

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO CABINET– SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject:** STAR Procurement Collaboration and Executive Joint Committee

**Report to Cabinet**

**Date: 27 June 2023**

**Report of: (a)** Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources

**Key Decision: (b)** Yes

Forward Plan  General Exception  Special Urgency  (Mark with a Y if applicable)

**Summary:**

The purpose of this report is to:

- (1) Provide information on the strategic proposal to expand the current STAR Shared Procurement service (“STAR”) from four partner councils to six partner councils.
- (2) Outline the rationale for STAR’s growth strategy, provide details of proposed commercial arrangements, governance arrangements and implementation strategies.

**Comments/Views of the Cabinet Member: (c)**

The work and benefit of the STAR shared procurement service is evident and has been shared with Scrutiny and Audit Committees. The growth strategy has been endorsed by the STAR Board and Joint Committee, and I am pleased to present to Cabinet the proposal to expand the current service from four partners to six partner councils.

**Recommendation(s) of Cabinet Member: (d)**

It is recommended that the Cabinet

- (1) Approves the disestablishment of the current STAR Joint Committee
- (2) Approves the expansion of the current shared procurement service to include the Fifth Partner and Sixth Partner which will continue to be hosted by Trafford Borough Council in accordance with the provisions detailed in the main body of the report.
- (3) Approves the establishment of a new STAR Joint Committee for Stockport, Trafford, Rochdale, Tameside, the Fifth Partner and Sixth Partner that will support the delivery of the Shared Service and provide delegated authority to the Procurement Service to operate across the Stockport, Trafford, Rochdale, Tameside, Fifth Partner and Sixth Partner areas.
- (4) Approves the governance arrangements and Terms of Reference of the new STAR Joint Committee as set out in the report.
- (5) Delegates authority to the Assistant Director – Legal & Democratic Governance in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources to agree the final terms and conditions of and to enter into an Inter Authority Agreement (“IAA”) in respect of the STAR Procurement shared service in similar terms to the existing IAA.

(6) To note the proposed approach to those circumstances whereby staff would transfer to the new procurement service, and therefore to Trafford Council under TUPE, as outlined in the report.

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**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): **(e)**  
Corporate, Resource Management & Governance

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**Background Papers** (if report for publication): **(f)**

Contact person for accessing  
background papers and discussing the report

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**'Urgent Business': (g)**

**Yes/ No (Please circle)**

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/ Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

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