

EXECUTIVE CABINET

26 January 2022

Commenced: 1.40pm

Terminated: 2.40 pm

Present: Councillors Warrington (Chair), Bray, Cooney, Fairfoull, Feeley, Ryan and Wills

In Attendance:	Ashwin Ramachandra	Co-Chair, Tameside & Glossop CCG
	Steven Pleasant	Chief Executive & Accountable Officer
	Sandra Stewart	Director of Governance & Pensions
	Kathy Roe	Director of Finance
	Ian Saxon	Director of Place
	Debbie Watson	Interim Director of Public Health
	Sarah Threlfall	Director of Transformation
	Tim Bowman	Director of Education (Tameside and Stockport)
	Emma Varnam	Assistant Director, Operations and Neighbourhoods
	Ilys Cookson	Assistant Director, Exchequer Services
	Caroline Barlow	Assistant Director of Finance
	Tony Decrop	Assistant Director of Children's Services
	Trevor Tench	Head of Commissioning, Adult Social Care
	Catherine Moseley	Head of Access Services
	Jordanna Rawlinson	Head of Communications

Apologies for absence: Councillor Gwynne
Councillor Kitchen who participated in the meeting virtually.

108. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest submitted by Cabinet members.

109. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE CABINET

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet meeting held on 15 December 2021 be approved as a correct record.

110. MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meetings of Executive Board held on 8 December 2021, be noted.

111. CONSOLIDATED 2021/22 REVENUE MONITORING STATEMENT AT 30 NOVEMBER 2021

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Lead Clinical GP / Director of Finance. The report detailed actual expenditure to 30 November 2021 (Month 8) and forecasts to 31 March 2022.

It was reported that, overall, the Council was facing a total forecast overspend of £1.207m for the year

ending 31 March 2022. A substantial majority of this forecast related to ongoing demand pressures in Children's Social Care.

The forecast outturn on Council Budgets had improved by 371k since Month 7, mainly due a reduction in external placement costs in Children's Social Care (£207k). There are some other favourable movements (£252k) relating to the release of contingency budget and additional one-off income relating to reimbursement of costs from a prior year, and a small reduction (£88k) in COVID related funding for administration costs recognised in 2021/22.

Last month reported that NHS plans for the second half of 2021/22 had not been formally approved at the time the report was written. Plans were approved by NHS England in mid-November and allocations had now been transacted. As a result of this, full year budgets were now in place across the NHS and for the first time this year, a full 12 month budget position was presented.

The reported position at Month 8 showed a forecast overspend of (£3,553k), with a YTD variance of (£536k). This related to the Hospital Discharge Programme, GP additional roles and responsibilities, and QIPP delivery, with further detail set out in the report and appendix.

Members were advised that there was work underway to produce a revised Section 75 Agreement between the CCG and the Council to reflect the CCG's changed boundaries from 1 April 2022 when the Glossop locality was due to move into the boundaries of NHS Derby and Derbyshire CCG. As directed by NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE/I) the CCG had sought legal advice from the solicitors appointed by NHSE/I. The approach now recommended, which was different to that previously advised, was to now rescind the earlier recommendation to serve notice on the Section 75 Agreement and instead to extend the existing Agreement into 2022/23. The CCG and Council would then agree the future amendment of the 2022/23 Section 75 Agreement to reflect the boundary change by means of a contract variation. The Section 75 Agreement would be supported by an accompanying Financial Framework for 2022/23.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the forecast outturn position and associated risks for 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted; and**
- (ii) That the earlier recommendation to serve notice on the Section 75 Agreement be rescinded and the existing Agreement be extended into 2022/23, subject to any variations that may be required to reflect the Glossop position.**

112. CORPORATE PLAN SCORECARD

The Executive Leader / Tameside & Glossop CCG Co-Chairs / Director of Transformation submitted a report giving details of the corporate plan outcomes scorecard (attached to the report) providing evidence to demonstrate progress towards achievement of the Corporate Plan and improving the services provided to residents, businesses and key stakeholders within the locality.

It was explained that the Corporate Plan outcomes scorecard followed the structure of the Corporate Plan, and contained indicators focused on long term outcomes across the plan's priorities. There were a number of proxy indicators for issues related to the pandemic which would take significantly longer to be reflected in the regular long term measures.

