

GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24 MARCH 2021

PRESTWICH TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION: PROGRESS UPDATE ON ACQUISITION AND PATHWAYS TO DEVELOPMENT - PART A:

1. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report which provided an update on plans for the regeneration of Prestwich town centre and proposed the acquisition of the Longfield shopping centre in order that the wider regeneration outcomes for Prestwich could be achieved as well as proposals to take forward the future development.
2. Members were supportive of the developments and the commitment to the long term future of the area. In response to a Member's question, the Leader advised that this differed from previous schemes as negotiations undertaken and partnership working had allowed a more financially viable solution with a lower risk. With regards to the purchase of 458 Bury New Road, this was of strategic benefit for the future but also offered commercial return in the short term.
3. In response to a question regarding the tight timetable for acquisition, it was noted that the Hollins Murray Group had set this timescale, which placed time restraints on the negotiations but also allowed for a reduced price. It was noted that key leases in Prestwich were coming to an end in the coming years as the Hollins Murray Group had intentionally maintained limited leases. This benefitted the Council's plans as compensation to longer leases wouldn't be required. With regards to the £13m figure circulated in literature, the Leader advised that the detail was set out in the Capital Budget, but that the figure represented the total of capital and staffing costs over this and future years.
4. It was noted that more work and public engagement would be forthcoming, business support would be provided for existing businesses that were affected, and details on phasing to be determined. Councillors praised the officers involved for their hard work in achieving this. Previous plans had been hindered through lack of ownership which this decision would resolve.
5. Cabinet:
 - Noted the progress made with the Prestwich Town Centre regeneration scheme.
 - Approved the acquisition by the Council of the Longfield Shopping Centre for the amount set out in the report in Part B of this agenda, subject to the detailed terms of the transaction and a best value report being submitted to Cabinet for approval before the end of June.
 - Approved in principle to the Council entering into a Joint Venture agreement with a developer subject to detailed terms of the agreement being submitted to a future meeting of Cabinet for approval.
 - Noted that the Council will submit a costed proposal for the interim property management of the Longfield Shopping Centre which will be subject to a competitive procurement process to be carried out in accordance with the Council Contract Procedure Rules.

ACCELERATED LAND AND PROPERTY DISPOSALS PROGRAMME - PHASE 1

6. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report regarding the steps to rationalise Council land and buildings, referred to as property assets, many of which were surplus to requirements. This report identified the Phase 1 list of sites and sought approval for the property asset disposals.

7. Members discussed the report, noting in particular the Wheatfield site, Summerseat House, and Whitefield Library. It was noted that no decisions had been made about the future of any of the sites and that this process would inform what options were available. The Leader advised that this would allow for properties to be utilised in the most appropriate way and confirmed that Ward Members would be engaged and plans would come back to Cabinet for approval as necessary.
8. Cabinet:
 - Gave approval for disposal of the Phase 1 property assets that are surplus to requirements.
 - Noted that the Brownfield Land Fund will assist with disposal options for the sites identified as housing development sites.

RAMSBOTTOM PLACE MANAGEMENT AND MOVEMENT PLAN - APPOINTMENT OF CONSULTANTS

9. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report which followed Cabinet's approval in November 2020 to engage consultants to prepare a public realm and place management plan for Ramsbottom. Detailed consideration of submissions concluded that a proposal led by Layer Landscape Architects Ltd. was the strongest and an appointment had been made on this basis.
10. In response to a Member's question, it was noted that Layer Landscape Architects Ltd. had demonstrated a plan that benefited the various aspects of Ramsbottom, utilising smaller spaces to open the area up and encourage footfall and dwell time. The consultants will engage with stakeholders and businesses to develop concepts and interventions that will help build on the town's success, as well as assist with the recovery process as businesses emerge from the latest lockdown.
11. Cabinet:
 - Noted that Layer Landscape Architects Ltd. have been appointed to prepare the Place Management and Movement Plan for Ramsbottom town centre on behalf of the Council; and
 - Noted that a draft of the Place Management and Movement Plan will be presented to Cabinet for approval for consultation purposes and that, following consultation, a final version will be subject to further Cabinet approval.

