

## STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL MONITORING PANEL

25 November 2019

**Present:** Councillors Warrington (Chair), Cooney, Fairfoull, McNally, Reid, Ryan and Dickinson

<b>In Attendance:</b>	Sandra Stewart	Director of Governance and Pensions
	Jeanelle De Gruchy	Director of Population Health
	Ian Saxon	Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods
	Emma Varnam	Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods
	Tom Wilkinson	Assistant Director of Finance
	Tim Rainey	Assistant Director, Digital Tameside
	Greg Stott	Interim Assistant Director, Development and Investment
	Nicola Turner	Interim Head of Development and Investment
	Catherine Moseley	Head of Access Services

**Apologies for Absence:** Councillors Feeley and Newton

### 18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 19 MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

**That the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel held on 2 September 2019 be approved as a correct record.**

### 20 CAPITAL MONITORING PERIOD 6 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 September 2019, based on information provided by project managers. The report showed projected capital investment in 2019/20 of £55,484 million by March 2020, which was £21.280 million less than the current capital budget for the year. It was explained that this was made up of a number of additional costs due to overspend against a number of specific schemes (£1.610 million), less the re-phasing of expenditure in some other areas (£22.890 million). Proposed re-profiling of £22.890 into the next financial year was identified within the individual service area tables, as detailed in appendices to the report.

#### RESOLVED

**That Executive Cabinet be recommended to approve the following:**

- (i) The re-profiling of £22.890m to reflect up to date investment profiles;**
- (ii) The changes to the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 1 of the submitted report;**
- (iii) The updated Prudential Indicator position set out in Appendix 5, which was approved by Council in February 2019;**
- (iv) The removal of £0.500m remaining budgets of capital schemes which have come to an end, as set out in Appendix 11 of the submitted report;**
- (v) That the current capital budget monitoring position be noted;**
- (vi) That the resources currently available to fund the Capital Programme be noted; and**
- (vii) That the updated capital receipts position be noted.**

## **21 EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Executive Member, Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Cultural and Heritage/Assistant Director, Education, which sought approval of proposed changes to the Education Capital Programme and provided an update on delivery of the programme.

It was reported that the Council had £13,995,524 of Basic Need Grant available to spend in 2019/20. This was a balance of unspent grant from previous years. The Council didn't receive any allocation in 2018/19. Notification had been received of an additional allocation of £4,842,699 for 2019/20 and nil for 2020/21.

The report identified that grants has been earmarked for schemes totalling £10,005,000 which had previously been reported to Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel and were included in the Council's capital programme. The report identified proposed changes of £3,217,524 bringing the value of earmarked schemes to £13,995,524. The period 6 capital monitoring report included re-profiling requests totalling £1,900,000. There was a nil balance of unallocated Basic Need funding.

It was further reported that the Council had £2,377,774 of School Condition funding available to be spent during the 2019/20 financial year, to improve and maintain the school estate. Appendix 2 of the report identified that grant had been earmarked for schemes totalling £1,973,000, which had previously been reported to Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel and were included in the Council's capital programme. Appendix 2 further identified proposed changes of £31,000 bringing the total of unallocated School Condition funding of £373,774.

It was explained that a detailed review of all earmarked schemes in 2019/20 continued to be undertaken and it was anticipated that resource would be identified from other earmarked schemes where costs were expected to be less than budgeted.

### **RESOLVED**

**That Executive Cabinet be recommended to approve:**

- (i) The proposed changes to the Education Capital Programme, as outlined in Appendix 1 (Basic Need Funding Schemes) and Appendix 2 (School Condition Allocation Funding Schemes); and**
- (ii) The allocation of budget from the Special Provision Fund for post 16 development at Cromwell High School.**
- (iii) That the risk relating to the delayed allocation of Basic Need Funding in future years (Section 2 of the report) be noted;**
- (iv) That the risks highlighted in Section 5 of the report be noted;**
- (v) That approval is given to work identified in the report; and**
- (vi) £547,648.39 be approved for S106 drawdown.**

## **22 GROWTH CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth /Director of Growth providing an update on the 2019/2020 Growth Capital Programme.

A summary of approved capital projects was provided. In respect of Ashton Town Hall, Members were advised that the initial plans drawn up in 2017 developed a model for Ashton Town Hall which delivered the objectives of the Council but with a significant ongoing revenue cost. In the context of the ongoing financial pressures facing the council, further market testing was required to consider alternative models which could deliver revenue benefits or reduce the revenue costs to the Council. The cost of market testing, estimated to be £0.100m, was to be funded from the schemes current earmarked budget. This approach was approved at Executive Cabinet on 24 July

2019. Further survey work was required to the main building parapet which was showing signs of deterioration. The survey would be managed by the LEP with the cost met from the £0.100m allocation already identified. The LEP had appointed a specialist company to undertake the survey and initiate any urgent repairs. This was due to take place during the first week of November 2019. A further report was in preparation for Executive Cabinet with proposals for the next stages of work to the Town Hall.

In respect of Section 106 Agreements the position was £1,121,000 in credit, as at 30 September 2019. The position for Developer Contributions as at 30 September 2019 was £131,000 in credit, less approved allocation of £42,000, leaving a balance of £89,000.

