

Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 2 June 2021

Present: Councillor Leese (Chair)

Councillors: Akbar, Bridges, Craig, Midgley, Rawlins, Rahman and White

Also present as Members of the Standing Consultative Panel:

Councillors: Karney, M Sharif Mahamed, Ilyas and Taylor

Exe/21/54 Minutes

Decision

The Executive approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 17 March 2021.

Exe/21/55 COVID 19 Monthly Update Report

The Executive received a report of the Chief Executive which took the form of three “situation reports”, one each for the work on the city’s economic recovery, work with residents and communities, and work on the future of the Council itself.

The Executive Member for Health and Care provided a brief update on how Manchester and Greater Manchester was looking to contain the outbreak of the “Delta” variant of Covid19 (formerly known as the Indian variant) and advised that a new Manchester Vaccination Partnership Board had been established.

It was reported that 277,000 residents had now had their first Covid19 vaccination and 161,000 had had their second vaccination.

The Director of Public Health added that the Council was also seeking additional support to assist further with the roll out of the vaccine programme.

Decision

The Executive notes the update.

Exe/21/56 Revenue Outturn Report 2020/21

The Executive considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, which report informed Members of the final outturn position for the Council’s revenue budget in 2020/21. It also highlighted the movements from the previous forecast for the year, which was reported to the Executive in February 2021, based on the position as at the end of December 2020.

The Deputy Leader – Finance, outlined the reasons for the variations from what had previously been reported, citing the continued Covid19 pressures on all budgets.

It was reported that whilst having been able to deliver a balanced budget for 2021/22, the Council was still in a precarious situation should Government not bring forward a fair settlement for future years funding.

Decisions

The Executive:-

- (1) Note the outturn position for 2020/21 as set out in the report.
- (2) Approve the following within the Adult Social Care budget:
 - (a) Transfers of £4.166m and £489k to the corporately held Adult Social Care reserve as outlined in paragraph 36.
 - (b) Transfer of £9.2m to the Integration reserve which is within the S75 pooled budget arrangements, as outlined in paragraph 52.
- (3) Note the Housing Revenue Account position for 2020/21.
- (4) Note the overall General Fund position for 2020/21.
- (5) Approve the use of grants in addition to that already planned, as set out in the report.
- (6) Approve the carry forward requests totalling £1.470m as set out in the report.
- (7) Note the allocation of COVID-19 funding received by the Council in 2020/21.

Exe/21/57 Capital Programme Update

The Executive considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, which report informed Members of requests to increase the capital programme, sought approval for those schemes that could be approved under authority delegated to the Executive and requested the Executive to recommend to Council proposals that required specific Council approval

The proposals which required Council approval were those which were funded by the use of reserves above a cumulative total of £2million, where the use of borrowing was required or a virement exceeded £0.500m. These included the following proposed changes:-

- ICT - Resident and Business Digital Experience (RBDxP). A capital budget decrease of £5.228m was requested funded from borrowing along with a corresponding revenue budget increase of £5.228m funded from Capital Fund.
- Public Sector Housing – Riverdale Maisonettes. A capital budget increase of £2.856m is requested, funded by an RCCO from the HRA.

The report then went on to detail the proposals that did not require Council approval which were funded by the use of external resources, use of capital receipts, use of reserves below £2million, where the proposal could be funded from existing revenue budgets or where the use of borrowing on a spend to save basis was required. These included:-

- Adults – Stepping Stone Capital Works. A capital budget increase of £0.187m was requested, funded by Capital Fund.

- Neighbourhoods - Galleries' Collection Housing. A capital budget increase of £1.870m was requested, funded by Capital Receipts.
- ICT - Strategy improvements to infrastructure and resilience. A capital budget decrease of £0.879m was requested and approval of a corresponding transfer of £0.879m to the revenue budget, funded by Capital Fund.
- Children's Services – Externally Funded Works to Schools. A capital budget increase of £7.597m was requested, funded by Government Grant.
- Highways Services – HS2 Specialist Support. A capital budget decrease of £0.047m was requested and approval of a corresponding transfer of £0.047m to the revenue budget, funded by Capital Fund.