RADCLIFFE STRATEGIC REGENERATION FRAMEWORK - ACQUISITION OF ASSETS - PART A

12. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report regarding the specifics of the proposals for the continued development of the Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) projects. It was noted that in order to access the Levelling Up Fund, the Council was required to demonstrate it had the ability to deliver the development proposals within specific timeframes; a key aspect of which was to demonstrate it had control over land assets. Members noted the proposals had been discussed and received support at a recent public webinar and Radcliffe Cabinet Committee.
13. Cabinet:
 - Noted the progress on the creation of a new public service hub building and wider regeneration efforts in Radcliffe Town Centre.
 - Approved the acquisition of land and premises that are critical to the delivery of key SRF projects as set out in Part B of the report be approved, subject to financial and legal due diligence to complete the transaction.

- Approved that the finalisation of the acquisitions, as set out in the Part B report, be delegated to the Chief Executive after consultation with the Council's Section 151 and Monitoring Officers and the Leader of the Council and subject to the satisfactory completion of the financial and legal due diligence.

RADCLIFFE - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

14. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Skills, presented the report regarding the successful application from Star Academies to establish a new secondary school in Radcliffe.
15. Councillor Tariq advised that the agreement to establish the new school is between the Department for Education (DfE) and the Star Academies Trust, and construction of a new school building will be for them to deliver. The Council clearly has an interest and this report set out those matters which require the Council's commitment and agreement along with the wider considerations in respect of the site for the new school, the capital funding implications to the Council, and matters relating to the existing use of the Spring Lane site.
16. In response to a Member's question, it was noted that Star Academies Trust were the preferred partner owing to their reputation, their experience across the country and their relationship with the DfE. Members thanked the Cabinet Member and Officers for their work, which had been in motion since before the general election of December 2019.
17. Cabinet:
 - Formally welcomed this important result for Bury, Star Academies and Radcliffe.
 - Noted the previous decisions of the Council in respect of the Spring Lane site, and the intention to commission a study to determine the extent of the site to be utilised for the school, whilst preserving access to the adjacent development site.
 - Noted that there is a financial commitment by the Council to the delivery of the scheme, and it is anticipated that this be funded from the school's capital budget, and that this will be subject to Cabinet approval when the detail is known.
 - Noted the alignment of the delivery of the school to the Radcliffe Strategic Regeneration Framework.
 - Noted the continuing close partnership working between the Council, Star Academies and the Department for Education.
 - Noted that discussions are underway for the acquisition of additional land to support the delivery of the school and its ancillary uses and that a further report would be brought back to Cabinet seeking approval for any acquisition.

DEDICATED SCHOOLS GRANT (DSG) DEFICIT RECOVERY

18. Councillor Tamoor Tariq, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People & Skills, presented the report which outlined the outcome of the work with the Department for Education (DfE) including additional funding that is being made available, the delivery plan and the expected outcomes against which the Council will be monitored. It was noted that in total, funding of £20.5m revenue and £4m capital had been awarded by the Secretary of State following recommendations from the DfE. The funding will be received over 4 years up to 2024/25 including £6m that will be awarded in the current financial year.
19. In response to Member questions, the Cabinet Member advised he had been open and honest about the deficit which had arisen due to demand pressures, and this had allowed the Council to focus on the best way to move forwards and help families and young people. It was noted that other Councils were able to address similar deficits through their reserve

funds which were larger than Bury's. It was agreed this was an opportunity to work with parents and schools to improve services or provide them differently and would put the Council in a better position financially.

20. Cabinet:

- Noted the DSG recovery agreement between the Department for Education and Council which forms the basis of the grant agreement that the Council has been required to sign up to.
- Supported the decisions required by officers to deliver the recovery plan within the agreed timeframe.
- Noted the financial support provided by the DfE in assisting Bury Council to recover the DSG deficit and the expectation that this will lead to a balanced position by the end of 2024/25.
- Noted that the settlement reached with the DfE will bring significant additional government funding into Bury to remove a large proportion of the DSG overspend.
- Noted that the settlement gives the Council funding to improve services, including services for children and families with SEND; better services here in Bury will replace more expensive services further away.
- Agreed that no decisions for change affecting individual children and families will be made without them.

