

## **CABINET MEETING**

Meeting: 15 March 2022

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), David Meller (Economy & Regeneration), Amanda Peers (Inclusive Neighbourhoods), David Sedgwick (Citizen Focus & Engagement) and Jude Wells (Adult Care & Health).

Councillor Tom McGee (Vice-Chair) in the chair

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 1 February 2022 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### **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.

No declarations of interest were made.

The following interest was declared:-

#### **Personal Interest**

#### **Councillor**

#### **Interest**

David Meller

Agenda Item 22 – ‘Cheadle Towns Fund Update’ as a member of the Cheadle Towns Fund Board.

### **3. URGENT DECISIONS**

No urgent decisions were reported.

Councillor Elise Wilson (Chair) in the chair

### **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 as follows:-

- Relating to when the Council would make a commitment to the Real Living Wage across all commissioned social care.

The Deputy Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance (Councillor Tom McGee) stated that he would address the points raised by the questioner as part of the consideration of Agenda Item 13 – ‘Annual Residential/ Nursing, Home Care, and Other Care Management Services Fee Setting’.

- Relating to the restrictions on introducing a blanket 20mph speed limit for residential areas in Stockport and why the Council had been promoting 30mph limits outside schools.

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport (Councillor Sheila Bailey) responded that there was detailed government guidance and legislation regarding the implementation of 20mph limits and zones. Councillor Bailey stated that Stockport had a strong history of local governance through its area committees to ensure that decisions could be taken as close to local communities as possible. It was further stated that it would remain the case that it would be for local councillors and residents to determine the most appropriate measures to reduce speeds within their communities.

Finally, Councillor Bailey stated that the Council frequently ran campaigns to ensure that vehicles complied with the speed limit in a given locality.

- Relating to emissions generated by vehicles traveling at lower speeds and potentially misleading information having been provided at the Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee on this point.

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport (Councillor Sheila Bailey) responded that the Council was committed to reducing the speed of vehicles and reducing carbon emissions through the encouragement of more sustainable travel either by public transport, walking or cycling.

- Relating to the extent of public consultations on slower speed initiatives.

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport (Councillor Sheila Bailey) responded that proposals for new schemes were subject to agreement in principle by the local area committee for that area and for a public consultation to be undertaken. The result of that consultation were then presented to the area committee for them to make a final decision in the light of all of the available evidence.

## **5. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST**

The Leader of the Council & 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 item 21 as it contained information that was ‘not for publication’ within its appendices.

RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for publication relating to the financial or business affairs of the any particular person (including the authority), the disclosure of which would not be in the public interest, would not be fair and would be in breach of Data Protection principles, the public be excluded

from the meeting during consideration of the following item in the eventuality it was necessary to discuss the information contained within the 'not for publication' appendices:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason</u>
22	Cheadle Towns Fund Update (E&R80)	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)
23	Edgeley Park (RCG48)	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. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES - THIRD QUARTER UPDATE REPORT 2021/22**

The Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Devolution (Councillor Elise Wilson) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the Corporate Performance and Resources Third Quarter Update Report setting out the delivery of the Council's priority outcomes and budget since mid-year, with a particular focus on the fourth and final quarter.

RESOLVED – That it be agreed to:-

- Note the key achievements against Shared Priorities (Exec Summary) and analysis of corporate performance for 2021/22 (section 2).
- Note the Cash Limit and Non-Cash Limit forecast positions for 2021/22 as set out in section 3.3 and 3.6.
- Note the update to the Council's positive investments as set out in section 3.4
- Note the update on the Council's Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) investments plan set out in section 3.5.
- Note the Dedicated Schools Grant, Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund forecast positions as set out in sections 3.7, 3.8, and 3.9.
- Note the appropriations to/from reserves and balances as set out in section 3.10 and note the resulting reserves and balances position as at 31 December 2021.
- Note the position for the 2021/22 Capital Programme as set out in section 4.1.
- Approve the resourcing of the capital programme as set out in section 4.3.
- Approve the 2021/22 prudential indicators as set out in section 4.4, and
- Identified key areas for further investigation and responsibility for taking forward corrective action to address any existing or outturn issues or risks.

Key Decisions

**7. ANNUAL PAY POLICY 2022/23 (GENERAL EXCEPTION)**

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) detailing the Council's Annual Pay Policy Statement and Gender Pay Gap figures for 2021.

Councillor McGee stated that further work needed to be done with regard to the Council's pay structure to ensure that this remained competitive with other local authorities. The fact that the Council was seeking formal accreditation as a real living wage employer was also welcomed.

RESOLVED – That the Council Meeting be recommended to adopt the Annual Pay Policy Statement and agree to publish the Council's Gender Pay Gap information.

#### **8. SAFER STOCKPORT PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2022/25 (IN2)**

The Cabinet Member for Inclusive Neighbourhoods (Councillor Amanda Peers) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the draft Safer Stockport Partnership Strategic Plan for 2022-2025, outlining the key strategic priorities for the Partnership over the next 3 years, providing a high-level annual plan of key multi-agency activity and interventions to address the refreshed priority issues, and specific performance measures identified for each area.

