

CABINET MEETING

Meeting: 28 July 2020

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Elise Wilson (Leader of the Council and Devolution) (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Tom McGee (Deputy Leader and Resources, Commissioning & Governance) (Vice-Chair); Councillors Sheila Bailey (Sustainable Stockport), Kate Butler (Citizen Focus & Engagement), Colin Foster (Children, Family Services & Education), David Meller (Economy & Regeneration), Amanda Peers (Inclusive Neighbourhoods) and Jude Wells (Adult Care & Health).

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 23 June 2020 were approved as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors and officers were invited to declare any interests they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

The following interest was declared:-

Personal Interest

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Jude Wells	Agenda Item 16 – ‘Life Leisure Application for Additional Funding to Enable Reopening of Leisure Centres’ as a Life Leisure Member.

3. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public were invited to submit questions to the Cabinet on any matters within its powers and duties, subject to the exclusions set out in the Code of Practice.

Four public questions were submitted all relating to the proposal by Northern Trains to suspend all rail services along the Hyde Loop railway route from Rose Hill (Marple) Station to Manchester Piccadilly from September 2020 until December 2020 and highlighting the impact of the proposed suspension on commuters and pupils at local schools and what action the Council proposed to take in relation to this matter.

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration (Councillor David Meller) responded that he did not disagree with any of the points that had been made by the questioners and that he considered that the proposed suspension was a disappointing decision by Northern Trains that, in conjunction with reductions in bus service across the borough, would damage the already insufficient transport links for Marple and the wider area.

Councillor Meller confirmed that he was working with William Wragg MP, MPs from adjacent constituencies similarly affected by the proposals and the Greater Manchester Transport Committee to oppose the suspension of services and work to persuade Northern Trains to reverse the decision.

5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Devolution (Councillor Elise Wilson) invited the Cabinet to consider whether to exclude the public and press from the meeting during consideration of agenda items 14, 15 and 16 as these items contained information that were 'not for publication'.

RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was 'not for publication', the disclosure of which would not be in the public interest, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of following items in the event that the content of the 'not for publication' appendices to the report needed to be discussed:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason</u>
14	GM Unlocking Clean Energy – Stockport's Solar PV schemes	Category 3 'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority)' as set out in the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)
15	St Thomas's Development	Category 3 'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority)' as set out in the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)
16	Life Leisure Application for Additional Funding to Enable Reopening of Leisure Centres	Category 3 'Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority)' as set out in the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

Performance and Budget Monitoring

6. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2019/20

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance (Councillor Tom McGee) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) updating the Cabinet on the functioning of the Council's Treasury Management functions for 2019/20. The report confirmed that during the period in question the Council had complied with its legislative and regulatory requirements and that borrowing had only

been undertaken for a capital purpose and the statutory borrowing limit had not been breached.

RESOLVED – That in relation to the Treasury Management Annual Report 2019/20 the Council Meeting is recommended to:-

- Approve the actual 2019/20 prudential and treasury indicators in this report;
- Note the annual treasury management report for 2019/20; and
- Note that changes have been made to the Council's Treasury Management Policy Statement and Practices during 2019/20 to accommodate the requirements of the revised CIPFA Codes published in December 2017.

7. 2020/21 QUARTER 1 BUDGET MONITORING UPDATE

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance (Councillor Tom McGee) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Cabinet to consider an update on the 2020/21 revenue forecast outturn and Capital Programme at the end of Quarter 1.

The Cabinet Member stated that the report also incorporated the business as usual forecast with an update on the financial impact of COVID19.

RESOLVED – That in relation to the Quarter 1 2020/21 Budget Monitoring Update, the Cabinet Meeting has:-

- Approved the virements to the Revenue Budget;
- Noted the Cash Limit and Non-Cash Limit forecast positions for 2020/21 as at Quarter 1;
- Noted the HRA, DSG and Collection Fund forecast positions for 2020/21 as at Quarter 1;
- Noted the forecast position for the 2020/21 Capital Programme; and
- Noted the changes to the Capital Programme and re-phasing of schemes during Quarter 1.