INTRODUCTION OF A CIVIL (FINANCIAL) PENALTY POLICY AND ENFORCEMENT PROTOCOL - MINIMUM ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS

21. Councillor Clare Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services, presented the report which sought approval for the new proposed Civil Penalty Policy, which would enable the Council to enforce the Statutory duty. It was noted that the Regulations are designed to tackle the least energy-efficient properties, establishing a minimum standard of EPC band E for domestic private rented properties.
22. The Cabinet approved and agreed to implement the Civil (Financial) Penalty Policy, to allow officers to impose fines where necessary to landlords and improve the energy efficiency standards of Private Rented Properties.

PERSONA CARE AND SUPPORT LIMITED CONTRACT RENEWAL - 10 YEAR TENURE 1ST APRIL 2021 TO 31ST MARCH 2031

23. Councillor Andrea Simpson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, presented the report which outlined the proposal to renew the contract between Bury Council and Persona Care and Support Limited from 1st April 2021 for a 10-year tenure until 31st March 2031. In response to a Member's question, it was noted that changes to the Persona contract were not anticipated in light of the proposals for changes to arrangements with integration of the local Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG), identified in item 14 later on in the agenda.

24. Cabinet:

- Approved the renewal of the contract between Bury Council and Persona Care and Support Limited for a period of 10 years commencing on 1st April 2021.
- Noted the report was presented to Strategic Commissioning Board on 1st March 2021 and the progression to Cabinet for decision was approved.
- Noted the report was presented to Health Scrutiny on 2nd March 2021 and the progression to Cabinet for decision was approved.

NHS WHITE PAPER - INTEGRATION AND INNOVATION: WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE FOR ALL - FEBRUARY 2021

25. Councillor Andrea Simpson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, presented the report regarding the Government's draft legislative proposals for a new health and care bill which sought to move the NHS from a focus on competition to a focus on collaboration. Councillor Simpson advised that the report described the next steps for transformation of health and care in Bury and recognised the impact of the arrangements for the Greater Manchester Integrated care System (ICS) replacing the 10 CCGs in Greater Manchester.
26. Cabinet:
- Noted the update on the NHS White Paper 2021.
 - Recognised the ambition to ensure new governance arrangements allow the continuation of the transformation journey described in the Bury Locality Plan.
 - Supported the new partnership arrangements under development.
 - Noted the content of the transition programme to be managed through the Bury System Board.
 - Recognised the areas of concern around the governance of the GM ICS if it is to support the direction described.

BURY LET'S DO IT BASELINE PERFORMANCE REPORT AND CORPORATE PLAN QUARTER THREE DELIVERY UPDATE

27. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR presented the report which was the first performance report against Bury Council and CCG integrated Corporate Plan and detailed delivery against planned priorities for Quarter 3 of the 2020/21 Corporate Plan. In response to a Member's question, it was noted that robust key performance indicators were in place to monitor whether the Council was on track and could remain flexible in order to secure delivery.
28. Cabinet:
- Noted the progress against 2020/21 Corporate Plan delivery objectives.
 - Noted the baseline position detailed in this report for future performance monitoring.
 - Approved Performance Management Framework (PMF) for the Bury Let's Do It Strategy and Corporate Plan.

IT CAPITAL PROGRAMME: CLOUD MIGRATION PROGRAMME

29. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR presented the report which sought approval for the transformation plan to progress to the next phase of the Cloud Migration Programme through the appointment of a delivery partner to undertake the build phase of the project. Members supported the proposals, noting the long term benefits in terms of service and ways of working.
30. Cabinet approved the decision to use the ICT Capital Programme to fund the build phase of the Cloud Migration programme through appropriate procurement routes.

COMMUNITY HUB STRUCTURE

31. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report which proposed that through Covid Contain funding, a Council delivery structure for Community Hubs be formalised initially on a fixed term basis across each of the five neighbourhood footprints. The Hub network was presently comprised of

deployed staff from Bury Council and community volunteers, but the teams had grown in strength over time and made a significant contribution to the emerging Let's do it! vision of neighbourhood delivery and community empowerment. Members discussed the report, noting the importance for Ward Members to act as 'community connectors' given their unique role in supporting community groups.