The Director of Transformation highlighted indicators from within Appendix 1. It was reported that the number of Tameside residents receiving Universal Credit in October was down slightly on the same month in 2020, although the percentage of UC recipients in employment in September was higher than in September 2020. The number of households in receipt of council tax support had fallen below 18,000 for the first time since climbing during the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

Building across the borough had decreased since the last financial year. The net number of additional dwellings per 10,000 residents had fallen from 20.93 in 2019/2020 to 16.2 in 2020/2021. This

remained significantly lower than the national average of 38.3 per 10,000 people. This had also affected the completion of affordable homes, with new affordable homes per 10,000 residents falling from 8.51 in 2019/2020 to just 2.51 in 2020/2021, significantly lower than the national average of 9.2 per 10,000 people.

Members were advised that there had also been a notable drop in performance on a number of wider health metrics. The latest data for the proportion of people walking or cycling 3+ times a week, from 2019/2020, was 15 percentage points lower than the previous year at just 27.4%, below the national average of 34.5%.

Members thanked the Director for the report and requested further information on reported incidents of domestic abuse to Children's Services and an understanding of school attendance figures, be included in the next scorecard update to Cabinet.

RESOLVED

That the content of the report and scorecard (as appended to the report), be noted, and that the next quarterly update to Board and to Executive Cabinet be agreed.

113. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Assistant Director, Exchequer Services, which set out the proposal for the continuation of the council tax reduction scheme for 2022/23 and recommended the approval of a hardship fund to be administered by Exchequer Services under the Section 13A policy.

As at the end of quarter two of 2021/22, approximately 17,898 people had claimed Council Tax Support. Of this number, there are approximately 7,406 (41%) people of pensionable age who would be guaranteed protection under the CTS scheme. Therefore, approximately 10,492 (59%) claimants were of working age. Demand on the scheme was monitored on a quarterly basis and, the report gave details of the decline in demand since the scheme was first introduced in April 2013.

The caseload continued to fall during 2021/22 even though residents had more to pay in Council Tax due to the Council Tax rise in April 2021 and, despite the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic; however this decline appeared to follow the pattern from previous years.

Members were advised that the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) in their report of August 2019 to Local Authorities titled "Council Tax Reduction – Guidance for Practitioners" to help Local Authorities manage complex council tax reduction enquiries and complaints, made a number of recommendations to all Local Authorities. It was considered best practice to recognise the recommendations by the LGO and provide clarity within the scheme. Therefore to provide clarity in Tameside's Council Tax Support Scheme in relation to the treatment of these adjustments to entitlement, wording was inserted into the Scheme for 2020/21 at Schedule 8, paragraph (10). The wording would remain in the scheme for 2022/23.

It was reported that the Hardship Fund for 2021/22 was £50k and this would remain the same for 2022/23. Hardship funding was identified from existing budgets and was administered by Exchequer Services under the Section 13A Policy which was detailed at Appendix 2 to the report.

As at 09 November 2021, two applications for Hardship Relief had been successful in 2021/22 for the total sum of £1,484.00. The circumstances of the claims did not suggest that any one equalities group had been adversely affected.

In 2020/21 the Government, as part of its response to COVID-19, awarded the Council a Council Tax Hardship Grant of £2.158m which was mandated to be used to make a payment of £150 to all existing and new working age Council Tax Support (CTS) claims in 2020/21 (up to available funding). For

2021/22 the Council had been awarded a further grant of £2.025m. The application of this grant was not mandated but provided with the guidance that the grant was to be used to meet the anticipated additional costs due to COVID of providing Local Council Tax support in 2021-22, resulting from increased unemployment.

On 28 July 2021, the Executive Cabinet determined that £1,012,500 of the grant monies be used to directly support Council Tax Support claimants and financially vulnerable households, details of which, were provided in the report. The government had not made any announcements to date regarding additional grant funding in respect of the year 2022/23.

A total of 53.51% of all Council Tax due this year for CTS claimants was collected as at 31 October 2021 totalling £1.8m. Of that £717k was collected from pensioners in receipt of CTS and £1.08m from working age claimants in receipt of CTS.

