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THE CABINET

MEETING, 24TH OCTOBER, 2022

Councillor Cox	Leaders Portfolio
Councillor Mrs. Fairclough	Deputy Leaders Portfolio
Councillor Haslam	Highways and Transport
Councillor Galloway	Children's Services
Councillor Hewitt	Strategic Housing and Planning
Councillor Muslim	Environmental Service Delivery
Councillor Morgan	Adult Social Care
Councillor Baines	Wellbeing
Councillor Dean	Stronger Communities

Other Members in Attendance

Councillor Walsh
Councillor Radcliffe
Councillor Peel
Councillor Mrs. Thomas
Councillor Donaghy
Councillor Haworth
Councillor Hayes
Councillor Sanders
Councillor Heslop
Councillor Grant

Officers

Miss. S. Johnson	Chief Executive
Mrs. H. Gorman	Borough Solicitor
Ms. R. Tanner	Managing Director of the Integrated Care Partnership
Mr. P. Rimmer	Assistant Director Revenues

Mrs. V. Ridge Benefits and Customers Services
Democratic Services Manager

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Warren.

Councillor Cox in the Chair.

10. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15th August, 2022 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

11. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP

A joint report of the Managing Director of the Integrated Care Partnership and the Borough Solicitor was submitted which recommended the establishment of the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership (GM ICP) as a joint committee and sought approval for the terms of reference for the GM ICP.

Members were advised that an ICP was one of two statutory components of an Integrated Care System (ICS), alongside the Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Section 116ZA of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 stated that:-

- 1) An integrated care board and each responsible local authority whose area coincided with or fell wholly or partly within the board's area must establish a joint committee for the board's area (an 'integrated care partnership')
- 2) The integrated care partnership for an area was to consist of –
 - a) one member appointed by the integrated care board;
 - b) one member appointed by each of the responsible local authorities; and

- c) any members appointed by the integrated care partnership.
- 3) An integrated care partnership may determine its own procedure (including quorum).

The report advised that the minimum core partnership of the integrated care partnership would consist of ten representatives from the ten local authorities in Greater Manchester and a member of the integrated care board.

In terms of ICPs these had a statutory duty to create an integrated care strategy to address the assessed needs, such as health and care needs of the population within the ICB's area, including determinants of health and wellbeing such as employment, environment and housing. In preparing the integrated care strategy each integrated care partnership must have regard to guidance issued by the Secretary of State.

The legal duties of an ICP were detailed in Appendix A to the report.

The report also provided information in relation to the role of Scrutiny and Health and Wellbeing Boards and the principles.

With regards to the form of the integrated care partnership, members were advised that a paper was circulated to local authorities and NHS Bodies on the role and potential makeup of the ICP and following the responses received the Shadow ICP had agreed the membership as follows:-

- ICB Chair;
- ICB Chief Executive Officer;
- 10x Local Authority representatives (political);
- GMCA Mayor;
- At least one Healthwatch rep;
- One Director of Public Health (LA) as nominated by DPHs;
- One DASS (LA) as nominated by DASSs;

- One Director of Children's Services (LA) as nominated by DCSs;
- One LA Chief Executive – Chief Executives health lead;
- GMCA Chief Executive;
- Two Provider Federation representatives: one mental health, one physical as nominated by PFB;
- Four Primary Care representatives, one from each discipline;
- Health Innovation Manchester representative;
- One Trade Union representative;
- One VCS representative;
- One housing representative as nominated by GM Social Housing providers; and
- One Work and Skills representative.

The above would result in an ICP of 30 members if it was possible to have representative from the housing sector and work and skills, with others invited as required e.g. GMP.

It was also stated that the engagement summary envisaged that the ICP would convene and coordinate the activities of sub-committees, working groups or other forums as its role developed. With regard to frequency of meetings, it was suggested that it met at least quarterly on the same day as the GMCA meeting and it was proposed that the ICP secretariat was provided by the GMCA governance team.

Details of the terms of reference were also detailed in the report.

Resolved – (i) That it be agreed and recommended to the Constitutional Panel to agree to the establishment of the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership be agreed as a joint committee of the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board and the ten local authorities in Greater Manchester.

