

CABINET MEETING

Meeting: 27 June 2023

At: 6.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Mark Hunter (Leader of the Council) (Chair) in the chair; Councillor Mark Roberts (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Climate Change & Environment) (Vice-Chair); Councillors Grace Baynham (Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services), Keith Holloway (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care), Jilly Julian (Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources), Colin MacAlister (Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration & Housing), Wendy Meikle (Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education) and Frankie Singleton (Cabinet Member for Communities, Culture & Sport).

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 14 March 2023 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 interests were declared:-

Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Councillor

Interest

Mark Hunter

Agenda Item 10 – ‘Next Stop Stockport’ as a member of The Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation Board.

Agenda Item 20 – ‘Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Business Plan 2023-28’ as a member of The Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation Board.

However, the Standards Committee has approved a dispensation to enable those councillors who are 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.

Officer

Caroline Simpson

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Board.

Agenda Item 20 – ‘Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Business Plan 2023-28’ as a member of The Stockport Town Centre West Mayoral Development Corporation Board.

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.

One public question was submitted relating to carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere and the Council’s CAN Strategy.

The Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment (Councillor Mark Roberts) responded that all sensible scientific opinion recognises that climate change was a real and massive threat to society and that the Council wanted to make sure that it played its part in tackling climate change and help to keep the residents safe.

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 19, 20, 21 and 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> |
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| 19 | STAR Procurement Collaboration and Executive Joint Committee | 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 | Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Business Plan 2023-28 | 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 Exchange Phase | Category 3 ‘Information relating to the financial or |

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| 5 | | business affairs of any particular person (including the authority)' as set out in the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) |
| 22 | Former Ritz Cinema Car Park, Fletcher Street 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) |

Performance and Budget Monitoring

6. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES YEAR-END/ QUARTER 4 REPORT

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the Corporate Performance and Resources Year-End Quarter 4 Report for 2022/23 and a summary of the progress in delivering the council's priority outcomes up to 31 March 2023 with a particular focus on the final quarter of 2022/23 (January to March 2023).

RESOLVED – (1) That progress against delivering council priorities and capital schemes alongside budget outturns contained within the report be reviewed and noted.

(2) That the key achievements and other issues this quarter in each of the councils seven priorities set out in the Overview of Corporate Delivery and Performance be noted.

(3) That the Cash Limit and Non-Cash Limit outturn positions for 2022/23 as set out in section 2.3 and 2.6 be noted.

(4) That the update to the council's positive investments as set out in section 2.4 be noted.

(5) That the update on the council's Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) investments plan set out in section 2.5 be noted.

(6) That the Dedicated Schools Grant, Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund outturn positions as set out in sections 2.7, 2.8, and 2.9 be noted.

(7) That the appropriations to/from reserves and balances during the period as set out in section 2.10 and note the resulting reserves and balances position as of 31 March 2023 be noted.

(8) That the outturn position for the 2022/23 Capital Programme as set out in section 3.1 be noted.

(9) That the adjustments of capital schemes during the quarter as set out in section 3.2 be noted.

(10) That the resourcing of the capital programme as set out in section 3.3 be approved.

(11) That the 2022/23 prudential indicators as set out in section 3.4 be approved.

7. PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES AGREEMENTS 2023/24

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the Portfolio Performance and Resources Agreements 2023/24 setting out the 2023/24 Council Plan and 2023/24 budgets within the Medium Term Financial Plan, along with the portfolio responsibilities and the seven realigned portfolios and the final versions of the seven Portfolio Agreements that would form the basis for reporting on delivery of priorities and spending plans to Scrutiny Committee during 2023/24.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the 2023/24 Portfolio Agreements.

Key Decisions

8. MOVING TRAFFIC OFFENCES ENFORCEMENT REPORT (PH&T1)

The Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways & Transport Services (Councillor Grace Baynham) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the consultation findings relating to the Council's bid for receiving enforcement powers for Moving Traffic Offences.

RESOLVED – (1) That it be agreed that officers be authorised to complete the remaining steps required to request the enforcement powers.

(2) That the submission of the final application to the Secretary of State for the transfer of powers to enforce moving traffic orders be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services.

9. GREATER MANCHESTER BEE NETWORK COMMITTEE (PH&T2)

The Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services (Councillor Grace Baynham) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) proposing changes to the governance arrangements for transport in Greater Manchester.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the following insofar as they relate to the discharge of executive functions:-

(i) The establishment of a new joint transport committee (the Bee Network Committee) of the GMCA, the Mayor and the ten Greater Manchester constituent councils.

(ii) The appointment of members to the Bee Network Committee, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report, specifically appointing Councillor Grace Baynham to the Committee and Councillor Mark Roberts as the substitute member.

(iii) The Terms of Reference of the Bee Network Committee as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.