RESOLVED

That the Council be recommended to:

- (i) continue the scheme introduced in 2013/14, as amended in 2016/17, and adopts the Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2022/23 set out in Appendix 3 to the report; save for the annual benefit upratings which are not yet released by DWP; and**
- (ii) approve a £50,000 hardship fund be in place in order to assist severe cases of hardship funded from existing budgets, to be administered by Exchequer Services under the Section 13A Policy.**

114. COLLECTION, RECOVERY AND IRRECOVERABLE MONIES 2021

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Assistant Director, Exchequer Services, giving details of the collection and recovery processes for Council Tax, Business Rates and Sundry Debts; compared levels of irrecoverable debts with other local authorities; identified debt which could not by law be recovered and considered a corporate debt recovery policy.

RESOLVED

That the content of the report be noted and the Debt Recovery Policy, as appended to the report, be approved.

115. NEW CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTRE DELIVERY MODEL

The Executive Member, Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment / Director of Place, submitted a report, which advised that on 23 June 2021, Executive Cabinet approved public consultation on a proposed new delivery model for the face to face customer services function. The report set out the findings of the consultation and defined the proposed model of service delivery for the future.

The operation of the service prior to and during Covid-19 was outlined and it was explained that, prior to Covid 19 the demand in Customer Services, whilst showing some fluctuations, had reduced significantly over the years. The majority of demand presenting at the face to face Customer Service Centre was in respect of Housing and Council Tax matters.

Enquiries were categorised as Level 1 and Level 2 enquiries, with Level 1 enquiries were regarding in-depth Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support queries; they were dealt with solely by the dedicated customer services staff face to face and by staff within Exchequer Services by telephone. Level 2 enquiries were to book, pay, request a service and verification of housing benefit and council tax documents. Further analysis of the enquiries received at Ashton Customer Service Centre, prior to Covid 19 indicated that nearly 66% were Level 2 enquiries and only 34% were Level 1 enquiries. During staffed operating times all libraries could assist with Level 2 enquiries, meaning that customers

who were travelling to Ashton could actually seek assistance at a venue closer to their home. Also, many Level 2 enquiries could be dealt with over the phone, via web chat or email.

Members were advised that the cost of each transaction for the face to face customer service function far outweighed the cost of other channels. The volume of visitors had remained fairly static over the 5 year period prior to the pandemic, however as the service had not been available for almost two years it was highly likely that were it to return as a drop in service, visitor numbers would be significantly reduced as residents had become accustomed to alternative contact channels. If this were the case the cost per visit would increase dramatically.

It was explained that the proposed service model for the future would be based on providing the most appropriate access channel, tailored in accordance to customers' requirements and would be very similar to the current offer but with the addition of face to face contact where necessary and only for those where other channels would not be suitable. The principles would be:

- retain Level 2 enquiries at all Tameside Libraries;
- promote, encourage and support a digital first model with the expectation that where possible, residents should self-serve utilising the Council website or other technology such as mobile applications (Apps) where available;
- where this was not possible a supported service offer over the telephone, web chat, email etc to assist customers with their enquiries;
- where more detailed assistance was required, for example completing a housing benefit application, a telephone call back service by appointment would be available;
- face to face appointments only for the most vulnerable to ensure that residents were able to access services and assistance without disadvantage. Appointments would be bookable by telephone; and
- not to re-open the expensive reactive drop in Customer Service centre based in Tameside One at Ashton in the previous format.

Any new service model must take into account all residents' needs and therefore some face to face element would be retained. It was proposed that this would be by appointment only rather than drop-in and would be following a triage process to understand the nature of the enquiry and the assistance required.

The report concluded that, overall, the proposed new model would transform the customer services offer, taking into account peoples changing attitudes to accessing services and it would enhance the previous model by the introduction of telephone appointments whilst still retaining face to face in a tailored, bespoke manner. By offering face to face on an appointment basis this would negate the requirement to queue up and wait to see a customer services officer at busy times which would further benefit customers.