8. 2019-20 COMPLAINTS REPORT

The Cabinet Member for Citizen Focus & Engagement (Councillor Kate Butler) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the Cabinet with an overview of complaints during 2019/20 including a comparison with the previous year and any lessons learnt from these complaints.

RESOLVED - That performance in relation to complaints as at the end of 2019/20, including a comparison with the previous year and any lessons learnt from these complaints be noted.

Key Decisions

9. CLEAN AIR LOCAL AUTHORITY UPDATE

The Cabinet Member for Adult Care & Health (Councillor Jude Wells) submitted a report

(copies of which had been circulated) setting out the progress that had been made following the Government's response to Greater Manchester's Outline Business Case to tackle Nitrogen Dioxide Exceedances at the Roadside, and the implications of pandemic management policies (the extent of which are not yet fully understood) for the 10 Greater Manchester local authorities in relation to the schedule of work and statutory consultation on the Clean Air Plan and the link to taxi and private hire common minimum licensing standards.

The Cabinet Member stated that it was proposed that the partnership of Greater Manchester local authorities would move to a statutory public consultation on the plan as soon as reasonably practicable, but only once there was a clear timeframe for the exiting of lockdown measures associated with the Covid-19 pandemic.

RESOLVED – That in relation to the Clean Air Local Authority update, the Cabinet Meeting has:-

- Noted the progress of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan;
- Noted the progress in the development of the Clean Commercial Vehicle and Hardship funds;
- Noted the initial funding award of £41m for clean vehicle funds to award grants or loans to eligible businesses;
- Noted the Government has accepted the need for vehicle replacement funds for Hackney Carriages, and Light Goods Vehicles, but has requested further development of shared evidence on the needs within that complex sector before responding and does not support the sustainable journeys measure.
- Noted that TfGM is seeking confirmation that the funding award for Bus Retrofit is a continuation of Clean Bus Technology Funds to be distributed as soon as possible as per previous arrangements;
- Noted the government will not support electric vehicle charging infrastructure through Clean Air monies but have committed to work with GM on securing funding from OLEV;
- Agreed the position that the GM Local Authorities will move to a statutory public consultation on the GM Clean Air Plan as soon as reasonably practicable;
- Further agreed the position that the GM Local Authorities' decision to commence a public consultation should be taken once there is a clear timeframe for exiting lockdown and moving to the next phase of the COVID-19 response;
- Noted the implementation of a GM CAZ is delayed to 2022 with a revised implementation date to be confirmed in the consultation commencement report;
- Noted the DfT's positioning paper "Decarbonising Transport – Setting the Challenge";
- Noted the assessment of the possible impacts of COVID-19 to inform a technical briefing note for decision makers; and
- Noted that the GM local Authorities intend to consult on GM's proposed MLS, alongside the Clean Air Plan consultation and agree the position for consultation, on when taxi/PHV fleets should be Zero Emission Capable.

10. STOCKPORT SECONDARY SPECIAL FREE SCHOOL

The Cabinet Member for Children, Family Services & Education (Councillor Colin Foster) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) identifying that borough did not currently have enough places for secondary aged students with Special Educational

Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and reporting that the government had made the offer for Local Authorities to bid for SEND Free Schools. The report stated that Stockport, alongside 66 other authorities, took up this invitation to bid and outlined the first 'competition stage' of the process where an academy or multi-academy trust is sought to become the sponsor of the new free school.

The Cabinet Member clarified that the proposed school would comprise 133 places and that it would be developed on the former Orisshmere School site. It was further reported that on 20 July 2020 the government had announced that Stockport was amongst the 37 local authorities that had been successful in their bid for the development of new special school facilities and that the Prosper Learning Trust had been selected as sponsor for the proposed free school.

RESOLVED – That following consideration of the current insufficiency of places for secondary aged students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Stockport, the Cabinet has:-

(1) Noted the offer made by the government for local authorities to bid for SEND Free School and that the Council had taken up the invitation to bid.

(2) Given approval to the proposal that the Department for Education sponsor an approved Multi-Academy Trust to run a Secondary Special Free School in Stockport.

