

Executive

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 15 February 2023

Present: Councillor Craig (Chair)

Councillors: Akbar, Bridges, Hacking, Igbon, Midgley, Rahman, Rawlins, T Robinson and White

Also present as Members of the Standing Consultative Panel:

Councillors: Ahmed Ali, Butt, Collins, Douglas, Foley, Johnson, Leech and Lynch

Apologies: Councillor Stanton

Also present: Councillors:

Exe/23/11 Minutes

Decision

The Executive approved as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 18 January 2023.

Exe/23/12 Our Manchester progress update report

The Executive considered a report of the Chief Executive which provided an update on key areas of progress against the Our Manchester Strategy – Forward to 2025 which reset Manchester’s priorities for the next five years to ensure the Council could still achieve the city’s ambition set out in the Our Manchester Strategy 2016 – 2025.

The Deputy Leader (Statutory) reported that work had commenced to transform three heritage railway arches, situated between HOME arts centre’s building and Whitworth Street West, into a talent development centre for artists of all ages, disciplines and stages in their careers. The £3.4m Arches project, which would be operated by HOME, would nurture, attract and retain creative talent in Manchester by providing high quality, low cost rehearsal and training space. The scheme was one of two parts of the Culture In The City project which Manchester City Council secured almost £20m of Government Levelling Up funding for in autumn 2021. He also reported on Factory International having been hailed by Time Out magazine as one of its ‘23 best things to do in the world in 2023’. The venue, not yet opened, was the only UK entry in the top ten of the magazine’s prestigious list of the best things to see and do this year and one of only two British entries.

The Deputy Leader reported that Sixty organisations across the city were set to be awarded £3.4m in funding through the Council’s Our Manchester grants programme for the Voluntary and Community Sector (OMCVS). The OMCVS scheme was the Council’s largest grant programme for the voluntary and community sector and helps diverse organisations provide support for residents. The grants were for multiple financial years in order to help organisations plan and invest with more certainty. Recipients of the grants provided a wide range of services across the city including

supporting residents experiencing poverty, supporting health and wellbeing and supporting communities.

Councillor Leech commented that in relation to the update on HS2, he was concerned with the amended proposals surrounding the vent shaft location in Didsbury West. He also commented on the potential impact within West Didsbury arising from the diversion of traffic arising from the Manchester to Chorlton Cycleway.

The Leader advised that the Council had petitioned Government on a number of issues within the HS2 proposals and was awaiting Government to formally issue new proposals before it could respond. Assurance was given that local ward councillors would be consulted before any response was submitted.

The Executive Member for Environment and Transport advised that ward councillors, local residents and business were being regularly briefed on the Manchester to Chorlton Cycleway. She acknowledged that whilst some decisions may be less favourable than others, the benefits of the new cycleway were far reaching.

Decision

The Executive notes the update.

Exe/23/29 Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan

The Executive considered a report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development), which sought approval of the final draft Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan (MATSIP).

The Executive Member for Environment and Transport advised that the draft MATSIP set the case for investing in active travel measures, primarily in the form of highways schemes but also supporting infrastructure, and how the Council would go about delivering these interventions. .

Active travel schemes were primarily funded externally through competitive bidding processes to Department for Transport, via Transport for Greater Manchester and it was a key aim of the Strategy to support the production of bids and business cases to secure this funding, and to propose a framework which set out which areas of the city should be prioritised in order to achieve the Council's wider policy objectives.

The draft MATSIP also set out the significant benefits to active travel investment across a range of policy areas including public health, clean air and zero carbon. It set out the overall target to make walking the natural choice for short journeys and to double cycling's mode share by 2028 and the four objectives which underpinned this overall target:-

- improving access to the city centre, district centres, parks and other key destinations;
- enabling safe access to schools and colleges;
- improving citywide health and wellbeing
- reflecting the diversity of Manchester and addressing transport inequalities

It was noted that the support and promotion of active travel along with aligned investment in other infrastructure would help reduce transport-related carbon emissions by increasing the overall share of public transport, cycling and walking trips and reducing short journeys by car.

Decisions

The Executive

- (1) Approve and endorse the Manchester Active Travel Strategy and Investment Plan.
- (2) Delegate responsibility to the Strategic Director (Growth and Development), in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment to make any minor amendments to the final Strategy resulting from feedback during the approvals process, prior to its publication.

