

Cabinet

Held on Tuesday 9th March 2021

(A Live Microsoft Teams meeting – audio only)

Present

Paul Dennett	City Mayor (in the Chair)
Tracy Kelly	Statutory City Mayor
John Merry CBE	Deputy City Mayor

Lead Members:

Paula Boshell	Anti-Poverty, Neighbourhoods, Financial Inclusion and Equalities
Bill Hinds	Lead Member for Finance and Support Services
David Lancaster, MBE	Environment and Community Safety
Gina Reynolds	Adult Services, Health and Wellbeing

Executive Support Members (at the invitation of the City Mayor):

Sharmina August	Equalities, Communities and Social Impact
Barbara Bentham	Workforce and Industrial Relations
Jim Cammell	Social Care and Mental Health
Stephen Coen	Executive Support Member for Culture, Leisure and Sport
Roger Jones	Transport
Mike McCusker	Planning, Housing and Sustainable Development
John Walsh	Education and Learning

Officers:

Dr Muna Abdel Aziz	Director of Public Health
Jane Barlow	Pendleton Programme & Commercial Manager
Sam Betts	Assistant Director Human Resources & OD
Debbie Brown	Strategic Director (Service Reform)
Matt Doherty	Principal Planning Officer
Ben Dolan	Strategic Director (Place)
Joanne Hardman	Chief Finance Officer
Shoaib Mohammad	Assistant Director Technical Services
Rob Owen	Head of Highways and Network Management
Charlotte Ramsden	Strategic Director People
Sian Roxborough	City Solicitor
Jacquie Russell	Assistant Director Strategy & Change
James Shuttleworth	Head of Planning
Tom Stannard	Chief Executive
Liz Wright	Democratic Service Officer

1. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies received.

2. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of proceedings

Approval of the minutes was moved by Councillor John Walsh and seconded by Councillor Bill Hinds.

Resolved: That, the minutes of the meeting held on 23.02.21 were approved as a correct record.

4. Joint Committee of the Nine Greater Manchester (GM) Districts to develop a Joint Development Plan Document

The Lead Member (LM) for Planning and Sustainable Development (Councillor John Merry) introduced the report and highlighted the following.

- It was very important to set up the joint committee following the decision in December 2020 by Stockport Council that they were no longer able to participate in the arrangement for the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF). The report proposed setting up a joint committee of the remaining nine authorities to develop a joint plan.
- The joint committee and plan were needed to put in place safeguards and to protect the city from developers being able to choose where to put their developments and put forward their own proposals.
- A lot of work had already been put into the previous framework and the proposal for the joint committee and plan should be supported so that important work could continue.
- The joint working and joint plan would allow for better regulation of development in a way that was beneficial for the Salford community.

The City Mayor (CM) endorsed the LM's comments and highlighted a previous and current planning issues to illustrate the issues that the joint plan would be a safeguard against planning by appeal and ad hoc development.

The Executive Support Member for Planning, Housing and Sustainable Development made the following comments.

- The nine remaining authorities agreed in principle in December 2020 to proceed with a new joint development plan *Places for Everyone*.
- This would be a key document outlining space allocation for industry and housing and would identify the key environmental assets that the people of Salford care about.
- The plan would allow for protection and enhancements and sites for employment and the delivery of key infrastructure such as transport and utilities and define a new greenbelt for Greater Manchester (GM).
- The report outlined the arrangements for the nine authorities to be able to progress the plan. A new structure would be required as the GMCA (GM Combined Authority) was not appropriate as not all 10 authorities were now involved and so the joint committee was proposed.
- Salford City Council would take the final decision on any plan for Salford but the arrangements in the report would allow the plan to be developed for publication and allow the LAs to meet the deadlines to have a plan in place.

The CM read out the recommendations from the report for approval as follows:

1. Approve the making of an agreement with Bury, Bolton, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Tameside, Trafford and Wigan to prepare a joint development plan document to cover strategic policies including housing and employment land requirements and, as appropriate, strategic site allocations and Green Belt boundary amendments and associated infrastructure across the nine districts.
2. Agree the district lead Member for the joint committee and a nominated deputy to attend and vote as necessary.
3. Delegate to the joint committee of the nine Greater Manchester councils the formulation and preparation of the joint development plan document to cover housing and employment land requirements including, as appropriate, strategic site allocations and Green Belt boundary amendments and associated infrastructure across the nine Greater Manchester districts insofar as such matters are executive functions.
4. Note that the following are the sole responsibility of full Council:
 - Responsibility for giving of instructions to the executive to reconsider the draft plan submitted by the executive for the authority's consideration.
 - The amendment of the draft joint development plan document submitted by the executive for the full Council's consideration.
 - The approval of the joint development plan document for the purposes of submission to the Secretary of State for independent examination.
 - The adoption of the joint development plan document.