(iv) The delegation of the functions of the GMCA as set out in the Terms of Reference to the Bee Network Committee and noted the delegation of Mayoral functions as set out in the Terms of Reference, attached at Appendix 2 of the report.

(v) The delegation of the functions of the Local Authority Constituent Councils as set out in the terms of Reference, attached at Appendix 2 of the report (which for the avoidance of doubt are the same delegations given to the former Transport Committee).

(vi) The Rules of Procedure for the Bee Network Committee as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.

(2) That the Council Meeting be recommended to give approval to the above recommendations insofar as they relate to the discharge of non-executive functions.

10. NEXT STOP STOCKPORT (ER&H2)

The Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services (Councillor Grace Baynham) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) highlighting the centrality of Metrolink connectivity to Stockport to sustain the progress of the town centre over the last decade and providing an update on recent work being undertaken to translate that potential into reality and setting out what was needed to realise the ambition for Metrolink to come to the borough.

RESOLVED – (1) That Chief Executive of the Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation be requested to submit this report to the next meeting of the Board of the Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Board for its consideration.

(2) That the Leader of the Council and Chair of the Board of the Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation be requested to meet the Mayor of Greater Manchester and invite him to a business leader roundtable to discuss the benefits of Next Stop Stockport and how funding can be secured to deliver these ambitions.

11. TLC TRANSFORMATION UPDATE (PH&T3)

The Cabinet Member for Parks, Highways and Transport Services (Councillor Grace Baynham) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing the progress against the TLC programme of transformation along with proposed changes to governance arrangements.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the proposed changes to the TLC governance arrangements and management structure.

(2) That approval be given to the current version of the Articles of Association and to the delegation to the Assistant Director – Legal and Democratic Governance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources, to agree and finalise the wording of the Articles of Association.

12. SCRUTINY REVIEW SEWAGE IN RIVERS AND WATERWAYS OCTOBER 2022 TO MARCH 2023 (CC&E1)

The Chair of the Werneth Area Committee (Councillor Lisa Smart) attended the meeting to present the final report of the Scrutiny Review into Sewage in Rivers and Waterways October 2022 to March 2023 (copies of which had been circulated) and to answer questions from the Cabinet.

Members welcomed the report and the work that had been undertaken to produce the final report.

The Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment (Councillor Mark Roberts) noted that the report was thorough and welcomed the recommendation requesting changes to the existing regulatory framework. Councillor Roberts further expressed his thanks to those officers from United Utilities that had engaged and worked with the Werneth Area Committee and the wider council to address this issue.

RESOLVED – (1) That the Director of Place Management be requested to prepare a response to the 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 Werneth Area Committee and others involved in the Review.

General Items

13. MARPLE ACTIVE COMMUNITIES HUB

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Councillor Jilly Julian) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on the progress being made on the delivery of the new Marple Active Communities Hub, the status of the existing Marple Swimming Pool and the next steps for the delivery of the scheme.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report, and progress on the Marple Active Communities Hub, be noted.

(2) That approval be given to the proposed approach to the development of the project and to enter into agreements to achieve this, as required.

(3) That approval be given to undertake the proposed community engagement activities outlined in part 5 of the report.

(4) That authority be delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration (Place) and the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate and Support Services), in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Resources and Economy, Regeneration and Housing to enter into any Grant Funding Agreement or Memorandums of Understanding with the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, or any other government department or government organisation required to deliver the scheme.

(5) That authority be delegated to the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate and Support Services), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources to allocate Council Capital Resources to support the required funding match as part of any Grant Funding Agreements or Memorandums of Understanding.

(6) That authority be delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration (Place) and the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate and Support Services), in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Resources and Economy, Regeneration and Housing to approve the undertaking of any required procurement activities to allow the appointment of any professional services consultants or construction contractors.

(7) That authority be delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration (Place) and the Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate and Support Services), in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Resources and Economy, Regeneration and Housing to approve the entering of any contracts required for the appointment of any professional services consultants or Construction Contractors and bring forth any necessary planning applications related to the delivery of Marple Community Hub and the wider project, including the related Transport and Highways works contained in the LUF funding bid.

(8) That authority be delegated to the Director of Development and Regeneration (Place), Deputy Chief Executive (Corporate and Support Services) and the Assistant Director (Legal & Democratic Governance), in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Finance and Resources and Economy, Regeneration and Housing to take the necessary steps to implement the strategies set out in this report.

(9) That approval be given for the release of up to £2 million in funding to allow the scheme to progress up to the conclusion of the second stage tender process, at which point a further report will be brought to cabinet to seek approval to conclude the second stage tender process and formally enter contract with a delivery partner.

