

## **CABINET MEETING**

Meeting: 28 June 2022

At: 6.00 pm

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Mark Hunter (Leader of the Council) (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Wendy Meikle (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education) (Vice-Chair); Councillors Malcolm Allan (Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources), Grace Baynham (Cabinet Member for Highways, Parks and Leisure Services), Keith Holloway (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care) and Colin MacAlister (Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration).

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 15 March 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.

The following interest were declared:-

#### **Personal Interest**

<b><u>Councillor</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>
Grace Baynham	Agenda Item 7 – ‘Scrutiny Review Panel: Access to Health Services Final Report’ as an employee of Stockport NHS Foundation Trust.
Mark Hunter	Agenda Item 7 – ‘Scrutiny Review Panel: Access to Health Services Final Report’; Agenda Item 18 – ‘St Thomas Garden Development Update’ and Agenda Item 21 – ‘Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Strategic Business Plan 2020-2025’ as his wife was an employee of Manchester Metropolitan University.

#### **Personal and Prejudicial Interest**

<b><u>Councillor</u></b>	<b><u>Interest</u></b>
Mark Hunter	Agenda Item 21 – ‘Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Strategic Business Plan 2020-2025’ as a member of the Board of the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation.

It was noted that the Standards Committee had approved a

dispensation to enable those councillors who were members of the Board of the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation and who would otherwise have a personal and prejudicial interest in the matter being discussed to take part in the debate and vote at the meeting.

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Caroline Simpson	Agenda Item 21 – ‘Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Strategic Business Plan 2020-2025’ as a member of the Board of the Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation.
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**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.

No public questions were submitted.

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

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) invited the Cabinet to consider whether to exclude the public and press from the meeting during consideration of agenda items 18-22 as they 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>
18	St Thomas’ Garden Development Update	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)
19	Cheadle Eco Business Park	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)
20	Debenhams Redevelopment	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)
21	Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Strategic Business Plan 2020-2025	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)
22	Adswood Depot: Proposed Acquisition	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)

## **6. SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL: ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES FINAL REPORT**

Councillor Angie Clark presented the final report of the Scrutiny Review into Access to Health Services (copies of which had been circulated) and to answer questions from the Cabinet.

The Leader of the Council welcomed the timeliness of the review.

RESOLVED - (1) That the Director of Public Health be requested to prepare a response to the "Access to Health Services" Scrutiny Review and the recommendations contained therein for consideration by the Cabinet at a future meeting.

(2) That the gratitude of the Cabinet be recorded for the excellent work undertaken by the Scrutiny Review Panel 'Access to Health Services' and others involved in the Review.

## **7. SCRUTINY REVIEW PANEL - STOCKPORT'S DISTRICT CENTRES POST COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The Chair of the Economy & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (Councillor Oliver Johnstone) attended the meeting to present the final report of the Scrutiny Review Panel – 'Stockport's district centres post covid-19 pandemic' (copies of which had been circulated) and to answer questions from the Cabinet.

The Leader of the Council reiterated the importance of Stockport's district centres and that the ongoing and much-needed investment in the town centre should not be at the expense of the districts.

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration (Councillor Colin MacAlister) stated that there was consensus around the Council on the value of the district centres and that residents had shown a strong desire to support local traders. It was noted that while the district centres had vacancy rates below the national average with a diverse range of independent retailers, there remained issues that needed to be addressed.

RESOLVED - (1) That the Director of Place Management be requested to prepare a response to the "Stockport's district centres post covid-19 pandemic" Scrutiny Review and the recommendations contained therein for consideration by the Cabinet at a future meeting.

(2) That the gratitude of the Cabinet be recorded for the excellent work undertaken by the Scrutiny Review Panel 'Stockport's district centres post covid-19 pandemic' and others involved in the Review.

### Key Decisions

## **8. SKID RESISTANCE POLICY STATEMENT**

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration (Councillor Colin MacAlister) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a series of updates needed to the Skid Resistance Policy Statement for highways in response to national guidance.

RESOLVED - (1) That approval be given to the Skid Resistance Policy Statement and to delegate approval of minor amendments to the policy in response to national guidance to the Director for Place Management in consultation with the Cabinet member for Highways, Parks and Leisure Services.

(2) That approval be given to the Greater Manchester (GM) framework for the delivery of Skid Resistance in line with the rest of GM.

## **9. INTEGRATED CARE SYSTEM-UPDATE**

The Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care (Councillor Keith Holloway) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing background and context information relating to the Integrated Care Systems (ICS), including the opportunities for Stockport, the Greater Manchester ICS Model, Stockport's transition work and the emerging Stockport integrated health and care model.

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) stated that he would be chairing the new locality board as part of a collective determination to make the new arrangements work in the interests of the residents of Stockport.