The report highlighted that there have been increases to the programme totalling £2.981m as a result of delegated approvals since the previous report to the Executive on 17 March 2021.

It was also reported that if the recommendations were approved, the General Fund capital budget would increase by £6.356m across financial years, as detailed in Appendix 1. This would also result in an increase in the prudential indicator for Capital Expenditure in corresponding years. Monitoring of all prudential indicators was included within the Capital Monitoring Report during the year.

It was commented that Manchester City Council was in the top three Local Authorities in the country for its investment and commitment to building affordable homes and was well on track to meeting its target of 6,400 council properties by 2026

It was suggested that the Officers made appropriate arrangements to publicise the positive impact this investment in access to good quality affordable housing was having on residents in the city.

Decisions

The Executive:-

- (1) Recommends that the Council approve the following changes to Manchester City Council's capital programme:
 - Resident and Business Digital Experience (RBDxP). A capital budget decrease of £5.228m funded from borrowing along with a corresponding revenue budget increase of £5.228m funded from Capital Fund.
 - Riverdale Maisonettes. A capital budget increase of £2.856m, funded by an RCCO from the HRA.
- (2) Approves the following changes to the City Council's capital programme:
 - Stepping Stone Capital Works – A capital budget increase of £0.187m, funded by Capital Fund.
 - Galleries' Collection Housing – A capital budget increase of £1.870m, funded by Capital Receipts.
 - Strategy improvements to infrastructure and resilience – A capital budget decrease of £0.879m and corresponding transfer of £0.879m to the revenue budget, funded by Capital Fund.
 - Externally Funded Works to Schools – A capital budget increase of £7.597m, funded by Government Grant.

- HS2 Specialist Support – A capital budget decrease of £0.047m and corresponding transfer of £0.047m to the revenue budget, funded by Capital Fund.
- (3) Note increases to the programme of £2.981m as a result of delegated approvals.
 - (4) To note virements in the programme of £1m as a result of virements from approved budgets.
 - (5) Request that Officers make appropriate arrangements to publicise the positive impact the Council's investment in access to good quality affordable housing was having on residents in the city.

Exe/21/58 Health and Social Care S75

The Executive considered a joint report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, Executive Director Adult Social Services and City Solicitor, which recommended the approval of a new section 75 agreement between Manchester City Council and Manchester University Foundation Trust (MFT) for the delivery of integrated community health and adult social care services by the Manchester Local Care Organisation.

The agreement would enable strengthened integrated working in neighbourhoods and further progress the ambitions for the city set out in the Our Manchester Strategy and Our Healthier Manchester Locality Plan.

If approved, the Council would delegate its adult social care functions to MFT in order to strengthen integration of community health and social care. This would build on the existing partnership arrangements set out in the 2018 Partnering Agreement. The adult social care workforce was already deployed into MLCO, working alongside health colleagues. In 2021/22, health and care budgets would also be aligned rather than pooled.

It was reported that this agreement was for an initial three years with scope to revise any partnership arrangements, either by entering into a pooled budget in future, or by moving other Council services into MLCO and there was also the option for the partners to extend the initial term by agreement.

Decisions

The Executive:-

- (1) Approves the Section 75 agreement between Manchester City Council and Manchester University Foundation Trust.
- (2) Delegates authority for final sign-off of the agreement including schedules to the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer and the City Solicitor, in consultation with the Deputy Leader – Finance and Executive Member for Health and Care.

Exe/21/59 Exclusion of the Public

Decision

The Executive agrees to exclude the public during consideration of the following item which involved consideration of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons and public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Exe/21/60 Civic Quarter Heat Network Business Case

The Executive considered a report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer, which sought approval of the Manchester Civic Quarter Heat Network. The report also provided an update on the expected timescales for completion of the project.

Decision

The Executive:-

- (1) Approves the Business Plan for the Civic Quarter Heat Network.
- (2) Note the progress towards completion of the project.