

EXECUTIVE CABINET

25 March 2020

Comm: 1.15pm

Term: 1.25pm

Present: Councillors Warrington (In the Chair), Cooney and Fairfoull

**In Attendance: Sandra Stewart Director of Governance and Pensions
Dr Ashwin Ramachandra Co-Chair of NHS CCG Tameside & Glossop**

Apologies for absence: Cllrs Bray, Feeley, Gwynne, Kitchen (Ex-Officio), Ryan and Wills

114 CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance, in the most unusual of circumstances.

She explained that the legislation that regulated decision making in Local Authorities currently required physical meetings. In order to ensure appropriate governance for important work, Members were meeting today to consider a number of decisions with the minimum quorate and persons present were separated by 2 metres and complying with social distancing guidance. The other members of the Cabinet were showing leadership by staying at home and supporting their communities and wards due to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) restrictions around social distancing.

The Chair paid tribute to all the NHS workers and support staff in Tameside and Glossop. The fight against coronavirus was one of the gravest in living memory, and these men and women were in the frontline.

She highlighted and recognised the work of the officers of the council and in schools. In their efforts to protect the public, to use the workforce where it would do the most good, and to follow government guidance, many had found themselves placed in unfamiliar roles and situations in the past week. Nevertheless, they continued to carry out their assigned tasks with diligence and professionalism.

The Executive Leader further noted the incredible work of community groups and individuals in supporting others who were self-isolating.

She concluded by asking everyone to comply with the public advice and stay at home and not to put others at risk as it could cost them their lives.

The Chair thanked everyone leading the fight against COVID-19 (coronavirus).

115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received from Members.

116 MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet meeting held on 12 February 2020 be approved as a correct record.

117 MINUTES OF STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING BOARD

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Commissioning Board held on 12 February 2020 be noted.

118. MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND CAPITAL MONITORING PANEL

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel meeting held on 16 March 2020. Approval was sought of recommendations of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel arising from the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (a) The minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel held on 16 March 2019, be noted.**
- (b) That the following recommendations be approved:**

EDUCATION CAPITAL PROGRAMME

- (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**
- (x) 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.**

CAPITAL PROGRAMME - OPERATIONS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS

- (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.**

GROWTH UPDATE REPORT

- (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.**

119 GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meetings of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority held on 31 January 2020, be noted.

120 MONTH 10 INTEGRATED REVENUE MONITORING REPORT

The Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / CCG Chair / Director of Finance submitted a report providing an overview on the financial position of the Tameside and Glossop economy in 2019/20. For the year to 31 March 2020 the report forecast that service expenditure would exceed the approved budget in a number of areas, due to a combination of cost pressures, shortfalls in income and non-delivery of savings.

It stated that for the 2019/20 financial year, the Integrated Commissioning Fund was forecast to spend £619.082 million, against an approved net budget of £618.964 million. The small forecast overspend of £0.118 million was an improvement of £1.4 million since period 9. The improved position this month was due to forecast projections across a number of directorates having improved. However, there remained a number of key overspends which placed pressure on future year budgets. Further detail on the economy wide position was included in an Appendix to the report.

Details of the Collection Fund 2019/20; Fees and Charges 2020/21 and Adult Services Provider and Service User Payment Rates 2020/21, were also appended to the report.

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, be acknowledged;**
- (iii) That the forecast position for the Collection Fund be noted;**
- (iv) That the updated schedule of Fees and Charges for 2020/21 be approved; and**
- (v) That the schedule of Adult Services Provider and Service User Payment Rates for 2020/21 be approved.**

121 CAPITAL MONITORING PERIOD 10 2019/20

The Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / CCG Chair / Director of Finance submitted a report summarising the 2019/20 capital expenditure monitoring position at 31 January 2020, based on information provided by project managers. The report showed projected capital investment in 2019/20 of £41.470 million by March 2020. This was significantly less than the original budgeted capital investment and there was a need to transfer £12.101 million of budget from 2019/20 into 2020/21.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the re-profiling of £12.101 million to reflect up to date investment profiles as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved;**
- (ii) That the changes to the Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved;**

- (iii) That the updated Prudential Indicator position set out in Appendix 4 of the report, which was approved by Council in February 2019, be approved;
- (iv) That £10 million be added to the Capital Programme for Godley Green (as detailed in Section 3 of the report);
- (v) That £2.5 million of DCMS grant funding be added to the Digital Tameside Capital Programme (as detailed in Section 3 of the report);
- (vi) That the £0.259 million virement from ICT Vision Tameside (Digital Tameside) to Vision Tameside within Operations & Neighbourhoods (as detailed in Section 3 of the report), be approved;
- (vii) That the current capital budget monitoring position be noted;
- (viii) The resources currently available to fund the Capital Programme be noted;
- (ix) That the updated capital receipts position be noted; and
- (x) It be noted that the budget of the Data Centre (previously included under Digital Tameside) had 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.