RESOLVED – That the Council Meeting be recommended to approve the 2022-2025 Safer Stockport Partnership Strategic Plan.

#### **9. RENEWAL OF PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (SS31)**

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport (Councillor Sheila Bailey) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal to renew a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 to promote responsible dog ownership, including the results of a public consultation on the proposal.

RESOLVED - That the Council Meeting be recommended to give approval to the making of the Public Space Protection Order as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

#### **10. GAMBLING POLICY - STATEMENT OF LICENSING PRINCIPLES 2022-2025 (SS28)**

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport (Councillor Sheila Bailey) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) outlining the outcome of a consultation on a review of the Gambling Policy and detailing the Council's updated draft Gambling Act (2005) Statement of Principles of Licensing 2022-2025.

RESOLVED - That the Council Meeting be recommended to adopt the Gambling Policy – Statement of Licensing Principles for 2022-2025.

#### **11. SLOWER SPEED INITIATIVES REPORT (SS32)**

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport (Councillor Sheila Bailey) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an overview of the information provided to the all-Party Working Group on slower speed initiatives, a summary of their discussions and a set of recommendations relating to the issues raised.

The Cabinet Member for Sustainable Stockport stated that it was important that the report was included in the Climate Action Now (CAN) Strategy as part of this strategy involved reductions in the speed of vehicles as a means of encouraging walking and cycling. It was stated that the report would be referred to the Environment Working Party to ensure that it could be embedded within the CAN Strategy and the Development Framework Working Party to inform the development of the Local Plan.

RESOLVED - That approval be given to the package of recommendations detailed in Section 24 and 25 of the report.

## **12. COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN RELATION TO HEALTH VISITING, SCHOOL NURSING AND FAMILY NURSE PARTNERSHIP SERVICE (GENERAL EXCEPTION)**

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) detailing a proposed cooperation agreement in respect of the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme funding, which provides Stockport's health visiting, school nursing and family nurse partnership services.

RESOLVED - (1) That approval in principle be given to progress the cooperation agreement (attached at Appendix 1) in relation to the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme, which provides Stockport's health visiting, school nursing and family nurse partnership services.

(2) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director for Children's Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children, Family Services and Education to give approval to the final cooperation agreement.

(3) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance) to do all things necessary or incidental to the implementation of the above resolutions.

## **13. ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL/NURSING, HOME CARE AND OTHER CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES FEE SETTING 2022/2023 (AC&H7)**

The Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health (Councillor Jude Wells) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) outlining the commissioning proposals and 2022/23 fee setting for the most significant areas of externally commissioned service provision for adults with care needs: Care Homes in Stockport; Home Support to enable people to live in their homes for longer; Day Care Services and Learning Disability Services.

The Deputy Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance stated that there was an amendment to Section 15.3 of the report such that the following additional points were to be included within the narrative:-

- Stockport Council has been providing investment since 2019/20 to allow for the real living wage to be provided to care home staff in residential and nursing homes in Stockport and those social care staff providing homecare where their employer agreed to adhering with our ethical framework, with some providers achieving accreditation with the Real Living Wage foundation to be recognised as a 'real living wage employer';

- We continue to invest in social care and our ambition is to move all our fee rates for social care services to a level that reflects the real living wage as soon as possible during 2022/23 and expect this to be done within the first half of 2022/23 and where possible within Quarter 1;
- The Cabinet has asked officers to ensure that the Council is a living wage accredited organisation as soon as possible and we are working with STAR procurement to do this; and,
- The Council will also be signing up to the GM Good Employment Charter as soon as possible.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the fee setting approach, including fee uplifts as set out in the report.

#### **14. STOCKPORT ECONOMIC PLAN 2022-2030 (E&R78)**

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration (Councillor David Meller) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the draft Stockport Economic Plan 2022 – 2030.

RESOLVED - That the draft Stockport Economic Plan 2022-2030 be endorsed.

#### **General Items**

#### **15. ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN 2022/2023**

The Deputy Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance (Councillor Tom McGee) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposed Asset Management Plan (AMP) for 2022/23 setting out details of the capital programme for 2022.23 and the indicative programmes to be delivered through to 2023/24.

RESOLVED - (1) That the programme for 2022/23 and the financing thereof, and the Indicative AMP programme for up to 2026/27, as set out in the report be approved.

(2) That the application of corporate resources to fund the AMP programme 2022/23 to 2026/27 be approved; with the application of funding types (capital receipts and borrowing) being delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) in conjunction with the Estates Capital Board (ECB);

(3) That the Director of Regeneration & Development be authorised to award construction contracts as required to deliver the works programme.

#### **16. STOCKPORT ACTIVE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY 2022-2030**

The Cabinet Member for Adult Care and Health (Councillor Jude Wells) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the Stockport Active Communities Strategy 2022-2030 including the continuation of a whole systems methodology to support the 'Healthy and Happy Stockport' and 'A Flourishing and Creative Stockport' priorities within the ONE Stockport Borough Plan.