It was proposed to keep the model under review and make any further adjustments as necessary to ensure quality of service, that it met customer demand and that vulnerable residents were able to access appointments, whilst at the same time being affordable and cost effective. A further report would be presented to Executive Cabinet after 12 months of operation with the results of the review.

RESOLVED

It be agreed, that:

- (i) The proposed new customer service model be implemented, subject to consultation with staff with an anticipated implementation date of 14 March 2022; and**
- (ii) The delivery model be reviewed following implementation, to ensure quality of service that vulnerable residents are able to access appointments and that it meets demand whilst at the same time being affordable and cost effective. A further report will be presented to Executive Cabinet after 12 months of the new model being operational.**

116. FOSTER CARER OFFER CONSULTATION REPORT

Consideration was given to a report of the Deputy Executive Leader / Assistant Director for Children's Services providing an update on the outcome of the Foster carer offer public consultation.

It was explained that, following Executive Cabinet agreement to the proposed recommendations to improve the foster carer offer, it was agreed a Full Public consultation would take place with an updated Equality Impact Assessment. The consultation looked to seek feedback on the recommendations of the improved offer to Tameside Foster Carers.

The consultation ran for 8 weeks from 2 August 2021 and 28 September 2021 and the focus groups took place on the 8 September, 14 September and 24 September 2021. A breakdown of the consultation responses were detailed within the report.

The report concluded that the response to the consultation was, on the whole, positive and that the majority of those who responded stated that they were in agreement to the proposed recommendations and could see the benefit of the new offer to them and new carers. All participants felt that the improved offer would enhance the support that foster care's received and enhance them in their role as foster carers. The feedback was that they felt that the offer would support them remaining as foster carers for Tameside.

It was acknowledged from the consultation that the financial uplift to skills level 2 and 3 was positive, some responses stated that this did still not go far enough to attract new foster carers and suggested that the Local Authority increase the uplift further to compete directly with the private sector. It was explained to participants that this was not a viable option and the Authority did not have the financial resources to achieve this. There were responses that stated there was no incentive for those carers who had already achieved level 4 status. The responses from those carers who were level 4 carers were considered, and although the Authority would have liked to uplift all skills levels, this was not able to be achieved currently. The carers who were skill level 4 received a competitive allowance in comparison to GM neighbours and some compete directly with IFA competitors. All allowances would be reviewed annually, as set out in the recommendations.

The foster carers who had participated in the consultation felt that the new improved offer was a 'good start' but there was still some further work to be completed. It was hoped that the implementation of the new offer would ensure that that existing foster carers felt valued and provided them with enhanced support and training opportunities to meet the needs of Tameside cared for children.

All of the responses from the survey and the focus groups had been considered. On the basis that the respondents had stated that they felt the new offer and its recommendation would benefit from the new offer, it was proposed that the recommendations agreed in the Cabinet report dated the 28 July 2021 (Appendix 4 refers) were those recommended to Cabinet as the final proposals following the consultation, with no changes at this time.

RESOLVED

It be agreed, that:

- (i) The proposals for the foster carer offer from the report agreed at Executive Cabinet on the 28 July 2021 and detailed in Appendix 4 to the report, be approved as the Final offer, taking into account consultation comments and affordability;**
- (ii) The Equality Impact assessment be noted and the implementation delivery plan agreed; and**
- (iii) The cost in the current year be financed from the central contingency and future years included in the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).**

117. COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY

A report was submitted by the Executive Member, Neighbourhoods, Community Safety and Environment / Director of Place, summarising the responses to the public consultation in respect of the draft Community Safety Strategy 2021 – 2024 and requested approval that the strategy, as appended to the report, be adopted by the Community Safety Partnership.

The consultation responses to the draft strategy and the Equality Impact Assessment were appended to the report.

It was explained that, following the consultation some amendments were made to the draft strategy and these were detailed in the report.

The final version of the draft Community Safety Strategy was presented to the Community Safety Partnership on the 12 April 2021 and approved by all partners.

RESOLVED

It be RECOMMENDED to the Council that the Community Safety Strategy be adopted by the Tameside Community Safety Partnership.

118. DETERMINATION OF SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Lifelong Learning, Equalities, Culture and Heritage / Director of Education, setting out the proposed admission arrangements for Tameside community, and voluntary controlled schools for admission in September 2023, as appended to the report.

