

## EXECUTIVE CABINET

28 August 2019

**Present:** Councillors Fairfoull (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Bray, Cooney, Feeley, Gwynne, Ryan and Wills

**In Attendance:**

Steven Pleasant	Chief Executive
Sandra Stewart	Director of Governance and Pensions
Kathy Roe	Director of Finance
Ian Saxon	Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods
Richard Hancock	Director of Children's Services
Sarah Dobson	Assistant Director Policy, Performance and Communications

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Warrington and Kitchen

### 25 WITHDRAWAL OF ITEM OF BUSINESS

In accordance with Council Procedural Standing Orders the Chair of the Committee advised that agenda item 7a) Sale of Former Hartshead High School Site, Lees Road, Ashton under Lyne; would be withdrawn from consideration at this meeting as the necessary independent valuation had not yet been received from a third party.

### 26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 27 EXECUTIVE CABINET

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 24 July 2019

#### RESOLVED

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of Executive Cabinet held on 24 July 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

### 28 STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

Consideration was given to the Minutes of the Meeting of Strategic Commissioning Board held on 24 July 2019

#### RESOLVED

**That the Minutes of the Meeting of Strategic Commissioning Board held on 24 July 2019 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

### 29 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.**

### **30 CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Leader/ CCG Governing Body Chair / Director of Governance and Pensions which provided an update on progress towards the implementation of the Corporate Plan Performance Monitoring Framework across Tameside and Glossop Strategic Commission.

Members were reminded that the Corporate Plan Performance Monitoring Framework had been developed to measure the outcomes that the Corporate Plan aimed to deliver. It was explained that targets for each of the 50 indicators had been included for 2020, along with a stretch target for 2025 and an aspirational target for 2030. These would be reviewed by the leads of each of the five partnerships aligning to the Corporate Plan strands to agree if they were achievable. Each of the eight priorities had a suite of indicators that would be used to measure the outcomes of the priority.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the content of the report be noted.**
- (ii) That performance data is reported on a quarterly basis to Executive Cabinet and the Strategic Commissioning Board.**

### **31 MONTH 3 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Finance & Economic Growth / CCG Governing Body Chair / Director of Finance providing an overview on the financial position of the Tameside and Glossop economy in 2019/20. For the year to 31 May 2019 the report forecast that service expenditure would exceed the approved budget in a number of areas, due to a combination of cost pressures and non-delivery of savings.

It was explained that for the 2019/20 financial year the Integrated Commissioning Fund was forecast to spend of £617,896k, against a net budget of £615,694k, a forecast overspend of £2,202k. The forecast was an improved position from the previous month but masks significant and increased pressures in a number of areas, including Children's Services which was forecasting expenditure to be £4.5m in excess of budget. It was stated that significant pressures were also emerging in Growth and Operations and Neighbourhoods.

The improved position from month 2 was due mainly to a significant favourable movement in Capital and Financing due to an increase in the Manchester Airport Dividend payment. In addition there had been a significant favourable movement on the CCG Targeted Efficiency Programme (TEP). Further detailed analysis of budget performance and progress against savings was included in Appendix 2 of the submitted report.

The report also detailed the significant financial pressures facing the Council in respect of the Education High Needs Funding Block. There was a projected deficit on the High Needs Funding of £5.507m. If this deficit materialised, the Council would be expected to produce a three year deficit recovery plan and submit this to the Department for Education.

The report also provided details of the proposed changes to the financing arrangements for the Tameside Wellness centre, which resulted in changes to the Active Tameside Management Fee.

The Council's irrecoverable debts over £3,000 that had been written off in the period April to June 2019 were also provided.

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) That the significant level of savings required during 2019/20 to deliver a balanced recurrent economy budget together with the related risks which are contributing to the overall adverse forecast be acknowledged.**
- (ii) That the significant financial pressures facing the Strategic Commission, particularly in respect of Children's Social Care and Operations & Neighbourhoods, and Growth be acknowledged.**
- (iii) That the significant financial pressures facing the Council in respect of the Education High Needs Funding Block be acknowledged.**
- (iv) That the proposed changes to the financing arrangements for the Tameside Wellness Centre, as set out in section 4 and the related change to the Active Tameside Management Fee be approved.**
- (v) That the write off of irrecoverable debts as outlined in Appendix 3 of the submitted report be approved.**

**32 CAPITAL MONITORING Q1 2019/20**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth/CCG Governing Body Chair/Director of Finance which summarised the capital expenditure monitoring position at 30 June 2019, based on information provided by project managers. The report showed projected capital investment in 2019/20 of £58,756 by March 2020. It was explained that it had been necessary to re-profile some schemes within Engineers and Education capital schemes resulting in the need to transfer £2.468m from 2019/20 into 2020/21.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) That the reprofiling of £2.468m of capital budgets as summarised in Table 2 and set out in Appendix 3 to reflect up to date investment profiles be approved.**
- (ii) That the changes to the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report, be approved.**
- (iii) That the updated Prudential Indicator position set out in Appendix 5 was approved by Council in February 2019 be approved.**
- (iv) That £0.150m additional budget for the Tameside Wellness Scheme as set out in paragraph 4.17 of the submitted report be approved.**
- (v) That the removal of £0.136m remaining budgets of capital schemes which have come to an end as set out in paragraph 7.1 of the submitted report be approved.**
- (vi) That the current capital budget monitoring position be noted.**
- (vii) That the resources currently available to fund the Capital Programme be noted.**
- (viii) That the updated capital receipts position be noted.**
- (ix) That the timescales for review of the Council's three year capital programme be noted.**

**33 COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME 2020 TO 2021**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth / Assistant Director of Exchequer Services, which explained the procedural requirement in deciding if changes were required to the Council Tax Support Scheme. Members were informed that if any changes were required then consultation must take place for the scheme to become effective from April 2020. It was stated that the scheme cost and claimant numbers continued to decline and support for claimants remained in place. There appeared to be no adverse quality impact assessment arising from the quarterly reviews that took place and further guidance, which may have a bearing on the scheme was not expected. Members were asked to consider the following:

The purpose of this report was therefore to consider the following:

- a) That the current Council Tax Support Scheme remains in place in 2020/21 or;
- b) That the current Council Tax Support Scheme is revised for 2020/21

Where a Council Tax Support Scheme was to be revised then legislation was clear on the requirements to consult the public and precepting bodies prior to any changes to the scheme. Full consultation had taken place prior to previous revisions to the scheme.

In considering whether there should be revisions to the current scheme, the current operation and costs of the scheme should be considered, in addition to any guidance released by central government or by direction of the Valuation Tribunal Service which consider appeals for local Council Tax Support Schemes.

**RESOLVED**

**That a RECOMMENDATION is made to Council that the Council Tax Support scheme for 2020/21 in principle remains the same scheme as that set effective from April 2019, subject to annual benefit uprating as detailed in the scheme and any further guidance which may be issued by MCHLG.**

**CHAIR**