

THE CABINET

MEETING, 15TH JANUARY, 2018

Councillor Mrs. Thomas	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Adia	Executive Cabinet Member
Councillor Peel	Executive Cabinet Member

Cabinet Members

Councillor Murray	Adult Safeguarding and Adult Social Care
Councillor Zaman	Development and Regeneration and Human Resources
Councillor Chadwick	Highways and Transport
Councillor Cunliffe	Education, Schools, Safeguarding and Looked After Children
Councillor J. Byrne	Culture, Youth and Sport
Councillor Watters	Social Inclusion, Voluntary Sector and Community Services and Skills
Councillor Burrows	Neighbourhood Services, Police and Community Safety
Councillor Sherrington	Anti-Poverty and Housing

Other Members in Attendance

Councillor Donaghy
Councillor Greenhalgh
Councillor Mrs. Fairclough
Councillor Haslam
Councillor Cox
Councillor Hornby

Officers

Mr. T. Oakman	Chief Executive
Mr. S. Young	Director of Place

Mr. J. Daly	Director of People Services
Mr. D. Herne	Director of Public Health
Ms. R. Tanner	Assistant Director – Adult Services
Ms. K. Hopkins	Interim Assistant Director Neighbourhood and Regulatory Services
Mr. P. Green	Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration
Mr. P. Rankin	Assistant Director Performance Planning and Resources
Ms. S. Johnson	Borough Treasurer
Ms. H. Gorman	Borough Solicitor
Mrs. V. Ridge	Democratic Services Manager

Councillor Mrs. Thomas in the Chair.

45. MINUTES

The minutes of the proceedings of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 4th December, 2017 were submitted and signed as a correct record.

46. MINUTES OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED AUTHORITY AND AGMA

The minutes of the meeting of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority and the Association of Greater Manchester Authorities held on 24th November, 2017 were submitted for information.

With regard to the Emergency Services response to the Manchester Arena Attack, a request was made that as part of the Kerslake Review consideration be given to the response and associated issues in respect of the Fire Service.

With regard to the GM Housing Investment Fund, a request was made for an update to be provided at a future meeting.

47. OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION ON CLOSURE OF AGMA SECTION 48 AGMA GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Borough Solicitor submitted a report which informed members' of the outcome of the consultation exercise into the proposed closure of the current section 48 AGMA Grants Scheme.

By way of background, members were advised that, in August, 2017, GMCA received approval from the ten Greater Manchester districts to consult on the possible closure of the AGMA Section 48 grants programme. Furthermore, in September, 2017, the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) agreed potential criteria, subject to consultation, for a new Culture and Social Impact Scheme. As both the potential closure of Section 48 and a new GMCA fund were interlinked, both consultations were aligned and commenced on 30th August, 2017.

In terms of the response to the consultation, the Executive Cabinet Member was advised that of the 20 online responses received, 16 were supportive, three positive with reservations and one opposing the closure. It was also stated that this general support was replicated in the consultation events, with the majority supportive of the closedown of Section 48 and a move to a GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund as long as the transition was carefully handled and the impact of any change to the funding landscape was properly considered.

The report advised that if closure of Section 48 was recommended the impact would be largely dependent on the funding decisions made in relation to the new GMCA Culture and Social Impact Fund. It was stated that care had been taken to manage expectations but also to ensure the call window and application process were clear and transparent and that they addressed any concerns raised during the consultation process.

The Executive Cabinet Member was informed that the call for projects to the GMCA Cultural and Social Impact Fund was

now live and the most important next step was to develop a balancing process that recognised the challenges within this process and empowered GMCA Leaders to deliver a funding portfolio that provided the greatest possible impact for residents across GM.

Furthermore, a report had been submitted to the GMCA in December, 2017 which agreed which applicants would be funded, to what scale and the grant fund monitoring costs. It was also proposed that in early 2018, GMCA and Manchester City Council staff would work with the successful applicants to agree a programme of delivery to be reflected in the grant funding agreements. A communication plan for the fund would also be further developed for communication to successful and unsuccessful applicants and, as part of the process, GMCA officers would investigate how to best support unsuccessful applicants and draft a plan to manage implications of funding decisions.

Resolved – (i) The closure of Section 48 Grants be approved and it be noted that this will be replaced by the GMCA Culture and Social Impact Programme.

(ii) That the outcome and mitigating actions of the completed consultation on the proposed closure of AGMA-run Section 48 Grants Programme be noted.

48. POST CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO PAYING FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CARE (FAIRER CONTRIBUTION POLICY)

The Director of People submitted a report which set out the results of the consultation exercise on proposed changes to the 'Paying for Non-Residential Care' Charging Policy.

