

Minutes of: CABINET

Date of Meeting: 13th November 2019

Present: Councillor D Jones (in the Chair)
Councillors; J Black, S Briggs, A Quinn, A Simpson, and
E O'Brien.

Apologies: Councillor T Tariq

Public attendance: One member of the public was in attendance.

Also in attendance:
Councillor J Daly and T Pickstone

CA. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

CA. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A period of thirty minutes was allocated for any members of the public present at the meeting to ask questions about the work or performance of the Council or Council services.

No questions were asked.

CA. MINUTES

Delegated decision:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

CA. CORPORATE FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

Councillor Eamon O'Brien, Cabinet Member for Finance and Housing, submitted a Corporate Financial Monitoring Report. The report informs Members of the Council's financial position for the period April 2019 to August 2019 and projects the estimated outturn at the end of 2019/20. The report also includes Prudential Indicators in accordance with CIPFA's Prudential Code.

Delegated decision:

Cabinet agrees to note the projected financial position of the Council as at 31 August 2019.

Reason for the decision:

Successful budget monitoring provides early warning of potential major overspends or underspends against budgets which Members need to be aware of.

CA. CHILDREN'S CENTRES MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT

In the absence of Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Councillor David Jones, Leader, submitted a report setting out how Children's Centres as key Council assets, can make a greater contribution to communities. It is proposed that this is achieved through more effective arrangements for their management and use, moving away from the delivery of an increasingly constrained core offer of services targeted at 0-5, to a much broader community driven offer over an extended day.

Delegated decision

Cabinet agrees to:

1. Approve the use of the Community Asset Transfer arrangements and invite interest from community and voluntary sector organisations to the management and use of Children's Centre buildings.
2. That a report be presented to Cabinet in early 2020 setting out the outcome of the Community Asset Transfer application process, and making recommendations in respect of the future management arrangements for each Children's Centre

Reason for the decision:

The proposed arrangements focus on how the Children's Centre buildings can continue to serve their respective communities, whilst exploring alternative models for the management of those buildings, both to build community capacity and resilience, and to enable the broader delivery of services.

CA. RADCLIFFE SECONDARY SCHOOL PROVISION

In the absence of Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Councillor David Jones, Leader, submitted a report outlining proposals for the development of a secondary school in Radcliffe. The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the pro-active action taken by the Council to secure new secondary school provision in Radcliffe.

The Council Leader, reported that engagement has been undertaken with the Government and the Office of the Regional Schools Commissioner to establish the case for a new secondary school for Radcliffe. Officers have engaged with potential Free School sponsors on the need for new school provision, and in order to promote the submission of an application to the Department for Education to establish a Free School. This approach has now translated into an application being submitted by Star Academies.

Delegated decision

Cabinet agrees to:

1. Endorse the submission by Star Academies of an application to the Department of Education for funding for a new secondary school for Radcliffe.
2. Note that a successful application to establish a Free School will require the Council to provide the site, to be leased to the Sponsor at a peppercorn rent and that a further report will be submitted to Cabinet to seek this approval.
3. Require the Assistant Director (Education & Inclusion) to lead the process of engagement with Star Academies in support of the application and submit a further report to Cabinet as soon as the outcome of the application is known.

CA. FOR INFORMATION **MINUTES OF ASSOCIATION OF GREATER
MANCHESTER AUTHORITIES / GREATER MANCHESTER COMBINED
AUTHORITY**

COUNCILLOR D JONES

Chair

(Note: The meeting started at 6pm and ended at 6.20 pm)