RESOLVED - (1) That the recommendations proposed by the People and Communities Subgroup (Appendix 1) be approved and endorsed.

(2) That it be agreed that the Council vary (prior to 1 July 2022) the existing Section 75 agreement between the CCG and SMBC to pool only the Better Care Fund (BCF), Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) and Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) in 2022/22 which is the "minimum legal requirement".

(3) That it be agreed that the Council enter into a MoU to formally document resources and funding contributions transacted between the CCG and SMBC which are pooled under the existing Section 75 agreement but will not be pooled if only BCF, iBCF and DFG resources are pooled.

(4) That it be agreed that a Section 75 Committee be established to sit within, alongside or outside (to be confirmed) the Locality Board in order to administer and be the decision-making body for the Section 75 agreement from 1 July 2022. This committee could take the form of the existing Health and Care Integrated Commissioning Board (HCICB) subject to arrangements being put in place to amend the name of the committee, its membership (only noting the necessary change that any Members representing the CCG will become Members representing the ICS) and its terms of reference.

(5) That it be agreed that the Locality Board jointly considers aligned budgets as well as the Section 75 Pooled Budgets.

(6) That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and/or the Director of Strategy and the Strategic Head of Service (Legal and Democratic Governance) to do such things as are necessary or incidental to the implementation of the above recommendations.

#### **10. STOCKPORT COUNCIL MODERN SLAVERY STATEMENT 2021/22 - REVIEW AND REFRESH**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources (Councillor Malcolm Allan) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) noting that in September 2018, the Council Meeting had approved a motion condemning the practice of modern slavery and that the Council has subsequently signed a Modern Slavery Charter.

One of the Charter's commitments was to publish a Modern Slavery Statement that set out the measures the council had implemented to ensure its supply chains were not linked to modern slavery, as well as further measures it intended to implement.

RESOLVED - That approval to the adoption of the third iteration of the Stockport Council Modern Slavery Statement for the period up to 30 June 2023 as detailed in the report.

#### **General Items**

#### **11. MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources (Councillor Malcolm Allan) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a recommendations from the Standards Committee that the Council adopt the LGA Voluntary Code of Conduct subject to the retention of a 'local code' in relation to the continued requirement for councillors to disclose personal and prejudicial interests.

RESOLVED – That the Council Meeting be recommended to adopt the proposed Code of Conduct with authority to be provided to the Monitoring Officer to make the consequential amendments to the Constitution without having to return to a further Council Meeting for such agreement.

#### **12. PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources (Councillor Malcolm Allan) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing a composite of all the

recommendations for amendments to the Constitution following their consideration at the Constitution Working Party during 2021/22 and thereafter CRMG Scrutiny on 14 June 2022.

RESOLVED - That the Council Meeting be recommended to approve and adopts the proposed amendments to the Constitution relating to the officer scheme of delegation; contract procedure rules; financial procedure rules; mayoralty; scrutiny procedure rules and the council meeting procedure rules.

### **13. REDESIGNATION OF HIGH LANE VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM**

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration (Councillor Colin MacAlister) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing an application and consultation for the redesignation of High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum as the relevant body for High Lane Village Neighbourhood Area.

Councillor MacAlister extended the thanks of the Cabinet to members of the High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum for their work.

RESOLVED - That the Council Meeting be recommended to give approval to the application of High Lane Village Neighbourhood Forum for redesignation as the relevant body for High Lane Village Neighbourhood Area.

### **14. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) inviting the Cabinet to consider nominations of councillors to serve on outside bodies

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the appointment or nomination for appointment of Council representatives to outside and associated bodies for 2022/23, as set out in the attached Schedule.

(2) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant party group leader, to finalise the schedule of appointments and nominations prior to the next ordinary Cabinet Meeting on 20 September 2022.

### **Performance and Budget Monitoring**

### **15. ANNUAL COMPLAINTS REPORT 2021-22**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources (Councillor Malcolm Allan) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the Cabinet with an overview of complaints, as at the end of 2021/22, including a comparison with the previous year and any lessons learnt from these complaints.

The Leader of the Council stated that it was important that residents had an avenue through which they could make a formal complaint. It was noted that in any organisation providing the range of services that the Council did, there would inevitably be occasions

where things went wrong; however, it was important that lessons were learned from these events and that the same issue did not arise again in the future.

RESOLVED – That performance in relation to the complaints received in 2021/22 be noted.

## **16. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES - ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) 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.

Councillor Hunter noted that the report highlighted that the Council remained on a sound financial footing and he commended the leadership of senior officers of the Council and the dedication of Council staff.

