

The Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2018

Present: Councillor– Leese in the Chair

Councillors Craig, Flanagan, N Murphy, S Murphy, S Newman, B Priest and Stogia

Also present as Members of the Standing Consultative Panel:

Councillors Bridges, Dar, S Judge and Sheikh

Exe/18/001 The Late Kieran Quinn, Tameside Council Leader

It was reported that Kieran Quinn had sadly passed away on Christmas Day after suffering a heart attack a few days earlier. Mr Quinn had been the Leader of Tameside Council in Greater Manchester.

Decision

To pass on to the family of Kieran Quinn the condolences and sympathies of the Council.

Exe/18/002 Minutes

Decision

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2017 as a correct record.

Exe/18/003 The Manchester Civic Quarter Heat Network

In July 2015 the Council had approved a capital release of £500,000 from the Climate Innovation Fund Reserve to fund the revenue costs of the Civic Quarter Heat Network project (Minute CC/15/53). The Council made that decision on a recommendation put to it from a meeting of the Executive in July 2015 that had considered four Heat Networks and District Energy Schemes that were being developed in the city, of which the Civic Quarter Heat Network was the most advanced (Minute Exe/15/075). Each of those scheme could contribute to the city's carbon reduction targets. The Civic Quarter Heat Network scheme was then predicted to save the creation of 3,500 tonnes of CO₂ each year. In March 2017 we had approved proposals to recommend the 'Preferred Bidder' - Vital Energi - for the Civic Quarter Heat Network scheme to create and operate the network (Minute Exe/17/064).

A report now submitted by the Strategic Director (Development) and the City Treasurer explained the progress that had been made since March 2017. The report also set out proposals for the legal structure of the organisation to operate the

network. The proposal was to establish a Heat Network Holdco comprising three wholly owned subsidiary companies:

The Heat Network Holdco Company (Holdco) to take overall responsibility for the two subsidiary companies:

- (a) Subsidiary Company 1 (CouncilCo) to provide supplies and services to the Council; and
- (b) Subsidiary Company 2 (TradeCo) to undertake all the commercial activity and provide services and supplies to all third parties.

The report explained that a business case for the project was being finalised and the details of that were to be reported in March. As part of that business case the working capital requirement would be determined and any approval of further financial support from the Council would be sought in March, if any was going to be needed.

Decisions

1. To note progress that has been made to date.
2. To endorse the proposal to establish the 'Heat Network Holdco' structure as set out above.
3. To delegate authority to the Strategic Director (Development) and the City Treasurer, in consultation with the Executive Member for the Environment and the Executive Member for Finance and Human Resources, to finalise the detailed terms of the arrangements to give effect to this structure.
4. To authorise the City Solicitor to enter into and agree and complete on behalf of the Council all the necessary legal documentation giving effect to the above.
5. To note that a business plan and any associated financial matters associated with the establishment of the Heat Network Holdco structure will be submitted to a future meeting.

Exe/18/004 Ofsted - Re-inspection of services for children

The Strategic Director of Children's Services reported on the outcome of the recent inspection by Ofsted of services for children in need of help and protection, care leavers and children looked after. The overall assessment of Ofsted was that children's services in Manchester required improvement to be good, with significant progress made and improvement in services since the previous inspection. Arising from that outcome, the Government had lifted the "Notice to Improve" that had been issued in September 2014 and the Council was now no longer a requirement to have an Improvement Board and Independent Chair of that Board.

The previous inspection of these services by Ofsted had been in 2014. At that time the services were found to be inadequate (Minute Exe/14/082). The breakdown of the finding then was:

2014 - Overall – Children’s Services in Manchester are inadequate

Children who need help and protection	inadequate
Children looked after and achieving permanence	requires improvement
Adoption performance	inadequate
Experience and progress of care leavers	requires improvement
Leadership, management and governance	inadequate

Whereas the improved breakdown from the 2017 inspection was:

2017 – Overall: Children’s services in Manchester require improvement to be good

Children who need help and protection	Requires Improvement
Children looked after and achieving permanence	Requires Improvement
Adoption performance	Good
Experiences and progress of care leavers	Requires Improvement
Leadership, management and governance	Good

The Director’s report included the 12 recommendations that Ofsted had now made in order to ensure that the services were further improved. Ofsted would measure the progress achieved for each of those recommendations when the services were next inspected, which would be within the next three years.

The report explained that the Council now had 70 days to produce an action plan to progress the recommendations and respond to the findings of the inspection.

The report and the outcome of the inspection was welcomed. The Improvement Board, the Council’s staff, partners and other agencies had all been part of the improvement process and all were congratulated on the improvements made and the significant progress achieved since 2014. The work to further improve the services was now to be led by the “Getting to Good Board” which had superseded the Improvement Board. The outcome of this Ofsted inspection was not the end of the changes being made but an important milestone, marking progress towards an overall ‘Good’ inspection outcome.