(10) That approval be given for the development and implementation of two enabling works packages, which include the demolition of the former Marple Swimming Pool and current Marple Library buildings to enable the Marple Community Hub project to be brought forward at pace. Give approval for the establishment of an interim Marple Library provision during the construction phase of the project.

(11) That officers develop, consult, and seek approval for Highway works directly required for the development proposals along with wider supporting sustainable travel improvements in the Town Centre to be separately funded by further bids be approved.

(12) That officers develop, consult, and seek approval for Traffic Regulation Orders, Parking Place Orders, Controlled Crossings and Traffic Calming as necessary for Orders directly required for the development be approved.

14. SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY ALLOWANCES FOR MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE GMCA OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Councillor Jilly Julian) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the recommendations of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), following the receipt and consideration of a

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report from the Greater Manchester Independent Remuneration Panel, that the ten GM authorities consider payment of a special responsibility allowance to members of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED – That the Council Meeting be recommended to:-

(1) Give approval to the adoption and incorporation of the proposed schedule of allowances within Stockport's Members' Allowances Scheme.

(2) Give approval be given to the backdating of the payment of any such allowances to 24 June 2022 when the new scrutiny arrangements were put in place.

(3) Give approval to the amendment of paragraph 4(4) of the Members' Allowances Scheme to permit the payment of two SRAs to a member of the GMCA Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

15. COST AND IMPACT OF VOTER ID LEGISLATION ON THE COUNCIL

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Councillor Jilly Julian) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) relating to the cost and impact the new Voter ID legislation has had on Stockport.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

16. 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 for 2023/24.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the appointment or nomination for appointment of Council representatives to outside and associated bodies for 2023/24, 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 19 September 2023.

17. GMCA DECISIONS

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out decisions taken by the GMCA at its meetings on 24 March, 26 May and June 2023.

RESOLVED – That the decisions be noted.

18. TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were none to consider.

Items including information 'not for publication'

19. STAR PROCUREMENT COLLABORATION AND EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE (F&R18)

The Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources (Councillor Jilly Julian) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the strategic proposal to expand the current STAR Shared Procurement service (“STAR”) from four partner councils to six partner councils and the rationale for STAR’s growth strategy, proposed commercial arrangements, governance arrangements and implementation strategies.

(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 disestablishment of the current STAR Joint Committee.

(2) That approval be given to 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) That approval be given to 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) That approval be given to the governance arrangements and Terms of Reference of the new STAR Joint Committee as set out in the report.

(5) That authority be delegated 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) That 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 be noted.

20. STOCKPORT MAYORAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BUSINESS PLAN 2023-28 (ER&H1)

The Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration and Housing (Councillor Colin MacAlister) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation’s (the MDC) delivery achievements from 2019-23 and the future challenges to be faced and the strategic objectives of the MDC for this period and a series of delivery commitments to translate these into action.

(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 full Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation Strategic Business Plan for the period 2023–2028 at Appendix A along with the Annual Action Plan at confidential Appendix B.

(2) That it be noted that an ‘All Member briefing’ with the Chair and Chief Executive of the Stockport Mayoral Development Corporation will be arranged at the earliest opportunity.

21. STOCKPORT EXCHANGE PHASE 5 (ER&H3)

The Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration and Housing (Councillor Colin MacAlister) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) relating to funding and a refresh of the Stockport Exchange Masterplan.

(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 undertaking of a refresh of the Stockport Exchange Masterplan and design and technical survey work for a hybrid planning application for a c. 65,000 sq. ft Office development in Phase 5 and an outline planning application for phases 6, 7 and 8 Stockport Exchange Masterplan area within the site area shown in Appendix 2 of the report.

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

- (i) to instruct all professional work required for the design stage and submission or a hybrid planning application up to the value of £876,469 with the costs being shared 50/50 between the Council and Muse.
- (ii) to enter into such documentation as required to document the Council’s financial contribution towards the planning costs on the terms set out in this report.

(3) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Legal & Democratic Governance) to do all things necessary or incidental to the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.

22. FORMER RITZ CINEMA CAR PARK, FLETCHER STREET UPDATE (ER&H4)

The Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration and Housing (Councillor Colin MacAlister) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing proposals for the disposal of the former Ritz Cinema car park, Fletcher Street.

(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 dispose of the site at Fletcher Street (former Ritz Cinema car park) in line with the recommendation report in Confidential Appendix 3 and the Heads of Terms as detailed in Confidential Appendix 2 in the report.

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(2) That authority be delated to the Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Development & Regeneration, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration & Housing and the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources to negotiate and agree the detailed final terms relating to the disposal of the interest in the site.

(3) That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director (Legal & Democratic Governance) to do all things necessary or incidental to the implementation of the above-mentioned resolutions.

The meeting closed at 7.05 pm.