Requests to draw down funding were also detailed as follows:

**11/00396/OUT – Alma works, Furnace Street, Hyde**

This outline planning application proposed the redevelopment of the site to provide up to 100 dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and access. It was approved on 23 November 2011 upon completion of the required Section 106 agreement securing, amongst other things, £108,220.54 for 'Service for Children and Young People'. This was provided in two equal payments on 23 March 2015 and 20 April 2018.

It was requested that £108,220.54 S106 contribution towards educational provision be allocated to Flowery Field Primary School. This would allow funding previously spent from the Council's ring-fenced School Condition budget to be replenished by this amount.

**12/01025/FUL – Land and buildings bounded by Hart Court, Smith Street, and Lees Road, Mossley**

This application proposed the erection of 43 houses and was approved on 31 October 2013 on completion of the Section 106 agreement securing, amongst other things, a Developer Contribution of £16,883.21 as a Community Education Contribution. This would allow funding allocated from the Council's ring-fenced School Condition budget to be replenished by this amount.

It was requested that the £16,883.21 S106 contribution towards educational provision be allocated to a scheme at Mossley Hollins High School. This would allow funding allocated from the Council's ring-fenced Basic Need budget to be replenished by this amount.

**15/00631/FUL – Wharf Mill, Dukinfield Road, Hyde**

This was a hybrid planning application (i.e. part full, part outline) proposing:

- a) Full planning permission for the erection of 66 no. dwellings with associated car parking, access, internal roads and landscaped open space; and,
- b) Outline planning permission for employment uses (Use Classes B1 / B2 / B8) with all matters reserved, except for access.

It was approved on 22 October 2015 following completion of a Section 106 agreement securing, amongst other things, a Developer Contribution of £44,461.00 as a Community Education Contribution towards the provision of education services at the new 420 place school in Hyde and Hyde Community College.

It was requested that the £44,461.00 S106 contribution towards educational provision be now allocated to Hyde Community College. This would allow funding allocated from the Council's ring-fenced Basic Need budget to be replenished by this amount. In turn this would fund our ongoing commitments to create additional school places in the future.

**17/00266/FUL – Wharf Mill, Dukinfield Road, Hyde**

This was a planning permission for the erection of 29 dwellings and was approved on 21 July 2017 on completion of the required Section 106 agreement securing, amongst other things, £36,507.09

toward the provision of education services consisting of the remodelling work that was necessary to increase the published admission number at Hyde Community College from 210 to 240 pupils.

It was requested that the £36,507.09 S106 contribution towards educational provision be now allocated to Hyde Community College. This would allow funding allocated from the Council's ring-fenced Basic Need budget to be replenished by this amount. In turn this would fund ongoing commitments to create additional school places in the future.

**13/00448/FUL – Land adjacent to M60 motorway off Audenshaw Road, Audenshaw**

This was a planning permission for the erection of 250 dwellings on the site and was approved on 1 August 2013 on completion of the required Section 106 agreement securing, amongst other things, an Education Contribution for the sum of £237,478.00 to be paid towards the provision of education facilities in the borough.

50% of the Education Contribution was payable prior to the first occupation of the 100<sup>th</sup> dwelling with the remainder required on completion of the 200<sup>th</sup> dwelling.

It was requested that the £118,739.00 S106 contribution towards educational provision be allocated to Denton Community College. This would allow funding previously spent from the Council's ring-fenced Basic Need budget to be replenished by this amount.

**11/00155/FUL – Hyde Hospital, Grange Road South, Hyde**

This was a planning permission for the redevelopment of Hyde Hospital for up to 31 dwellings and associated infrastructure and was approved on 18 October 2011 on completion of the required Section 106 agreement securing, amongst other things, an Education Contribution for the sum of £38,450.55.

It was requested that the £38,450.55 contribution towards educational provision be allocated to Alder High School. This would allow funding allocated from the Council's ring-fenced Basic Need budget to be replenished by this amount. In turn this would fund ongoing commitments to create additional school places in the future.

**16/00822/FUL – Mono Pumps Ltd., Martin Street, Audenshaw**

This was a full planning permission for a proposed residential development of 178 dwellings and was approved on 15 December 2016 following the completion of the required Section 106 agreement. This secured, amongst other things, £168,548.03 to fund new places at Aldwyn Park Primary School, Audenshaw. This was to be provided in two equal payments of £84,274 with the final payment due prior to occupation of the 89<sup>th</sup> unit.

It was requested that the £84,274.00 S106 contribution towards educational provision be allocated to Aldwyn Primary. This would allow funding allocated from the Council's ring-fenced Basic Need budget to be replenished by this amount. In turn this would fund ongoing commitments to create additional school places in the future.

**15/00306/FUL – The March Hare Hotel, Crowhill Road, Ashton**

This was a full planning permission for the erection of 12no. houses and was approved on 9 September 2015 following the signing of the required Section 106 agreement securing, amongst other things, £5,633.00 towards the enhancement and maintenance of Waterloo Primary School, Worthington Street, Ashton.

