

## STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL MONITORING PANEL

16 March 2020

**Commenced:** 14:00

**Terminated:** 14:45

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

**In Attendance:**

Steven Pleasant	Chief Executive
Sandra Stewart	Director of Governance and Pensions
Tom Wilkinson	Assistant Director of Finance
Mark Steed	Capital Projects Consultant
Emma Varnam	Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods
Debbie Watson	Assistant Director for Population Health

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

### 25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 26 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel on the 25 November 2019 were approved as a correct record.

### 27 CAPITAL MONITORING PERIOD 10

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member for Finance & Economic Growth / Clinical Lead for Living Well, Finance & Governance / Director of Finance, which summarised the 2019/20 capital expenditure monitoring position at 31 January 2020, based on information provided by project managers.

It was reported that there had been changes to the 2019/20 Capital Programme to the value of £22.971m since the start of the financial year. This includes slippage from Q1 2019/20 of £2.468m, Q2 slippage of £22.890m.

Members of the Panel were informed that it was forecast that service areas would spend £41.470m on capital investment in 2019/20. The Assistant Director of Finance outlined the key messages for period 10.

The Assistant Director of Finance informed the Panel that a reprioritisation exercise was completed in March 2019 an earmarked schemes had been prioritised. There was a funding gap of £26m if all earmarked capital schemes were to be progressed this gap would increase further if anticipated receipts were not achieved.

### RESOLVED

- (i) **The re-profiling of £12.101m to reflect up to date investment profiles as set out in Appendix 1 be approved;**
- (ii) **The changes to the Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 1 be approved;**
- (iii) **The updated Prudential Indicator position set out in Appendix 5, which was approved by Council in February 2019, be approved;**

- (iv) £10m be added to the Capital Programme for Godley Green (section 3 of this report);
- (v) That £2.5m of DCMS grant funding be added to the Digital Tameside Capital Programme (section 3 of this report)
- (vi) £0.259m virement from ICT Vision Tameside (Digital Tameside) to Vision Tameside within Operations & Neighbourhoods (Section 3 of this report)
- (vii) The current capital budget monitoring position be noted;
- (viii) That the resources currently available to fund the Capital Programme be noted;
- (ix) The updated capital receipts position be noted; AND
- (x) The budget for the Data Centre (previously included under Digital Tameside) has been moved and consolidated with the budget for Ashton Old Baths (AOB) within the Growth Directorate because the Data Centre is part of the AOB project. The AOB phase 3 and Data Centre works have been procured and are being managed as one project, and as such for ease of budget monitoring, the budgets have been combined.

## **28 FINANCE & IT CAPITAL UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Finance and Economic Growth) / Director of Finance, which provided a summary of the progress to date of the delivery of the Council's capital investment programme in the finance and IT Directorate.

Members of the panel were informed that the approved Finance and IT Capital programme for 2019/20 was £8.715m. This included a £5.6m additional investment in Manchester Airport and £3.115m for Digital Tameside.

The Assistant Director for Finance updated Members of the Panel on the Manchester Airport Finance Capital Scheme, the investment would be expected to generate revenue income through returns of 3.25% from 2021/2021 onwards, it was explained that no amounts were assumed in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP). The investment was expected to be drawn down in three tranches in February, March and April 2020.

An update on each of the Digital Tameside Schemes was provided. The Assistant Director of Finance advised the Panel on the progress of the Fibre Infrastructure, ICT Vision Tameside, the Laptop Replacement Programme and Microsoft Licensing.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) That the content of the report be noted, including the details of the status of the schemes in the programme; and
- (ii) To accept the additional grant funding of £2.5m from the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and add this to the Capital Programme.

## **29 EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Members (Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage) / Executive Member (Finance and Economic Growth) / Assistant Director for Education, which advised Members on the latest position of the Education Capital Programme.

It was reported that on the 29 May 2018 the Government announced the 2020/2021 allocation of Basic Need Funding for Tameside council, Tameside Council received no further allocation. The balance of the Basic need funding was profiled to be spent during the next year in order to provide the required additional school places.

The Assistant Director of Finance explained that it was not known when the School Condition Allocation funding would be known, the announcement had been delayed due to the 2020 spending review.

Members of the Panel sought further information on the progress of West Hill School, it was explained that the scheme to increase the accommodation at the school was no longer going ahead and the funding would be returned to the unallocated Basic Need Fund.

## **RESOLVED**

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

- (i) the proposed changes to the Education Capital Programme, (Basic Need Funding Schemes), Special Provision Fund and Healthy Pupils' Capital Fund as outlined in Appendix 1 and School Condition Allocation Funding Schemes Appendix 2;**
- (ii) That S106 contributions and Developer Contributions as set out in section 2 are approved to finance Education Capital Schemes;**
- (iii) That £442,159 Special Provision top up grant to be added to the Capital Programme;**
- (iv) That £12,029 residual grant funding be added to the Capital Programme to contribute to the costs of Basic Need schemes;**
- (v) the work identified in the report;**
- (vi) The risk relating to the delayed allocation of Basic Need Funding in future years (section 2) is noted;**
- (vii) the work identified in the report at para 3.54, which will need further governance setting out final costs and the obligations of each scheme;**
- (viii) That the risk relating to the delayed allocation of Basic Need Funding in future years (section 2) be noted;**
- (ix) That the risks highlighted in section 5 of the report be noted; and**
- (xi) That approval be given to progress the work identified in the report at para 3.54, which will need further governance setting out final costs and the obligations of each scheme.**

## **30 CAPITAL PROGRAMME - OPERATIONS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS**

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

The Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods outlined progress of the Approved Schemes. It was reported that the Highways Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) programme had progressed well, the majority of works had been completed and a number of schemes would be delivered in 2020/21. The remaining capital funding allocation for 2020/21 had not been approved, it would be considered as part of the prioritisation of capital resources and was included in the Operations and Neighbourhoods five year capital requirements.