Exe/23/30 Health and Care Integration: Establishment of Manchester Partnership Board as the Locality Board of Manchester

The Executive considered a report of the Chief Executive, which set out the intention to establish Manchester Partnership Board as the locality board for Manchester as a further step towards health and care integration.

The Integrated Care Board (ICB) for Greater Manchester (NHS GM) was established with effect from 1 July 2022 replacing ten CCGs in Greater Manchester. The existing Section 75 partnership agreement between the Council and the CCG was transferred to NHS GM on that date. Manchester now intended to establish Manchester Partnership Board (MPB) as the locality board for Greater Manchester, bringing together responsibility for the pooled budget with the exercise of NHS GM functions delegated to place level.

The MPB would operate as a 'hybrid' committee and its remit would be:-

- To be a committee of the ICB at place level, which was able to exercise delegated functions of the ICB other than those functions which related to the Better Care Fund (BCF) Section 75 agreement.;
- To be responsible for the BCF Section.75 pooled budget which the MHCC Board was previously responsible for; and
- To be a consultative forum that brought the leaders in health and care together to take strategic decisions at one time and in one place.

It was reported that Health and Wellbeing Boards would continue to play a key role within integrated care systems. Decisions taken by MPB would be reported to the Health and Wellbeing Board in Manchester. MPB's decisions would be informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Health and Care Strategy that were produced by the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Decisions

The Executive:-

- (1) Note and agree the process for establishing Manchester Partnership Board as the locality board for Manchester.
- (2) Note that the locality board will operate as a hybrid committee arrangement and accordingly:
- (3) Support the decision of NHS GM to delegate functions at place level to Manchester Partnership Board;
- (4) Agree that Manchester Partnership Board acts as a s.75 committee that has responsibility for the Better Care Fund pooled budget; and
- (5) Agree that Manchester Partnership Board operates as a consultative forum that consists of health and care leaders at place level.

Exe/23/31 Disposal of site of former Chorlton Leisure Centre for residential development (Part A)

The Executive considered a report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development), which sought approval to dispose of the above property, to Mosscafe St Vincent (herein MSV), on a long leasehold basis to facilitate the delivery of an affordable tenure residential development targeted towards the over-55s.

The Executive Member for Housing and Development explained that the redevelopment of Chorlton Baths would comprise a new residential scheme of 50 apartments (with additional flexible ground floor space for wider community uses).

The tenure will be split, with 40 units available for affordable rent, seven units available for shared ownership and three units let to the City Council's Adult Social Care team for use as Neighbourhood Apartments. The proposed scheme would be the first new affordable homes delivered in Chorlton since April 2015.

The scheme would be built to HAPPI design principles and would be low carbon and sustainable.

It was expected that by targeting over 55s, the scheme would free up family housing in South Manchester by encouraging residents out of under occupied homes in Whalley Range, Chorlton and Chorlton Park.

The proposed lease was for a term of 999 years at a premium which was less than the best consideration that could reasonably be obtained on the basis of an unrestricted disposal that would not reflect the high standard of development or level of affordable tenures.

Decisions

The Executive:-

- (1) Approve the basis of the land transaction at less than best consideration in accordance with the commercial terms set out in the associated Part B report.
- (2) Delegate authority to the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) to complete the finalisation of terms of the transaction as set out in this report.
- (3) Delegate authority to the City Solicitor to enter into and complete all documents and agreements necessary to give effect to the recommendations.

Exe/23/32 Exclusion of Press and 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/23/33 Disposal of site of former Chorlton Leisure Centre for residential development (Part B)

The Executive considered a report of the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) which set out the financial implications of the proposal to dispose of Chorlton Leisure Centre, to Mosscares St Vincent (MSV), on a long leasehold basis to facilitate the delivery of an affordable tenure residential development targeted towards the over-55s.

Decisions

The Executive:-

- (1) Approve the basis of the land transaction as set out in Section 2 of the report at less than best consideration
- (2) Authorise the Strategic Director (Growth and Development) to finalise the detailed terms of the transaction as set out in principle in this report.
- (3) Authorise the City Solicitor to enter into and complete all documents and agreements necessary to give effect to the recommendations.