It was explained that there had been no change to the arrangements from September 2022. There were proposed changes to the Published Admission Number at two community primary schools. The latest information on school place planning was presented, which concluded that there were currently sufficient places to meet expected demand.

It was further explained that the school place planning process must continue to be dynamic particularly in view of significant housing development that was predicted within the borough and the impact that would have on demand and travel to learn patterns. Consideration was also given to predicted rising levels of surplus capacity in some areas of the borough and the need to consider reducing admission numbers in future years.

There was consideration of a proposal to commence consultation on adding a resource base for children with additional needs at Corrie Primary and Nursery School, details of which were appended to the report.

RESOLVED

- (i) The admission arrangements for all Tameside community and voluntary controlled schools for 2023/24 be approved without change from those that were determined for admission in 2022/23, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, other than amendments to the Published Admission Number as set out in the report; and**
- (ii) That approval be given for consultation to commence on the school organisation proposal to establish a ten place resource base at Corrie Primary and Nursery School for children with cognition and learning and/ or communication and interaction and / or social, emotional and mental health needs.**

119. HYDE TOWN CENTRE HIGH STREET TASK FORCE UPDATE

The Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Place submitted a report, providing an update on the progress to date of the Hyde Town Centre High Street Taskforce (HSTF) programme following the previous report to Executive Cabinet in 23 June 2021.

It was explained that the HSTF programme was part of a wider strategy that the Council were progressing in Hyde, including preparation of a town centre masterplan. There was an opportunity to deliver real change in the town centre, to regenerate Hyde and make it a thriving town centre with a high quality offer that met the needs of the local population as well giving people a reason to visit Hyde.

Hyde Triangle was identified as an area for growth within the Tameside Inclusive Growth Strategy and was one of the Greater Manchester Growth Locations. Hyde Triangle, which included Godley Green, Hattersley and Hyde Town Centre, would ensure that these major drivers for change supported the wider regeneration of the town centre.

It was further explained that Godley Green Garden Village was one of the largest and most innovative housing schemes in the country. In October 2019, Executive Cabinet approved the Council to enter into an agreement for £10 million of grant funding from Homes England to deliver up to 2,350 new homes. In December 2021 an outline planning application was validated for up to 2,150 new homes. In Hattersley a public private partnership was delivering new retail, housing, and quality public realm and skills programmes to tackle deprivation in the area. As a consequence of this planned growth there would be an increased demand for retail, leisure and services supporting the regeneration of Hyde Town Centre and acting as a catalyst for further growth and investment.

Members were advised that, in 2019, Tameside was awarded £0.100m by One Public Estate (OPE) and the British Property Futures (BPF). The cornerstone of the OPE and the BPF Challenge was to take a fresh approach and develop novel solutions to problems to help overcome identified challenges in Hyde. As part of the OPE work, the Council held a public consultation in March 2020.

The consultation findings had formed part of the evidence base for the HSTF report and would be used to underpin the initial stages of the town centre masterplan work, which would commence in the New Year.

The Council was currently progressing work that would support the re-purposing of the former Library site on Union Street, with potential identified for a proposed scheme delivering an 88 unit 1 and 2 bed apartment complex with associated community facilities including a café/bistro that should be accessible to all and also provide day care provision. The work at the Union Street site and preparation of a town centre masterplan for Hyde would be supported by the £0.225m of funding secured by the Council from Evergreen III Funding, as reported to Executive Cabinet on 29 September 2021. The masterplan for the town centre that would agree a shared vision, identify strategic sites for development, and work with the local community to further understand what improvements they would like to see in Hyde.

Members were further advised that, on 14 June 2021, the appointed HSTF Expert for Hyde town centre carried out an 'Unlocking Your Place Potential' diagnostic. A virtual workshop was held with local ward members, local community representatives, Council staff and local businesses.

The purpose of the workshop was to diagnose the main barriers to transformation in Hyde town centre. A post-visit report (attached at Appendix 2) produced by the HSTF Expert, identified Hyde's key strengths and challenges and provided a prescription of recommendations with further support offered from the HSTF team that will enable the Council to accelerate this transformational process.