32. Cabinet agreed the proposed staffing structure for immediate implementation.

PUBLIC SECTOR DECARBONISATION SCHEME

33. Councillor Alan Quinn, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change, presented the report regarding the Council's participation in the Greater Manchester Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding bid. The report explained the importance of the scheme in the context of the ambition for Bury to be carbon neutral by 2038, which was a key commitment as part of the Let's Do It! Strategy, and the need for the Council to lead by example.

34. Councillor Quinn detailed very restrictive timescales for delivery, and thanked officers for their continued work in pushing this forward. In response to a Member's question regarding schools, it was noted that this scheme necessitated ownership of buildings but that similar schemes in the future were expected and could be open to schools.

35. Cabinet noted that:

- The Council has received notification from Salix that the grant application has been approved and that £8.5m is to be awarded to Bury Council subject to formal sign-off of the grant conditions;
- The formal approval and sign-off process for the grant was delegated by Cabinet in February to the Executive Director of Operations and the Council's S151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth;
- The scheme will be added to the Capital 2021/22 Capital Programme;
- In order to meet the challenging timescales for delivery, that some works have commenced at risk, however the full cost will be met from the grant once the formal approvals have been received and accepted;
- Approval to award the required contracts to deliver the project were delegated by Cabinet in February to the Executive Director of Operations in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change and the Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR.

36. Cabinet approved the Council's participation in the Public Sector Decarbonisation scheme, following the confirmation received on 26 February 2021 that the Greater Manchester bid had been successful.

URGENT REPORT - ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS GRANT - PHASE 3

37. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the urgent report which sought approval to a modification to the Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) programme prospectus to ensure full deployment of the resources provided by Government. Following further allocation of resource under the ARG the Council has a total of £5.73m to distribute to businesses which would be distributed to provide direct support for immediate and long term recovery. In response to a Member's suggestion, it was agreed that a wide view would be taken as to how best to advertise the opportunity.

38. Cabinet approved the Phase 3 prospectus.

URGENT REPORT - CHANGE IN CONTRIBUTION TO THE BURY POOLED FUND

39. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the urgent report regarding additional health funding which had become available. He clarified that the funding totalled £4.5m, correcting a typo on the first page of the report. In order to benefit from this across Bury Council and Bury NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), it was noted that a change in the contributions to the pooled fund by both organisations in 2020/21 and 2021/22 was needed.
40. Cabinet approved a variation in financial contributions to the pooled fund for 2020/21 and 2021/22 of £4.5m as set out in the report.

PRESTWICH TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION: PROGRESS UPDATE ON ACQUISITION AND PATHWAYS TO DEVELOPMENT - PART B

41. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the confidential report which provided an update on plans for the regeneration of Prestwich town centre.
42. Cabinet:
- Noted the progress made with the Prestwich Town Centre regeneration scheme.
 - Approved the acquisition by the Council of the Longfield Shopping Centre subject to the detailed terms of the transaction and a best value report being submitted to Cabinet for approval before the end of June.
 - Approved in principle to the Council entering into a Joint Venture agreement with the developer subject to detailed terms of the agreement being submitted to a future meeting of Cabinet for approval.
 - Noted that the Council will submit a costed proposal for the interim property management of the Longfield Shopping Centre which will be subject to a competitive procurement process to be carried out in accordance with the Council Contract Procedure Rules.

RADCLIFFE STRATEGIC REGENERATION FRAMEWORK - ACQUISITION OF ASSETS - PART B

43. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the confidential report regarding the specifics of the proposals for the continued development of the Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) projects.
44. Cabinet:
- Approved the heads of terms for the acquisition of the sites named in the report as set out in the appendix to this report, subject to financial and legal due diligence to complete the transaction.
 - Approved the acquisition of the sites named in the report on the basis of the potential acquisition costs as set out in the appendix to this report, subject to financial and legal due diligence to complete the transaction.
 - Delegated approval of the final acquisition agreements for the premises referred to in recommendations 1 and 2 above to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Council's Section 151 and Monitoring Officers and the Leader of the Council.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 MAY 2021