11. HIGHWAY STRUCTURES MAINTENANCE POLICY STATEMENT

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration (Councillor David Meller) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) that aimed to provide guidance on the way in which highway structures were inspected, assessed and maintained and how the relevant data was stored and utilised and to ensure that the way in which the Council managed its structures aligned with Section C of 'Well-managed Highways Infrastructure: A Code of Practice'.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the adoption of the Highway Structures Maintenance Policy Statement.

General Items

12. GMCA DECISIONS - JUNE 2020

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Devolution submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out decisions taken by the GMCA at its meeting on 26 June 2020.

The Leader of the Council highlighted the following decisions:-

- Establishing Women & Girls, Faith, And Race Equality Panels.
- Developing A One Year Greater Manchester Living With Covid Plan
- Monthly Economic Dashboard
- European Social Fund 2014-20 Programme Update
- Mayors Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund

- Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Delivery Plan 2020-2025

RESOLVED – That the decisions be noted.

13. TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations to consider.

14. GM UNLOCKING CLEAN ENERGY – STOCKPORT'S SOLAR PV SCHEMES

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance (Councillor Tom McGee) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the Greater Manchester Unlocking Clean Energy bid for European Structural Investment Fund monies to support local clean energy generation as part of the Council's emerging Climate Action Now draft plan, and providing an outline of project proposals in Stockport.

(NOTE: This item included a 'not for publication' appendix that had been circulated to members of the Cabinet only).

RESOLVED – That in relation to the Greater Manchester Unlocking Clean Energy bid for European Structural Investment Fund monies to support local clean energy generation, the Cabinet Meeting has:-

(1) Noted the report.

(2) Delegated authority to the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration and the Corporate Director for Corporate and Support Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration, to:-

(a) take all necessary steps to implement the strategy in this report, reporting back as necessary and appropriate to the Cabinet;

(b) enter into contracts, procurement and funding agreements, as required, with Energy Systems Catapult and partner authorities within the GM Unlocking Clean Energy Consortium, in order to deliver Stockport's proposed projects; and

(c) receive and administer European Structural Investment Fund monies in respect of Stockport's Unlocking Clean Energy in Greater Manchester projects.

(3) Delegated authority to the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration and the Corporate Director for Corporate and Support Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance, to source the necessary capital match funding to the ESIF.

15. ST THOMAS'S DEVELOPMENT

The Cabinet Members for Adult Care & Health (Councillor Jude Wells), Economy & Regeneration (Councillor David Meller) and Sustainable Stockport (Councillor Sheila Bailey) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to

transform the site of the former St Thomas' Hospital, Stockport into a new intergenerational community with a view to reinvent the way the Council delivered intermediate care. The report detailed the overall approach as well as a commitment to take the scheme to a detailed design stage which would also include planning submission and procurement of a main contractor.

(NOTE: This item included a 'not for publication' appendix that had been circulated to members of the Cabinet only).

RESOLVED – The Cabinet Meeting has:-

- (1) Endorsed the principles of this key regeneration scheme for Town Centre West and the wider Borough and support the proposal to progress the scheme to RIBA Stage 4 design.
- (2) Noted that a Planning Application will be submitted and an application made for Listed Building Consent based on the outcomes of the detailed design work
- (3) Approved revenue costs of £370,000 to undertake the next stage of design for the Academy of Living Well and associated Highway improvement designs.
- (4) Noted that further approval will be sought for the Capital Funding to deliver the Academy of Living Well once Planning Permission has been secured and the build cost has been finalised.

Item 'Not for Publication'

16. LIFE LEISURE APPLICATION FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO ENABLE REOPENING OF LEISURE CENTRES

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport (Councillor Sheila Bailey) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) seeking Cabinet approval for additional funding to be granted to Life Leisure for Quarter 2 2020/21 to enable Council owned leisure centres to reopen to the public in August 2020.

(NOTE: The report associated with this item was 'not for publication' and was therefore circulated to members of the Cabinet only).

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the provision of additional funding to enable the reopening of leisure centres on the basis and terms identified in the 'not for publication' report; and the associated delegations to the Corporate Directors for Place Management and Regeneration and Corporate and Support Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Sustainable Stockport and Resources, Commissioning & Governance, as also detailed in the report.

The meeting closed at 7.31 pm