It was concluded that there was much evidence of a strong will and ambition by many stakeholders, groups and organisations to make Hyde a town centre to be proud of and to deliver on its potential as

being a town centre for the future and a destination that people want to visit. A joined up approach was required to deliver change and the formation of a Hyde Town Centre Task Force would provide the platform to drive the work forward, to act as a critical friend in the preparation of the town centre masterplan and to ensure that the local community had a voice in how they would like to see Hyde in years to come.

It was proposed that the recommendations from the UYPP report be formally accepted and a Hyde Task Force or similar be established. This would include place leaders across Council, business and the community to shape the strategy for the town; formal Terms of Reference would be agreed.

RESOLVED

- (i) The formation of a Hyde Town Centre Task Force Partnership be approved;**
- (ii) It be noted that the Director of Place will manage the formation and programme of works associated with the Hyde Town Centre Task Force Partnership; and**
- (iii) On-going performance and reporting be provided as required to keep Members appraised and for decision making.**

120. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as disclosure would or would likely prejudice the commercial interests of the Council and it would not be in the Council's and/or taxpayers interests to disclose at this time.

121. DROYLSDEN LOCK KEEPERS AND FORMER LIBRARY SITE DISPOSAL

Consideration was given to a report of the Executive Member, Finance and Economic Growth / Director of Place providing an update on proceedings related to the site known as Lock Keepers Site and the site of the Former Droylsden Library following the report to members on 9 June 2021. The report also sought approval to directly dispose of both sites to Watkins Jones and Son Limited ('Watkin Jones') in accordance with the Tameside Council Corporate Policy: Disposal of Council Owned Land, September 2020.

It was explained that the Council signed a Development Agreement ('Development Agreement') with Watkins Jones in 2005 to deliver a major regeneration scheme in Droylsden. Work had been progressed on this major mixed use scheme with site assembly, planning permissions, housing development and the completion of the marina and construction of all residential units in phases.

The Development Agreement included the Lock Keepers site and required Watkin Jones to develop the plot for commercial use. Due to changes in the area, it had previously been widely acknowledged by all parties that a commercial use was no longer desirable or feasible and had therefore not been delivered. It was not unreasonable for the parties therefore to conclude that irrespective of the longstop date for the Development Agreement as a whole, the time for delivery of the commercial plot had passed and the plot should therefore revert back to the Authority for the Council to deal with as it sees fit.

Members were advised that a recent red book valuation was instructed by the Council. The valuations included an assessment of both the Lock Keepers site and the former Library site both individually as separate opportunities and as a combined development plot.

The Council recognised that the site had the potential to deliver a high quality housing scheme that

would meet identified local housing needs, help to regenerate a long term vacant site and act as a catalyst for regeneration across the wider town centre of Droylsden. A combined site also presented an enhanced development opportunity that made best use of both the Lock Keepers site and the adjoining library site.

It was therefore, considered that disposing of the site as a single development opportunity under the Council's disposal policy would ensure value for money for the authority as well as being able to provide a capital receipt in the most efficient way. In maximising the capital receipt, this would help ensure that the Council complied with its statutory duties and complied with s.123 of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the Council's intention to withdraw from the development agreement with Watkins Jones as approved at Executive Cabinet in 9 June 2021, be noted;**
- (ii) That the principle of a direct disposal of both the site known as Lock Keepers Site, Droylsden Marina and the Former Droylsden Library Site in accordance with the Tameside Council Corporate Policy: Disposal of Council Owned Land approved by the Executive Cabinet on 30 September 2020, be approved;**
- (iii) Watkins Jones be required to contractually and covenant to meet all Brownfield Homes Funding obligations and liabilities in order that the Council is not exposed as it will no longer have the direct control to discharge them;**
- (iv) It be noted that the Director of Place is managing the programme of works associated with disposal of both sites (including the negotiation of the main heads of terms), scheme and delivery of Brownfield Homes Funding, in consultation with the Executive Member for Finance and Economic Growth; and**
- (v) That further updates be provided to Executive Cabinet and/or Strategic Planning and Capital Monitoring Panel, as the scheme develops.**

122. URGENT ITEMS

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

CHAIR