EAST LANCASHIRE PAPER MILL SITE - PART A

45. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report which set out a clear process to bring the site forward, working in partnership with Homes England and delivered through a formal Collaboration Agreement.
46. Cabinet:
- Noted progress made by the Council to bring the site forward for housing.
 - Provided approval to enter into the Collaboration Agreement (Heads of Terms set out in Appendix A in the Part B of this report) with Homes England and delegates the finalisation of the Agreement and any further approvals to the Chief Executive, Section 151 and Monitoring Officers.
 - Agreed the delivery strategy as set out within the Collaboration Agreement and outlined in section 4.2 of this report, including transfer of the Council's land comprising two sites at Rectory Lane and Tower Farm to Homes England and the procurement of a development partner through their Delivery Partner Panel.
 - Noted the potential for a capital receipt for the Council's land and the increased council income generated by new homes on the site.

PRESTWICH REGENERATION - ACQUISITION OF ASSETS, DETAILED HEADS OF TERMS LONGFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE - PART A

47. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report which provided an update to the March 2021 Cabinet Paper regarding the acquisition of the Longfield Shopping Centre.
48. Cabinet:
- On the terms set out in the report in Part B report, approved the acquisition of the Longfield Shopping Centre and delegate to the Chief Executive, Leader and Lead Member for Growth in consultation with the Council's s.151 and Monitoring Officer the finalised documentation in respect of the acquisition.
 - Noted that a Vacant Possession Strategy will be developed and a full engagement exercise will take place with the current tenants of the Shopping Centre.
 - Confirmed the decision made by Cabinet in March the Council's intention to negotiate a Joint Venture vehicle/development partnership with Muse to deliver the Prestwich Village Regeneration project, the details of the Joint Venture/development partnership will return to a future meeting of Cabinet for approval.
 - Confirmed the decision made by Cabinet in March that the Council will appoint an experienced property centre manager to manage the Centre on an interim basis pending the development of the site.

LEVELLING UP BIDS - PART A

49. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report which proposed the submission of two bids in round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund.
50. Cabinet:
- Agreed to develop and submit two Levelling Up Bid applications – one for Radcliffe (subject to approval at Radcliffe Cabinet Committee on the 27th May 2021) and a

second for Bury town centre. Final approval of the submissions on or prior to the 18th June 2021 will be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

- Approved expenditure up to £125,000 per project as required to support the development of proposals submitted as bids to the Levelling Up Fund to enable the delivery of the project within the required timescales.

BANKING SERVICES PROCUREMENT PROCESS

51. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report which set out the approach for the procurement of the Council's contract for banking services in collaboration with GM and wider participating authorities for which Bury are acting as Lead Authority.

52. Cabinet:

- Approved the collaborative procurement strategy and Bury's role as Lead Authority;
- Authorised the Joint Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member (Finance and Growth) to award the framework and subsequent coloff contract and facilitate the execution, implementation and operation of the contract.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT CLIMATE STRATEGY AND CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

53. Councillor Alan Quinn, Cabinet Member for Environment, Climate Change and Operations, presented the draft Climate Action Strategy and Climate Action Plan for Bury to set out what needs to be done to achieve the target to be carbon neutral by 2038.

54. Cabinet:

- Acknowledged the work to date on developing the draft Climate Action Strategy and Climate Action Plan.
- Approved the draft Climate Action Strategy and Climate Action Plan for public consultation for a period of ten weeks.
- Note that a further report will be presented to Cabinet for adoption, with the final Climate Action Strategy and Climate Action Plan, that takes into account the results and feedback from the consultation.

DRAFT BURY HOUSING STRATEGY

55. Councillor Clare Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing Services, presented the report regarding the draft Housing Strategy for Bury, which had been updated and a high-level action plan has been developed to support delivery, following feedback from the twelve-week consultation which ran from 30 November 2020 to 22 February 2021.

56. Cabinet:

- Noted the findings of the public consultation and the post consultation revisions, comments and updates.
- Adopted the Housing Strategy and proposed arrangements for implementation and governance as set out within this report.

AGILE WORKING MODEL ROLL OUT

57. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which proposed the detail of the Agile Working Strategy, subject to a structured evaluation.

