

## CABINET

26 NOVEMBER 2019

Meeting commenced: 10.00 a.m.

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### PRESENT

Paula Boshell Statutory Deputy City Mayor (in the Chair)  
John Merry, CBE Deputy City Mayor

#### LEAD MEMBERS:

David Lancaster, MBE Environment and Community Safety  
Gina Reynolds Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing  
Derek Antrobus Planning and Sustainable Development  
Bill Hinds Finance and Support Services  
Tracy Kelly Housing and Neighbourhoods  
Gina Reynolds Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing

#### EXECUTIVE SUPPORT MEMBERS (AT THE INVITATION OF THE CITY MAYOR):

John Walsh Education and Learning  
Mike McCusker Planning, Housing and Sustainable Development

#### OFFICERS:

Jim Taylor Chief Executive  
Charlotte Ramsden Strategic Director, People  
Ben Dolan Strategic Director, Place  
Debbie Brown Director, Service Reform  
Miranda Carruthers-Watt City Solicitor  
Sam Betts Assistant Director  
Peter Brambleby Interim Director of Public Health  
Joanne Hardman Chief Finance Officer  
Jean Gleave Chief Internal Auditor  
Chris Findley Assistant Director  
Karen Lucas Service Manager

Councillor R Garrido – in attendance for item 3.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Paul Dennett (City Mayor),  
Councillors Jones, Hamilton and Coen.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2019, were approved as a correct record.

### 4. ANNUAL REPORT FROM AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Councillor R Garrido, Chair of Audit and Accounts Committee provided an overview of the 2018/19 Annual report, which included an overview of the achievements of the committee.

Further considerations with regard to member training are being pursued.

Councillor R Garrido acknowledged the committee's role in scrutinising all areas of the council's work, that the risks which are inevitably present when costs need to be reduced and efficiencies made; and that this coming year's challenges remain very much the same.

Councillor R Garrido asked to place on record his appreciation of the support received during the year from members of this committee, Audit, Finance and shared Legal servicest. Also to Mazars in their first full year for keeping the committee informed of all issues.

Councillor Boshell, Statutory Deputy City Mayor acknowledged the work undertaken by members of the Audit and Accounts Committee and gave her thanks on behalf of Cabinet.

RESOLVED: THAT, the Statutory Deputy City Mayor in consultation with Cabinet considered the attached Annual Report of the Chair of the Audit & Accounts Committee for the year 2018/19.

### 5. ADOPTION OF REVISED PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Councillor Antrobus, Lead Member for Regeneration and Sustainable Development introduced this item, and in doing so explained that in September 2019 the government updated planning practice guidance on planning obligations to state that introducing new formulaic approaches should not be done through new SPDs; such requirements have to instead be set through local plans and independently examined as part of this process.

Taking into account comments received at the draft stage and the changes to government planning guidance, a minor refresh of the 2015 adopted SPD has instead been undertaken that does not involve changing existing formulas or introducing new ones, or changing the overall approach.

The key implication of this is that the affordable housing requirements as part of new developments have to be capped at a maximum 20% as per the 2015 SPD, as going

higher than this would be introducing a new formulaic approach, contrary to government guidance. Notwithstanding this however, the proposed approach to affordable housing in the refreshed SPD should deliver higher levels of affordable housing than that currently being delivered.

RESOLVED: THAT, the Statutory Deputy City Mayor in consultation with Cabinet approved the adoption the refreshed 2015 Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document.

## **6. REVIEW OF THE STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI)**

Councillor Antrobus, Lead Member for Regeneration and Sustainable Development explained that it is proposed given the current focus of resources on the Local Plan and Greater Manchester Spatial Framework processes, that the updating of the SCI should not commence until the Local Plan has progressed further. In the interim, it is proposed that the intentions towards the future updating of the SCI be published on the city council's website.

RESOLVED: THAT, the Statutory City Mayor in consultation with the Cabinet:

1. Noted the Review of the Statement of Community Involvement;
2. Approved the intention to update the SCI, with timescales to be determined once the Local Plan has progressed further;
3. Noted that the city council's website will be updated in line with recommendations i) and ii) as detailed in the report submitted.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

No items submitted.