

## **CABINET MEETING**

Meeting: 25 June 2024

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 Keith Holloway (Cabinet Member for Health & Adult Social Care), Jilly Julian (Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources), Colin MacAlister (Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration & Housing) and Wendy Meikle (Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education).

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 12 March 2024 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:-

<u>Officer</u>	<u>Interest</u>
Vicki Bates and Michael Cullen	Agenda Item 14 – ‘Fleet Management Loan Facility (F&R33)’ as non-executive directors of Totally Local Company.

### **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.

Three public questions were submitted where the questioners were not in attendance at the meeting and in accordance with the Code of Practice, the Chief Executive was requested to respond to the questioners in writing.

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

RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for publication relating to the financial or business affairs of the any particular person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 agenda items 14 – ‘Fleet Management Loan Facility (F&R33) and 15 – ‘Stockport MDC Draft Strategic Business Plan 2024-2029 (ER&H10)’ in the eventuality it was necessary to discuss the information contained within the ‘not for publication’ appendices.

Performance and Budget Monitoring

**6. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES 2023/24 YEAR END REPORT**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out a summary of the progress in delivering the council’s priority outcomes up to 31 March 2024 with a particular focus on the final quarter of 2023/24 (January to March 2024).

RESOLVED - (1) That the key delivery and performance issues from the council’s seven portfolios set out in sections 1.3 and 1.4 be noted,

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

(3) That the Cash Limit and Non-Cash Limit outturn positions for 2023/24 as set out in section 2.3 be noted.

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

(5) That the Dedicated Schools Grant, Housing Revenue Account and Collection Fund outturn positions as set out in sections 2.5, 2.6, and 2.7 be noted.

(6) That the appropriations to/from reserves and balances during the period as set out in section 2.8 and note the resulting reserves and balances position at outturn be noted.

(7) That the position for the 2023/24 Capital Programme as set out in section 3.1 be noted.

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

(9) That approval be given to the resourcing of the capital programme as set out in section 3.3.

(10) That approval be given to the 2023/24 prudential indicators as set out in section 3.4.

**7. PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES – PORTFOLIO AGREEMENTS 2024/25**

The Leader of the Council (Councillor Mark Hunter) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing the Portfolio Performance and Resources Agreements 2024/25 which reflected the priorities set out in the 2024-27 Council Plan and 2024/25 budgets within the Medium-Term Financial Plan, along with the portfolio responsibilities.

RESOLVED – That approval be given to the 2024/25 Portfolio Agreements.

Key Decisions

**8. SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES (CF&E8)**

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education (Councillor Wendy Meikle) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing proposed School Holiday and Term dates for Local Authority maintained and voluntary controlled schools within the borough for academic years 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28.

RESOLVED - (1) That the outcome of the consultation as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

(2) That approval be given to the school holiday and term dates for academic years 2025-26, 2026-27 and 2027-28 as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

**9. EXPANDING OUR HIGH NEEDS CAPACITY (CF&E9)**

The Cabinet Member for Children, Families & Education (Councillor Wendy Meikle) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing plans to create a resource base at Tithe Barn Primary School and St Paul's CE Primary School and to create fit for purpose and specialised areas within these schools that will be capable of meeting more complex need within a mainstream setting.

RESOLVED – (1) That the report be noted.

(2) That approval be given to the implementation of statutory proposals and the creation of resource provision at St Paul's CE Primary School, and Tithe Barn Primary School as detailed within the report.

**10. WI-FI & LOCAL AREA NETWORK (LAN) SYSTEM REPLACEMENT (F&R34)**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources (Councillor Jilly Julian) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing proposals to commission a capital scheme that would enable the replacement of the existing Local Area Network (LAN) and Wi-Fi system.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the replacement of the existing Aruba wifi solution with a completely new Cisco solution, this would tie in more with the strategic direction of the GM One network.

(2) That approval be given to the replacement of all local Area Network (LAN) equipment with new cisco switching infrastructure.

(3) That approval be given to the council moving to an industry standard 5 year lifecycle management programme for this critical network infrastructure.

(4) That approval be given to the funding of the capital and revenue costs of the recommended options as set out in section 8 of the report.

### General Items

#### **11. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONTRACT PROCEDURE RULES CONTAINED IN THE CONSTITUTION**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources (Councillor Jilly Julian) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) providing an update on revisions agreed by the Joint STAR Committee on 15 April 2024 to the council's Contract Procedure Rules to include current legislation for Health Care Services (Provider Selection Regime) Regulations 2023.

RESOLVED - That the Council Meeting be recommended to give approval to the proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution, as detailed in the report.

#### **12. 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 2024/25.

RESOLVED – (1) That approval be given to the appointment or nomination for appointment of Council representatives to outside and associated bodies for 2024/25, 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 17 September 2024.

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

There were no recommendations to consider.

### Items Containing Information 'Not for Publication'

#### **14. FLEET MANAGEMENT LOAN FACILITY (F&R33)**

The Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources (Councillor Jilly Julian) submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) detailing proposals for a new loan facility for fleet at Totally Local Company Ltd (TLC). This new loan, along with consideration of leasing will enable the Environmental Services Strategy which is currently being devised.

(NOTE: An appendix to this report contained information 'Not for Publication' that has been circulated to members of the Cabinet only).

RESOLVED - (1) That approval be given to the provision of a loan facility to TLC to implement the Environmental Services Strategy with the terms of individual tranches, together with a financial appraisal, delegated to the Assistant Director, Finance/Deputy S151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources.

(2) That authority to make extensions to the value of the facility be delegated to the Assistant Director, Finance/Deputy S151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources.

**15. STOCKPORT MDC DRAFT STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN 2024-2029 (ER&H10)**

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 Business Plan 2024-29 and outlining the MDC's delivery achievements from 2019-24 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.

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RESOLVED - That approval be given to the full MDC Strategic Business Plan for the period 2024–2029 at Appendix A to the report.

The meeting closed at 6.36 pm