RESOLVED – That the Stockport Active Communities Strategy 2022-2030 be endorsed and approved.

#### **17. RADICALLY DIGITAL STOCKPORT: DEVELOPING OUR STRATEGY**

The Cabinet Member for Citizen Focus (Councillor David Sedgwick) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) outlining how the Council was developing its ambitions for the next phase of its digital journey, including an overview of its priorities for the year ahead and how it intended to approach develop an inclusive, robust and ambitious digital strategy.

RESOLVED – That the draft 'Radically Digital Stockport' strategy document and the updates provided within it including the planned next steps be endorsed and approved.

#### **18. THE COUNCIL'S RELATIONSHIP WITH HEALTH PARTNERS - CABINET RESPONSE TO SCRUTINY REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Cabinet Member for Adult Care & Health (Councillor Jude Wells) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Cabinet to agree its response to the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review with regard to the Council's relationship with health partners.

RESOLVED – (1) That the response to the recommendations contained in the 'The Council's Relationship with Health Partners' carried out by the Corporate, Resource Management & Governance and Adult Social Care & Health Scrutiny Committees be approved.

(2) That the Cabinet's gratitude and appreciation be recorded for the excellent work undertaken the Scrutiny Review Panel and its contributors.

#### **19. GMCA DECISIONS**

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 28 January and 11 February 2022.

RESOLVED – That the decisions be noted.

#### **20. NOMINATIONS FOR THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR 2022/23**

The Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Devolution (Councillor Elise Wilson) invited the Cabinet to consider nominations for the Mayor and Deputy Mayor for the 2022/23 Civic Year.

RESOLVED – That the Leader of the Council be authorised to nominate Councillors David Wilson and Linda Holt for the positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively for the 2022/23 municipal year.

#### **21. TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

There were none to consider.

## **22. CHEADLE TOWNS FUND UPDATE (E&R80)**

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration (Councillor David Meller) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the Cheadle Towns Fund including progress on the projects to date and the next steps.

(NOTE: The report contained a confidential appendix that had been circulated to members of the Cabinet only).

RESOLVED - (1) That the report and progress on the projects be noted, and approval of the approach to the development and submission of the emerging business cases be confirmed.

(2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Development & Regeneration, the Director of Place Management, and the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate & Support Services), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration for:

- (a) The Council, in its role as accountable body and on behalf of the Cheadle Town Fund Board, to sign off and submit the full business case documents for the Cheadle Rail Station project to Government for their approval.
- (b) The Council, in its role as accountable body and on behalf of the Cheadle Town Fund Board, to sign off and submit the summary business case documents for the Cheadle Cycling & Walking and Cheadle Eco Business Park projects to Government for their review and endorsement.
- (c) The Council, in its role as accountable body and on behalf of the Cheadle Towns Fund Board, to enter into all required funding agreements, and associated terms, to receive and administer the Towns Fund grant (known as a Town Deal).
- (d) Authority to enter all contract, partner, land and procurement arrangements, and to seek permissions, including planning permissions, as required to build and operate or manage, as appropriate, the three Cheadle Town Fund projects, reporting back as necessary and appropriate to the Cabinet.
- (e) Authority to approve the final schemes and their construction programme following approval of the final business cases.
- (f) Authority to enter into agreement with the landowners for temporary access rights and purchase the land necessary to construct the schemes.
- (g) To source resources, as outlined in the confidential Appendix 1, to continue to progress the design and development of the Cheadle Eco Business Park in advance of the Town Deal award and to recover this cost from the project.

(3) That approval be given for officers to develop and consult on the Traffic Regulation Orders to support all three schemes and their construction.

(4) That officers be authorised to enter into final negotiations with affected landowners to agree heads of terms for land purchase by agreement.

(5) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance) to do all things necessary or incidental to the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.



**23. EDGELEY PARK (RCG48)**

The Deputy Leader of the Council & Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning & Governance (Councillor Tom McGee) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an overview of Stockport County's ambitions for growth over the next 5-10 years and associated proposals for the grant of a long leasehold interest in Edgeley Park to Stockport County 2010 Ltd.

(NOTE: The report contained a confidential appendix that had been circulated to members of the Cabinet only).

RESOLVED - (1) That the progress to date by the Club in bringing forward investment in players and facilities and developing community partnerships be endorsed.

(2) That the Club's vision for the growth and development of the Football Club and its associated community activities for the long-term benefit of residents, the wider area, and the town as a whole be endorsed.

(3) That approval be given to the proposal to create a Strategic Partnership between the Council and the Club based on the principles set out in this report.

(4) That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, Commissioning and Governance to approve the final terms of a long lease of Edgeley Park to Stockport County 2010 Ltd in return for a premium of £2.157m

(5) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Head of Service (Legal & Democratic Governance) to do all things necessary or incidental to the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.

The meeting closed at 7.31 pm