It was requested that £5,633.00 S106 contribution towards educational provision be allocated to Waterloo Primary School. This would allow funding previously spent from the Council's ring-fenced School Condition budget to be replenished by this amount.

## **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the content of the report be noted; and**
- (ii) That it be recommended to Executive Cabinet that the following be added to the Council Capital Programme:**
  - **The corporate landlord capital expenditure associated with statutory compliance work for the period identified of £0.115 million; and**
  - **S106 education contributions totalling £0.453 million, as detailed above.**

## **23 OPERATIONS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment / Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods providing an update on the 2019/20 Operations and Neighbourhoods Capital Programme.

Details were given of approved schemes as follows:

- Highways: Transport Asset management Plan (TAMP);
- Flooding: Flood Prevention and Consequential Repairs;
- Slope Stability Works – Fairlea, Denton and Greenside Lane, Droylsden;
- Repair and Restoration of Cemetery Boundary Walls;
- Replacement of Cremators and Mercury Abatement, Filtration Plan and Heat Recovery Facilities;
- Additional Car Parks at Darnton Road, Ashton; and
- Purchase of Fleet car.

With regard to the purchase of a Fleet car, it was explained that the Council purchased a 4 x 4 Ford Ranger during 2019/20. The purchase was required to replace an existing vehicle, which was subject to a manufacturer warranty recall and deemed beyond economic repair. The manufacturer purchased the vehicle from the Council for £4k and these funds would be used to offset the cost of the replacement, which was purchased for £19,729.80 net and was delivered to the Council on the 14 July 2019. The vehicle would be funded by revenue via RCCO at year end.

It was further explained that the Head of Transport Services was working closely with Finance on the development of an 8 year Fleet Replacement Strategy/Program. It was anticipated that this report would be completed early December 2019. The Strategy would outline the current fleet position and its optimum replacement periods taking into account emerging technology and the proposed Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone.

In respect of external grants, the Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods advised Members that Greater Manchester was one of eight Cycle City Ambition cities to receive funding in order to invest in high quality cycling infrastructure to make cycling a convenient, attractive and safe travel choice for everyone, regardless of age or ability. Tameside Council secure circa £1 million to deliver Cycle City improvements in the second phase of the project, which was now coming to an end this year.

Members were further informed that the Cycle City Ambition Grant (CCAG2) budgets were revised through the Deed of Variation dated the 22 November 2018 between the Council, TfGM and GMCA. The Budget for Stalybridge Station to West Hill School scheme had been increased by £0.54 million and the budget for Ashton Canal Links had been reduced by the same amount. Similarly the budget for West Hill School off-site improvement had been increased by £0.26 million and the budget for Links to the Velodrome had been reduced by this amount. This change had been made in line with the CCAG2 Grant's Terms and Conditions. This Deed of Variation revised the individual CCAG2 scheme budgets, within the overall CCAG2 programme budget of £1.005 million which remained the same, to better reflect the latest scheme estimates at that time.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the content of the report and the status of the schemes in the programme be noted, and that Executive Cabinet be recommended to approve:**

- (i) That CCAG2 budgets be amended to reflect the revised figures as detailed above; and**
- (ii) The cost of the replacement of 4 x 4 fleet vehicle, which would be funded from venue through RCCO as detailed in above.**

## **24 LEISURE ASSETS CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member Finance and Growth / Director of Population Health summarising the delivery of the Council's capital investment programme to improve sports and leisure facilities, as approved by Executive Cabinet on 24 March 2016.

Details were given of completed schemes as follows:

- Active Copley heating replacement (£0.369m);
- Active Copley pitch replacement scheme (£0.177m);
- Active Medlock roof replacement scheme (£0.120m);
- Active Dukinfield development (ITRAIN) – (£1.3m Council investment & £1 m repayable loan by Active Tameside; and
- Active Longdendale Development (Total Adrenaline) – (£0.600m repayable loan by Active Tameside).

A programme update on live schemes was also given, including:

- Active Hyde Pool Extension (£3.034m);
- Active Hyde Wave Machine Replacement (£0.060m);
- Tameside Wellness Centre (£13.674m Council investment and £1.050m repayable loan by Active Tameside and £1.500m grant from Sport England);
- Active Medlock Synthetic Turf Pitch Replacement (£0.120m) and
- Floodlight Replacement Scheme.

With regard to Active Ashton (Ashton Pool) it was explained that Active Ashton was in poor condition and required a condition survey. Authority to proceed with the survey was set out in the approved Strategic Planning Capital Monitoring Panel Minutes to Executive Cabinet on the 27 March 2019. The outcome of the survey would be used to establish an option paper for further consideration.

In respect of risk management, the major risks associated with all capital schemes included funding, increasing costs and time delays occurring during the development and delivery phases. The Council continued to manage and monitor schemes using robust project management methodology and governance to mitigate these risks.

The report concluded that good progress was being made in relation to the remaining live schemes. Governance arrangements were now in place for the decisions required in order to progress the Hyde Pool scheme, the Active Medlock Pitch replacement scheme and the options for the disposal of the Active Denton site.

## **RESOLVED**

**That the content of the report be noted.**

**CHAIR**