122 TAMESIDE SOCIAL VALUE CHARTER

The Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Assistant Director of Finance, submitted a report, which presented Members with a Social Value Charter for Tameside for approval. The social value charter would act as the guiding principle in the procurement of goods and services by Tameside Council.

A copy of the Charter was appended to the report.

RESOLVED

That the Tameside Social Value Charter be adopted by Executive Cabinet and Tameside Council, applied to its fullest extent wherever expedient.

123 INCLUSIVE GROWTH – DIGITAL INCLUSION OFFICER AND PROSPEROUS BOARD REVIEW

The Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Growth / Head of Employment and Skills, submitted a report setting out Tameside Council's successful bid to Greater Manchester Combined Authority to fund the programme of Digital Inclusion Officer and how this would support delivery of the emerging Tameside Inclusive Growth Strategy. The report also provided outcomes from the recent Prosperous Board review.

RESOLVED

- (i) **That the Digital Inclusion Officer Programme and the entering into the necessary grant agreement, be approved; and**
- (ii) **That the outcomes of the Prosperous Board Review be noted.**

124 IN WORK PROGRESSION PROOF OF CONCEPT

A report was submitted by the Executive Member for Housing, Planning and Employment / Director of Growth / Head of Economy, Employment and Skills, which explained that Tameside Council had worked with Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to design an In Work Progression (IWP) Proof of Concept Trial. The Trial would be voluntary for residents. Tameside Council would provide the In Work Progression Service and procure an evaluator for the Proof of Concept paid for in full by DWP in Year 1, with an option to

extend. GMCA had committed in principle to fund Year 2 (subject to a review) should DWP not be in a position to extend. The report set out the planned service and implementation activity.

The report concluded that the Trial represented an excellent opportunity to provide a new service to residents fully funded by external parties. Involvement in the Trial would help shape future service for those in work with low earnings and support the Public Service Reform and Devolution principles of customer services delivered through integrated key worker models.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the logic model and customer journey to provide an In Work Progression Service be approved, subject to funding by Department for Work and Pensions in Year 1;**
- (ii) It be agreed that the Director of Growth in consultation with the Director for Governance and Pensions, enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Department for Work and Pensions and Greater Manchester Combined Authority for Year 1 and any extension documentation into Year 2 following review at Month 7 of Year 1; and**
- (iii) The implementation strategy to enable estimated go live in June 2020, be noted.**

125 MERGER OF GROUNDWORK MANCHESTER, SALFORD, TAMESIDE AND TRAFFORD AND GROUNDWORK BOLTON, BURY, OLDHAM AND ROCHDALE

The Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Growth submitted a report explaining that the Boards of both Groundwork MSSTT and BBOR had agreed to look at and take forward a merger to establish 'Groundwork Greater Manchester with effect from 1 April 2020.

The report informed that Groundwork needed to modernise to better meet the needs of the communities they served. To do that, they needed to come together as a single entity that serviced Greater Manchester and changed the way they operated. To change how Groundwork operated, they needed to sever the historic links to districts (introduced to reflect the grant funding then provided by Local Authorities) and replace it with strong and stable governance. Board membership of the new GM organisation would therefore need to reflect the skills and knowledge that were needed.

The report concluded that once trustees were nominated to the Board, as a matter of charity law they were duty bound to act in the best interests of Groundwork, not of the body (i.e. council) that nominated them. Proposals were also clear (and confirmed in the proposed memorandum and articles of association) and there was a requirement for Groundwork to develop and maintain adequate consultation and engagement arrangements with local authorities (and also with GMCA) to ensure that the services delivered by Groundwork Greater Manchester maintained and strengthened its local links in order to better meet the needs of the local communities Groundwork served.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the new governance arrangements proposed for the Groundwork merger, that helps to sustain and build the third sector so that it can grow and meet more of the needs of local communities, be agreed and supported;**
- (ii) That Tameside Council and any nominated representative be authorised to execute any documentation to facilitate the merger; and**
- (iii) That the Director of Growth, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Growth, agree representation on the Groundwork GM Local Authority Strategic Input Board/Partnership that would be set up to protect the Council's interests.**

126 URGENT ITEMS

The Chair reported that there were no urgent items for consideration at this meeting.

127 CHAIR'S CLOSING REMARKS

In closing the meeting, the Chair explained that, in light of Covid 19 and its impact, a new Bill was due to come into law very shortly and it was hoped to have emergency legislation in place that would allow for meetings to be undertaken virtually and enable Members to make expedient decisions transparently in difficult circumstances, to protect and support the community.

CHAIR