Members were advised that the Care Act set out the minimum requirements for a charging policy although some areas were subject to the discretion of the local authority. Bolton had discretion over how much disposable income was taken into account when charging someone for their care and currently in

Bolton this was 95%, which was more generous than most other Greater Manchester Councils.

It was also stated that Bolton applied a subsidy for reducing the amount a person was asked to pay towards the cost of their care. This was known as a maximum 'cap' which was set at £300 per week. The other discretion related to the Council subsidising the actual costs of care. This discarded any fees uplifts or where there were 'double up' carers within the consideration of the financial assessment. The Council would consider annually the fees it paid to providers to deliver the care and had given an uplift to providers. It was stated though that the fee rates considered in the financial assessment had not been uplifted to reflect this.

Members were informed that a benchmarking exercise had been undertaken to ascertain how other authorities in Greater Manchester applied charging policies compared to Bolton and details of this were provided in the report.

In view of the above, the report stated that the proposal was to consider the removal of subsidies in order to apply a fair approach to charging for the full cost of care. This would ensure that people who could afford to pay more were asked to do so.

It was explained that due to the interdependencies within the charging policy, the proposal had three elements that would change, viz:-

- The Disposable Income to change from 95% to 100%;
- Removal of the maximum 'cap' of £300 per week; and
- Move towards full cost recovery of care.

The financial saving resulting from the proposals as set out in the report was estimated to be £550,000 over the 2017-2019 period.

Information in relation to the financial modelling and the impact of the proposals on service users was provided in the report.

The report outlined the results of the consultation process which commenced in September, 2017 and ran for 60 days and it was stated that, having taken into account the feedback received during the consultation, the final proposals remained unchanged, with a number of supportive measures to be in place through implementation. If agreed, the revised policy for charging would be implemented from 1st April, 2018.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix B to the report and the revised policy was detailed in Appendix C to the report.

Resolved – (i) That the proposals to remove the subsidies to apply for a fair approach to charging for the full cost of care and ensure that people who can afford to pay more are asked to do so in relation to the following be approved, viz:-

- **The Disposable Income to change from 95% to 100%;**
- **Removal of the maximum ‘cap’ of £300 per week; and**
- **Move towards full cost recovery of care.**

(ii) That the proposed annual increases in charges from April, 2018 onwards, in line with the rates paid by the Local Authority for commissioned care be approved.

(iii) That the revised Charging Policy: Adults Non-Residential Care, as detailed in Appendix C to the report, be approved with effect from 1st April, 2018.

(iv) That the Director of People be given delegated authority to exercise discretion on a case by case basis in exceptional circumstances.

49. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved – That, in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as specified in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to

the Act; and that it be deemed that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in their exemption outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

50. PROPOSED REVIEW OF SPORT AND ACTIVE LIVING AND GET ACTIVE TEAMS AND FUNCTIONS

The Director of People submitted a report which set out the results of the consultation on proposals to review the Sport and Active Living, Outdoor Learning and Adventure and Get Active teams and functions, to take into account a reduction in funding from 2018 onwards and also sought approval from members to implement the final proposals.

The report detailed the feedback which had been received as part of the consultation process and the formal trade union responses to the proposals were set out in Appendix 4 to the report.

Members were advised that the final proposals, having taken account of feedback received during consultation, did not include any significant changes; however, more detailed exit strategies for a number of service delivery options had been developed and these were outlined in the report.

The relevant Equality Impact Assessment had been undertaken and was detailed in Appendix 5 to the report.

Resolved – (i) That proposals in relation to the review of the Sport and Active Living, Outdoor Learning and Adventure and Get Active teams and functions be approved.

(ii) That, subject to the approval of the Head of Paid Service, in consultation with the Leader, implementation of the new structure, including details of voluntary redundancy arrangements and consequential redundancy selection, be delegated to the Chief Executive and the Director of People.

51. APPOINTMENT OF DEMOLITION CONTRACTOR FOR 156 AND 180 BRADSHAWGATE, BOLTON – URGENT ITEM

In accordance with Regulation 11 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 Councillor Ismail the Chairman of the Corporate, Culture and External Issues Scrutiny Committee agreed that the following matter was urgent and could not wait until the next meeting of the Cabinet as there was a need to commence demolition as soon as possible.

The Director of Place submitted a report which sought member's approval to appoint the contractor J. Freely Limited to demolish buildings situated at 156 and 180 Bradshawgate, Bolton (Trinity Gateway) to facilitate the development of the site.

Resolved – (i) That contractor J. Freely Limited be appointed as the demolition contractor for 156 and 180 Bradshawgate, Bolton.

(ii) That expenditure of £321,386 be approved for the purposes of demolition.

(iii) That the Director of Place be given delegated authority to negotiate and enter into a contract with J. Freely Limited.

(iv) That the Borough Solicitor be given delegated authority to carry out all the necessary legal formalities.