The Head of Planning had been advised by the City Solicitor to ask for nominees to be named for recommendation 2. It was agreed that the district lead member for the joint committee would be the City Mayor and the nominated deputy to attend and vote as necessary be the Executive Support Member for Planning, Housing and Sustainable Development.

Resolved: That, the City Mayor, in consultation with Cabinet approved:

1. the four recommendations as listed above;
2. the that the district lead member for the joint committee would be the City Mayor and the nominated deputy to attend and vote as necessary be the Executive Support Member for Planning, Housing and Sustainable Development.

5. GM Clean Air Plan Consultation

The Executive Support Member for Planning, Housing and Sustainable Development introduced the report and highlighted the following.

- The report was an update on the Clean Air Plan and the consultation that had taken place between October and December 2020 about the measures being put forward to meet the mandate to bring air quality in Salford under the legal limit.
- The consultation did not include the introduction of a clean air zone as this was mandated on GMCA by Government.
- Air quality was an issue of equity and it was important to address clean air as it impacted most on people in deprived areas, the youngest and oldest in communities and on people's health.
- The report detailed the funding request to Government and the funding that had been received from Government. For example, GM had received £14.7m for the

retrofitting of buses but were still awaiting £8m to replace HGV (heavy goods vehicles) and £10.7m for private hire vehicles. The full details were listed in the report.

- The report asked the CM and Mayor to note the progress that had been made, the timeline for the plan (with the final plan required by summer 2021) and the need to establish joint committees with delegates from Salford City Council.

The Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Sustainable Development read out and explained the following recommendations to:

1. Note the progress of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan;
2. Note the next steps for the development of the Clean Air Plan and Minimum Licensing Standards, listed at Section 12;
3. Note the distribution of Bus Retrofit funding commenced in December 2020;
4. Note that Government ministers have agreed to consider extending Greater Manchester's Clean Air Zone (CAZ) charges to the sections of the A628/A57 which form part of the Strategic Road Network, within the proposed CAZ boundary, subject to the outcomes of an assessment, which is expected to be completed by early 2021;
5. Note that the GM Clean Air Plan is required to take action tackle nitrogen dioxide exceedances until compliance with the legal limits has been demonstrated and that the nearer term influence of COVID-19 on air quality is not expected to lead to sufficiently long term reductions in pollution such that the exceedances of the legal limits of nitrogen dioxide will not occur without implementing a Clean Air Zone;
6. Note that the GM CAP final plan will be brought forward for decision makers as soon as is reasonably practicable and no later than summer 2021;
7. Note that the outputs of the MLS will be reported alongside the GM CAP as soon as is reasonably practicable and no later than summer 2021; and
8. Agree to the establishment of joint committees and to delegate to those committees the Authority's functions as set out in this report at paragraph 9.5 and the terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 6.
9. Appoint the Lead Member for Planning and Sustainable Development to sit on both committees for purposes as set out in this report at paragraph 9.5 with specific terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 6.
10. Appoint the Executive Support Member for Planning, Housing and Sustainable Development a substitute for both committees for purposes as set out in this report at paragraph 9.5 with specific terms of reference, as set out in Appendix 6.
11. Salford City Council agrees to enter into a collaboration agreement with the other 9 GM local authorities and GMCA/TfGM to clarify amongst other matters the rights, responsibilities and obligations of the authorities in relation to those contracts set out in Appendix 2 that are required to maintain delivery momentum in line with JAQU funding agreements.
12. Agree a delegation to Strategic Director Place to agree the final form of the collaboration agreement;
13. Agree a delegation to Strategic Director Place to award the contracts set out in Appendix 2 (subject to government funding) that are required to implement a charging Clean Air Zone in Spring 2022 to ensure the achievement of Nitrogen Dioxide compliance in the shortest possible time and by 2024 at the latest as required by the Ministerial Direction.

14. Agree a delegation to Strategic Director Place to approve the submission of supplementary information to the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit (JAQU).

The CM highlighted that GM, Birmingham, Portsmouth and Sheffield had written to the secretary of State for Transport to bring to their attention the impact of the Covid19 pandemic on the taxi and private hire trade and the concerns for their recovery post pandemic and the resources being made available to support them and awaited the Secretary of State's response.

The CM drew to the members attention that the recommendations 1-7 were for noting and those from 8-14 were for approval. The CM read out the recommendations 8-14 again to confirm the specific decisions for approval.

Resolved: That, the City Mayor, in consultation with Cabinet approved the 14 recommendations as listed above.

6. Any other business.

There were no items of any other business raised.