked after children and reduce the impact of adverse childhood experiences

RESOLVED

a) **That publication of the Local Offer to Care Leavers be approved;**

b) **That the increase in capacity to the transition support service under the management agreement be approved as detailed in Appendix 2 of the submitted report.**

91 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:
That under Section 100(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that:

(i) It involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act;
(ii) In all circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would or would be likely to prejudice commercial interests.

92 MANCHESTER AIRPORT GROUP

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader / Director of Finance, which detailed plans for investment into the Manchester Airport Group of companies to bring forward additional car parking provision in order to support continued passenger growth and sets out proposals for the Council together with the other nine district Councils within Greater Manchester to invest in and support the proposal.

RESOLVED

(i) That the proposed arrangements to provide investment by way of purchase of equity in the Manchester Airport Group alongside the other nine district councils to provide additional car parking provision, to ensure future growth, details of which are set out in the body of the report, be noted;
(ii) That the Council approve a capital budget increase of £5.6m (£3.7m in 2019/20 and £1.9m in 2020/21) funded by prudential borrowing;
(iii) That Council be recommended to approve the increase in capital budget and expenditure of £5.6m funded by prudential borrowing;
(iv) That authority be delegated to the Borough Solicitor and Director of Finance in consultation with the Deputy Executive Leader, to negotiate and finalise the detailed contractual and commercial arrangements in respect of the proposed investment;
(v) That the Borough Solicitor be authorised to enter into any necessary agreements or documents to give effect to the above recommendations.

CHAIR