RESOLVED – That it be agreed to:-

- Note the key achievements against Portfolio Priorities (Exec Summary) and analysis of corporate performance for 2021/22 (section 2).
- Note the Cash Limit and Non-Cash Limit outturn 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 outturn 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 March 2022.
- Note the position for the 2021/22 Capital Programme as set out in section 4.1.
- Note the adjustments and re-phasing of capital schemes during the quarter as set out in section 4.3.
- Approve the resourcing of the capital programme as set out in section 4.3; and
- Approve the 2021/22 prudential indicators as set out in section 4.4.

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

There were no recommendations to consider.

Items 'Not for Publication'

## **18. ST THOMAS GARDEN DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

The Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care (Councillor Keith Holloway) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing a comprehensive update on the delivery of the proposed development of St Thomas' Gardens, and in particular the Academy of Living Well.

The Leader of the Councillor (Councillor Mark Hunter) welcomed the reuse of a historic site and the bringing back into use of a heritage asset.

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

RESOLVED – That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate and Support Services) and Director of Development and Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care to:-

(1) Appoint a preferred contractor and negotiate a contract sum up that is viable within the parameters of the financial model summarised in Appendix 1 and finalise the terms of any appointments, contracts and other documentation required to deliver of the Academy of Living Well.

(2) Approve the revised financing arrangements for the Academy of Living Well as set out in Appendix 1, including Prudential Borrowing and use of Disabled Facilities Grant.

### **19. CHEADLE ECO BUSINESS PARK**

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration (Councillor Colin MacAlister) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal for the procurement of development management services for the Cheadle Eco Business Park project.

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

RESOLVED - (1) That the content of the report and the proposal to seek Development Management input through an initial market test and then a formal procurement process be noted.

(2) That authority be delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration and the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Economy and Regeneration to:

- Agree the basis on which the market is invited to compete and is evaluated for the appointment to take forward the project.
- Agree the terms with and appoint a Development Manager or Development Partner to assist in the delivery of the project.
- Take all necessary steps and make all necessary arrangements and/or agreements to bring forward the appointment of a Development Manager or Development Partner to assist in the delivery of the project.
- Authorise the Strategic Head of Legal Services to undertake and complete all agreements, legal documentation and legal matters in relation to a Development Manager or Development Partner appointment.

(3) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Head of Legal Services to do all things necessary or incidental to the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.



## **20. DEBENHAMS REDEVELOPMENT**

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration (Councillor Colin MacAlister) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the Council's strategy for the vacant, former Debenhams building located on the A6 in Stockport Town Centre.

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

RESOLVED - (1) That approval be given to the funding for the preferred redevelopment option for the former Debenhams building as outlined in the above report and confidential appendices and

(2) That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive and the Director of Development & Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration to;

- appoint a contractor and appropriate professional team as required to deliver the refurbishment works and execute any necessary letter of intent, pre-construction services agreement or other agreement, pending resolution of the final contract;
- agree the detailed initial investment mix for the building;
- agree the terms of occupational leases for the building;
- take such other steps as are appropriate and necessary to implement the strategy set out in this report

(3) That authority be delegated to the Strategic Head of Service (Legal and Democratic Governance) to do such things as are necessary or incidental to implementation of the above recommendations.

## **21. STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN 2020 - 2025**

The Cabinet Member for Economy & Regeneration (Councillor Colin MacAlister) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the 2022-27 Strategic Business Plan for the MDC as approved by the MDC Board in March 2022.

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

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the 2022-27 Strategic Business Plan for the MDC.

## **22. ADSWOOD DEPOT: PROPOSED ACQUISITION**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources (Councillor Malcolm Allan) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the current status of the Council's two principal operational depot sites and a recommendation to consolidate the majority of operations currently located at Bird Hall Lane depot at the Adswood Depot.

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

RESOLVED - (1) That the current status of the Adswood and Bird Hall Lane depot sites be noted.

(2) That the proposed purchase of the freehold interest in the Adswood depot site on the terms outlined in Confidential Appendix C be supported.

(3) That the Deputy Chief Executive be authorised to secure capital financing through prudential borrowing to complete the purchase.

(4) That authority be delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration and the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources to complete the purchase subject to satisfactory pre-acquisition due diligence.

Special Urgency

**23. PROPOSAL FOR SHARED SERVICES FOR EARLY YEARS EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT**

The Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Children, Families and Education (Councillor Wendy Meikle) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing a proposal for shared leadership for the early years functions of the School Improvement Teams across Stockport and Tameside Councils.

RESOLVED – That the proposal to move to a shared appointment of the following three Shared Service Leadership roles be endorsed, initially delivered as a 12 month arrangement with robust evaluation of outcomes to inform future direction:-

- Principal role – Head of Early Years Education (Shared Service) Stockport are host employer
- PVI Lead (Shared Service) – Tameside Host employer
- School based Lead (Shared Service) – Stockport Host employer

The meeting closed at 7.03 pm