58. Cabinet:

- Endorsed the roll out and evaluation of the agile model for all staff, as described in this report, from Stage 4 of the national roadmap out of lockdown, which is currently assumed to be 21 June 2021.

UPDATE ON COVID-19 IN BURY AND THE LOCAL RESPONSE

59. Councillor Andrea Simpson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, presented the report which set out a summary of the local response to the on-going Covid-19 pandemic.

60. Cabinet:

- Noted the comprehensive response to date.
- Noted the potential for a fourth wave of Covid-19 and the potential for impact on hospitalisations, disruption to education, social and economic life and the planned further easing of lockdown measures.
- Noted the need to maintain an on-going local response in the context of the continued global pandemic
- Noted the resources received and committed to date and the work underway to develop a further resource allocation plan to support the continued response.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO COLLABORATIVELY COMMISSION AN INTEGRATED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE WITH ROCHDALE AND OLDHAM COUNCILS

61. Councillor Andrea Simpson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, presented the report which outlined proposals to recommission the Bury Integrated Sexual Health Service, which had been provided by Virgin Care Ltd since January 2016 as part of a cluster commissioning arrangement with Rochdale and Oldham Councils (known as ORB).

62. Cabinet:

- Approved to proceed to market for a full tender process commencing June 2021 for a new service to be in place by 1 April 2022.
- Agreed that Bury remains as part of a collaborative commissioning arrangement with Oldham and Rochdale Councils.

ADULT SOCIAL CARE - CARE AT HOME RE-TENDER

63. Councillor Andrea Simpson, Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing, presented the report which requested approval to progress to tender for the new Care at Home service for a further 3 years with the option of up to 2 year extension.

64. Cabinet:

- Approved the request to re-tender the Care at Home service.

EAST LANCASHIRE PAPER MILL SITE - PART B

65. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the confidential report which set out a clear process to bring the site forward, working in partnership with Homes England and delivered through a formal Collaboration Agreement.

66. Cabinet:

- Noted progress made by the Council to bring the site forward for housing.
- Provided approval to enter into the Collaboration Agreement (Heads of Terms set out in Appendix A in the Part B of this report) with Homes England and delegates the finalisation of the Agreement and any further approvals to the Chief Executive, Section 151 and Monitoring Officers.

- Agreed the delivery strategy as set out within the Collaboration Agreement and outlined in section 4.2 of this report, including transfer of the Council's land comprising two sites at Rectory Lane and Tower Farm to Homes England and the procurement of a development partner through their Delivery Partner Panel.
- Noted the potential for a capital receipt for the Council's land and the increased council income generated by new homes on the site.

PRESTWICH REGENERATION - ACQUISITION OF ASSETS, DETAILED HEADS OF TERMS LONGFIELD SHOPPING CENTRE - PART B

67. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the confidential report which provided an update to the March 2021 Cabinet Paper regarding the acquisition of the Longfield Shopping Centre. This report provided the detailed terms of the transaction and a best value report for approval.

68. Cabinet:

- On the terms set out in the report in Part B report, approved the acquisition of the Longfield Shopping Centre and delegate to the Chief Executive, Leader and Lead Member for Growth in consultation with the Council's s.151 and Monitoring Officer the finalised documentation in respect of the acquisition.
- Noted that a Vacant Possession Strategy will be developed and a full engagement exercise will take place with the current tenants of the Shopping Centre.
- Confirmed the decision made by Cabinet in March the Council's intention to negotiate a Joint Venture vehicle/development partnership with Muse to deliver the Prestwich Village Regeneration project, the details of the Joint Venture/development partnership will return to a future meeting of Cabinet for approval.
- Confirmed the decision made by Cabinet in March that the Council will appoint an experienced property centre manager to manage the Centre on an interim basis pending the development of the site.

LEVELLING UP BIDS - PART B

69. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the confidential report which proposed the submission of two bids in round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund.