(ii) That the Constitutional Panel be recommended to appoint Councillor Morgan as a member of the Greater

Manchester Integrated Care Partnership and Councillor Baines as his substitute.

(iii) That the proposed terms of reference of the Greater Manchester Integrated Care Partnership be noted.

12. HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND, 1ST OCTOBER, 2022 TO 31ST MARCH, 2023 AND BOLTON'S RESPONSE TO COST OF LIVING INCREASES

The Chief Executive submitted a report which sought members approval on expenditure proposals relating to the Household Support Fund (HSF) covering the period 1st October, 2022 to 31st March, 2023.

Members were advised that the Government, via the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP), had recently announced £421 million had been made available to County Council's and Unitary Authorities in England to support those most in need this winter during the final stages of economic recovery. The funding covered the period 1st October, 2022 to 31st March, 2023 inclusive and local authorities had discretion on exactly how the funding was used within the scope set out in the guidance and the accompanying grant determination which were appended to the report.

The report informed members that Bolton had been awarded funding which totalled £2,780,000 and unlike previous HSF Guidance, there was no requirement for the Local Authority to ringfence the funding to particular resident groups but there was an expectation that support was available to a range of residents including families with children and pensioners. The eligible spend could include the following, viz:-

- Energy and water;
- Food;
- Essential linked to energy and water;
- Wider essentials; and
- Housing costs.

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It was also pointed out that the fund could not be used to provide mortgage support or to fund advice services including debt advice.

The funding must be spent or committed by 31st March, 2023, although unredeemed vouchers could be recycled providing they were used for the same purpose. The Authority could also provide funding to third party organisations including registered charities, food banks and voluntary organisations.

In terms of the proposals for spend, the following was put forward, viz:-

- Provision of supermarket vouchers to families whose children met the qualifying conditions for Free School Meals – this would be aimed at families with children that were both school age and pre-school age (0 to 5 years old). The support would be provided through the October, Christmas and February holiday periods and a voucher to the value of £15 would be issued digitally via the schools and the Council. This would account for approximately £900,000 of the available grant;
- Enhancing the Council's Local Welfare Provision Scheme (LWP) – under normal circumstances LWP provided an emergency one-off food parcel and a £50 payment towards gas and electric bills, however, it was proposed that using the HSF the Council would enhance the offer further to 2 weeks food parcels and £200 payment towards fuel costs which would be increased to £300 for couples and families with children. This support would be aimed at residents who paid their energy costs via meters and cards. The Council would also continue to support families with essential household items and white goods and the scheme would be relaxed by removing any restrictions that would require claimants to be in receipt of a qualifying benefit. It was also proposed that a further £500,000 was made available to LWP creating a total LWP budget of £700,000 for the period 1st October, 2022 to 31st March, 2023;
- Commissioning Community organisations through the Bolton's Fund – it was proposed to make £200,000

available to run a bidding process through a specific round of the Bolton's Fund to provide support with food and energy related costs and the bidding process would be launched during week commencing 24th October, 2022;

- Supporting the creation of Warm Spaces – the creation of warm spaces, located across the Borough, where residents could spend time and access a range of support, advice and activities. It was anticipated that to facilitate this we would need to provide a range of support including food, hot drinks, activities and staffing and it was proposed that a budget of £100,000 was initially set aside to cover the costs associated with the offer;
- Supporting residents with housing costs – the HSF could be used to support residents with housing costs in cases of genuine emergency and there had been a significant increase in residents requesting support in this area. Consequently, it was proposed that a budget of £100,000 be set aside to provide related support.

The report also provided details of the living events which were taking place in November and the publicity campaign and website content.

Members were also advised that there would be administration costs associated with the cost of providing an enhanced LWP offer, an additional Bolton's Fund round, postage and publicity and it was proposed that £75,000 was set aside to cover these costs.

In total the above proposals totalled £1,875,000 which left a remaining budget of £905,000. It was recommended that further proposals be brought forward in January, 2023 to review expenditure to date and to decide how the remaining budget should be allocated.

Resolved – That the proposals relating to the Household Support Fund covering the period 1st October, 2022 to 31st March, 2023, as detailed in the report, be approved.

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