The works undertaken on Flood Prevention and Consequential Repairs were outlined to the Panel. Further access and safety improvements had been made at a number of locations specialist consulting engineers were progressing the detailed design work for a number of locations which required complex construction works. Sites were scheduled to commence late summer and completed by 31 March 2021.

Members of the Panel were updated on the Slope Stability Works, it was explained that due to complications with Greenside Lane works, the costs have now been clarified following a tendering process and were £0.600m more than the original allocation of £0.300.

It was reported that the Waste Enforcement Team would replace their 3.5t Tipper with a 7.5t Tipper, the JCB 1T Dumper required by Cemeteries would replace their original item that was stolen and a further £2.406m spend had been authorised for the purchase of 21 vehicles outlined within the report. All deliveries and spend for these vehicles would take place in the 2020/2021 financial year.

The Assistant Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods updated the Panel on the Ashton Town Centre Public Realm Project. It was explained that the Vision Tameside Phase 2 programme was

now complete and the public realm project would be developed, delivered and monitored and reported as a separate project. The report asked for virements of £153,000 to be transferred from the original Northern Bypass project to the Ashton Town Centre Public Realm project.

Members of the Panel were given a detailed update on the External Grants including the Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund Programme, Highways England - Designated Funds Scheme and Department for Transport – Safe Roads Fund.

#### **RESOLVED**

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

- (i) An additional £0.600m to be added to the Capital Programme for the Greenside Lane scheme as set out in Sections 2.7-2.10;**
- (ii) Virements of £153,000 to be transferred from the original Northern Bypass project to the Ashton Town Centre Public Realm project, as set out in Section 2.30; and**
- (iii) Approved development costs, for the Active Neighbourhoods and Crown Point schemes, as set out in Section 3.7 of this report, to be added to the Capital Programme.**

### **31 LEISURE ASSETS CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment) / Director of Population Health, which provided a summary of the progress to date on the delivery of the Council's capital investment programme to improve sports and leisure facilities approved by Executive Cabinet on 24 March 2016.

The Assistant Director, Population Health, updated the Panel on the Live Schemes of the programme. It was reported that the Active Hyde Pool Extension had now been procured and managed by the Local Education Partnership on behalf of the Council. Following approval of the capital budget for the scheme by Executive Cabinet, the LEP had progressed the scheme to a point where the contracts including the Head Contract with the Council and the Deed of Appointment for the Independent Certifier had been signed. The scheme commenced on site in February with the completion due in February 2021.

It was explained that the Tameside Wellness Centre scheme had progressed well. Construction began in November 2018 with an official opening date of 2 March 2020. The scheme had been delivered on programme and within the allocated budget subject to the final account being agreed by the Council and Network Space.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That the content of the report be noted, including that Capital funding to clear the Denton Pool site is earmarked in the approved capital programme and further governance will be sought when the final cost is known.**

### **32 GROWTH UPDATE REPORT**

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member (Finance and Economic Growth) / Director of Growth, which provided an update on the 2019/20 Growth Capital Programme and set out details of the major approved capital schemes in the Directorate.

The Capital Projects Consultant provided an update on the major capital projects within the Capital Programme managed by the Growth Directorate and the prioritisation of business cases yet to be approved and formally included in the Capital Programme.

Members of the Panel were advised that following the £10m Housing Infrastructure Funding award for the Godley Green Garden Village on 25 March, Executive Cabinet agreed to enter the Grant

Funding Agreement on the 23 October 2019. Following this award £0.720m would be available for drawdown to fund the design of infrastructure to open up the site for residential development, a detailed capital programme plan outlining the spending of the £10m grant would need to be developed before being added to the remaining £10m to the Council's capital programme.

It was explained that the Capital Programme included a earmarked resource of £1.322m for Property Assets Statutory Compliance works. Works to date in previous years had been reported to the Panel retrospectively when completed. It was explained that the report asked for a recommendation for £0.533 from the Property Assets Statutory Compliance works budget for the itemised list in Appendix 1 to the report. Members of the Panel discussed and agreed on the importance of the repairs to the Council's buildings, providing a safe and effective physical environment for staff.

#### **RESOLVED**

**That Executive Cabinet be recommended to approve that the following be added to the Council Capital Programme:**

- (i) £0.720m Housing Infrastructure Funding for Godley Green Garden Village as detailed in section 2.21 of the report;**
- (ii) the corporate landlord capital expenditure associated with statutory compliance work for the period identified of £0.533m ; and**
- (iii) S106 & Developer Contributions for Services for Children & Young People and Community Services totalling £0.589m as detailed in section 2.30 of the report,**

#### **33 URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

**CHAIR**