70. Cabinet:

- Noted progress to date on the development of the Radcliffe Civic Hub and Bury Flexi Hall.
- Agreed to develop and submit two Levelling Up Bid applications – one for a new Civic Hub in Radcliffe (subject to approval at Radcliffe Cabinet Committee on the 27th May 2021) and a second for Bury town centre. Final approval of the submissions on or prior to the 18th June 2021 will be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader of the Council.
- Approved expenditure up to £125,000 per project as required to support the development of proposals submitted as bids to the Levelling Up Fund to enable the delivery of the project within the required timescales.

GENERAL REPORT OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30 JUNE 2021

DISPOSAL OF THE SITE OF THE FORMER BURY FIRE STATION SITE, THE ROCK, BURY - PART A

71. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the Part A report regarding the sale of the former Bury Fire Station on The Rock site, the Part B report containing information that is exempt from disclosure, being later in the agenda.

72. Cabinet:

- Agreed to progress the sale of the site to the preferred bidder.
- Agreed a delegation to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Capital Growth to agree a detailed head of terms in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Growth and the Monitoring Officer.

PROCUREMENT OF A DEVELOPMENT PARTNER FOR PHASE 2 OF CHAMBERHALL BUSINESS PARK, BURY

73. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report which sought delegated authority to undertake a procurement process to identify a suitable development partner to bring forward the development of phase 2 of Chamberhall Business Park.

74. Cabinet:

- Agreed that a procurement exercise is now undertaken on Chamberhall phase 2 in order for a private sector developer partner to be appointed.
- Agreed that the disposal be in the form of a Council standard long lease and subject to a bespoke development agreement to ensure that Bury achieves maximum benefits from the project.
- Agreed that the Director of Regeneration & Capital Growth be given delegated authority in consultation with the Monitoring Officer, Section 151 Officer and the Leader of the Council to consider all of the bids received and to approve the agreement of the terms of the most advantageous bid in accordance with the award criteria.
- Agreed that details of the preferred developer and the wider updated development proposals be submitted to Cabinet not later than December 2021.

UPDATE TO BURY'S STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

75. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report which made minor technical amendments to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) to reflect the withdrawal of Stockport from the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework, as set out in green text in Appendix 1 to the report.

76. Cabinet:

- Approved the proposed changes shown in green text in Appendix 1 and adopted the Bury Statement of Community Involvement (June 2021).

ACCELERATED LAND AND PROPERTY DISPOSALS PROGRAMME - PHASE 2

77. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the report which identifies the list of sites for Phase 2 of the Accelerated Land and Property Disposals Programme and sought approval for the property asset disposals. The Leader advised that although there was the opportunity for significant capital receipts, this had to be balanced with social value and, as such, the Disposals Programme included significant community and Ward Member engagement on the options for each site.

78. In response to Members' questions, it was noted that community groups and local sports associations were working with the Council regarding the options for Philips Park, and more information on the site would be provided when available. With regards to how sites would be marketed, it was noted this was dependent on the merits and specifics of each site, Some would not be appropriate for housing and local groups might be able to take on smaller plots for community use. It was reiterated that all options would be reviewed in conjunction with Ward Members and the local community.

ADOPTING AND IMPLEMENTING THE ELECTRICAL SAFETY STANDARDS IN THE PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS 2020

79. Councillor Claire Cummins, Cabinet Member for Housing, presented the report regarding the adoption of the Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020 (referred to as 'the regulations').

80. Cabinet:

- Adopted and implement the regulations in order to allow the Council to carry out its statutory function in relation to electrical safety standards in the private rented sector;
- Agreed to adopt the same process of issuing and determining levels of civil penalties for the offences in the regulations, in line with the previously agreed Civil Financial Penalty Policy adopted by Cabinet on 29th July 2020;
- Delegated authority to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Capital Growth to approve minor amendments to the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy and the Civil Financial Penalty Policy to reflect the additional regulations and statutory duties.

APPROVAL OF ACCUMULATED SUMS MONIES (S.106) FOR RETURNING EMPTY HOMES BACK INTO USE

81. Councillor Claire Cummins, the Cabinet Member for Housing, presented the report which sought the approval of £1m of accumulated commuted sums to bring empty homes back into use across the borough. Members voiced their support for the report, and noted it covered 1000 empty properties and 500 which had been vacant for 2 years or more.