The meeting was addressed by Councillor Reid, the Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee. She welcomed the team approach that had been evident in the past years and the significant improvement that had been achieved.

It was agreed that a report should be considered within the next six months showing progress against the Ofsted recommendations and the action plan.

Decision

To welcome the report and to request a progress report in 6 months.

Exe/18/005 Great Jackson Street Strategic Regeneration Framework

The Great Jackson Street area is located in the south of the city centre and adjacent to Castlefield. It is bounded by Chester Road and the River Medlock to the north and

west, the Mancunian Way to the south and the residential developments on City Road East to the east. In July 2015 we had considered and endorsed a Development Framework for the area (Minute Exe/15/078). In September 2017 we learned that since 2015 the masterplan design for the area had further evolved and that a revised framework had been drafted. It was agreed that there should be a period of public consultation on that revised framework (Minute Exe/17/121). A report now submitted by the Strategic Director (Development) set out the outcome of that consultation.

The six-week consultation period had closed in mid-December 2017. At the start of that 2,115 letters had been sent to local residents, businesses, and stakeholders to explain how to engage in the consultation process. In total 11 responses had been received: 9 from individual residents; 1 from a landowner; and 1 from a public body.

The issues and matters that the consultees had raised were described in the report, along with the proposed response to those issues. To reflect some of the views of the consultees the draft Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) had been revised to incorporate the provision of street-level amenities. The report also explained that other issues raised by consultees would be addressed as the development proposals were brought forward as planning applications. An agreement would be sought with the landowners within the SRF area to establish the maintenance strategy for the public realm and highways.

At the meeting it was reported that Councillor Davies, a councillor for the City Centre Ward, had made representations on the draft Framework. However, they had been made on the morning of the meeting so there had not been time to consider them. The Executive was minded to adopt the Framework having noted the issues raised by the other consultees and the proposed responses to those. However, it was agreed that the final decision should be delegated to the Chief Executive so that Councillor Davies' views could be carefully considered before a final decision was made.

Decisions

1. To note the comments received on the Strategic Regeneration Framework and the response to these comments.
2. To welcome the principles in the Great Jackson Street Strategic Regeneration Framework update
3. To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to revise, endorse and adopt the Framework with the intention that it should become a material consideration in the Council's decision making as the Local Planning Authority.

Exe/18/006 Capital Programme – Proposed Increases

A report concerning requests to increase the capital programme was submitted. We agreed to recommend one change to the Council and approved five other changes

under delegated powers. These changes would increase Manchester City Council's capital budget by £12.629m and be funded from a range of sources.

The report also explained that using powers delegated to the City Treasurer, the following scheme had also been approved:

Growth and Neighbourhoods – Gallery Café. The new cafe had opened to the public in June 2017. To deliver the new offer it has been necessary to convert the rear servery area into a finishing kitchen, upgrade the service till point in the main cafe and introduce new signage and branding. The Treasurer had approved the charge of the £93k costs to capital, funded by spend to save.

Decisions

1. To recommend that the City Council approve the following change to Manchester City Council's capital programme:

Growth and Neighbourhoods Programme – North Manchester New Builds 2. An increase to the capital budget of £11.283m (£40k in 2017/18, £1.0m in 2018/19, £5.121m in 2019/20 and £5.122m in 2020/21), funded by borrowing of £8.433m and HCA grant funding of £2.850m.
2. To approve these changes to Manchester City Council's capital programme:
 - (a) ICT Capital Programme – Youth Justice (Childview) Hosting Project. A decrease to the capital budget of £33k in 2017/18, and the transfer of £33k to the revenue budget, funded by capital fund.
 - (b) ICT Capital Programme – Programme and Project Management Tool. A decrease to the capital budget of £66k in 2017/18, and the transfer of £66k to the revenue budget, funded by capital fund.
 - (c) Corporate Property – Carbon Reduction Scheme. A decrease to the capital budget of £70k in 2017/18, and the transfer of £70k to the revenue budget, funded by capital fund. A funding switch of £267k (£39k in 2017/18, £57k in 2018/19, £57k in 2019/20, £57k in 2020/21 and £57k in 2021/22 from spend to save to borrowing.
 - (d) Housing Capital Programme – Additional Disabled Facilities Grant. An increase to the capital budget of £671k in 2017/18, funded by government grant.
 - (e) Development Programme – Discharge of legal liabilities in relation to the disposal of the former Collyhurst Police Station site. An increase to the capital budget of £844.3k in 2017/18, funded by capital receipts.
3. To note increases to the programme of £93k as a result of delegated approvals made by the City Treasurer.