82. Cabinet:

- Allocated £1m of accumulated Affordable Housing commuted sums to fund bringing empty properties across the borough back into use as affordable housing, in line with housing and planning policies and the rules governing affordable housing and the use of commuted sums.
- Delegated agreement and approval of relevant detailed matters to The Director of Economic Regeneration and Capital Growth and Chief Finance Officer / S151 Officer in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing Services. Detailed matters include the financial appraisal per property and other relevant detailed agreements between the Council and Six Town Housing.

APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

83. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, the Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which sets out amendments to the appointments made at the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19th May 2021.

84. Cabinet:

- Noted the appointments and amendments to appointments made since the Annual Meeting of Council as set out in the report.

BURY LET'S DO IT PERFORMANCE REPORT AND CORPORATE PLAN QUARTER FOUR DELIVERY UPDATE

85. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, the Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the second performance report against the Bury Council and CCG integrated Corporate Plan, which detailed delivery against planned priorities for quarter four of the 2020/21 Corporate Plan which was published in autumn 2020.
86. In response to a Member's question regarding the percentage of Freedom of Information requests and complaints, it was noted that these had been deprioritised during the Covid response, but resources were now being reassigned and the Information Commissioner's Office was satisfied that measures were in place to bring these figures back to target.
87. Cabinet:
- Noted the progress against the 2020/21 Corporate Plan delivery objectives.
 - Noted the Bury Framework Hierarchy for the Bury Let's Do It Strategy and Corporate Plan.
 - Noted the progress towards the Health and Wellbeing Board and System Board Outcomes.

GREATER MANCHESTER ONE NETWORK PROCUREMENT

88. Councillor Tahir Rafiq, the Cabinet Member for Corporate Affairs and HR, presented the report which sought approval for Bury Council, in partnership with, Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Transport for Greater Manchester (TFGM), Stockport Council, Oldham Council and Rochdale Council, to commence a joint procurement process in the summer of 2021 for Wide Area Network (WAN) services under the collective title of GM One Network.
89. Cabinet:
- Approved the decision to join the joint procurement exercise and endorses the use of ICT Capital Investment and Corporate Reserves to fund the delivery of this work.

FUTURE OF THE CIVIC VENUES

90. Councillor Richard Gold, the Cabinet Member for Communities, presented the report regarding the three Civic Venues, all of which currently operated at a loss and were also in need of significant financial investment. It was noted that outside caterers would be permitted at both Ramsbottom and Elizabethan venues.
91. In response to a question about the dancefloor at the Longfield Suite, it was noted that options for a new location within the Borough were currently being explored but were still in an early stage.
92. Cabinet:
- Noted the results and feedback generated from the public consultation in respect of the Civic Venues.
 - Having regard to the views received from the consultation; approved the future of the Civic Venues as follows: -
 - a. Ramsbottom Civic Hall to re-open once the Vaccination Centre has ceased, and when covid restrictions allow. Its future to be considered as part of the

current planning process in respect of the Place Management and Movement Plan for Ramsbottom.

- b. The Longfield Suite remain closed and be replaced by a new events and community space, to be provided by the redevelopment of Prestwich Town Centre.
- c. That the sprung dancefloor at the Longfield Suite be retained and preserved for future use at an alternative venue in the borough. The memorial wall to be relocated as part of the regeneration and development of Prestwich.
- d. The Elizabethan Suite to re-open, once the Vaccination Centre has ceased, and when covid restrictions allow, however, there will be no catering/beverage function.
- e. That the Chief Executive be requested to convene a cross party working group to consider the options for the future of Bury Town Hall and the Elizabethan Suite and to report with recommendations to a future meeting of the Cabinet.

DISPOSAL OF THE SITE OF THE FORMER BURY FIRE STATION SITE, THE ROCK, BURY - PART B

93. Councillor Eamonn O'Brien, the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Finance and Growth, presented the confidential Part B report containing information that is exempt from disclosure, regarding the sale of the former Bury Fire Station on The Rock site.

94. Cabinet:

- Agreed to progress the sale of the site to the preferred bidder.
- Agreed a delegation to the Director of Economic Regeneration and Capital Growth to agree a detailed head of terms in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance & Growth and the Monitoring Officer.