

## **Cabinet**

**Held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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
Mike McCusker	Planning, Housing and Sustainable Development
John Walsh	Education and Learning

### **Officers:**

Dr Muna Abdel Aziz	Director of Public Health
Sam Betts	Assistant Director Human Resources & OD
Debbie Brown	Strategic Director (Service Reform)
Julie Craik	Principal Housing Officer
Ben Dolan	Strategic Director (Place)
Joanne Hardman	Chief Finance Officer
Andrew Leigh	Head of Housing and Strategy
Shoaib Mohammad	Assistant Director Technical Services
Paula Newall	School Organisation and Pupil Planning
Peter Openshaw	Assistant Director Environment and Community Safety
Rob Owen	Head of Highways and Network Management
Jacque Russell	Assistant Director Strategy & Change
James Shuttleworth	Head of Planning
Tom Stannard	Chief Executive
Cathy Starbuck	Assistant Director Education Work and Skill
David Wilcock	Interim City Solicitor
Liz Wright	Democratic Service Officer

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Roger Jones, Charlotte Ramsden and Andrew Leigh.

### **2. Declarations of interest**

Councillor Tracy Kelly and Councillor John Merry declared their positions on the

board of Derive Limited.

### 3. Minutes of proceedings

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

**Resolved: That**, the minutes of the meeting held on 09.03.21 were approved as a correct record.

### 4. New Housing Action Plan

The Lead Member (LM) for Housing (Councillor Tracy Kelly) introduced the report and highlighted the following.

- The new Housing Strategy was approved by the City Mayor in consultation with Cabinet in January 2020. The plan was a working document and defined the main priorities and objectives for 2021/22.
- Many milestones had already been achieved such as setting up the Derive housing company, which was providing affordable housing and supporting residents with ACM (Aluminium Composite Material) cladding and working closely with partners to provide housing solutions for the people of Salford.

The Principal Housing Officer (Julie Craik) outlined the contents of the report and highlighted the following.

- The plan was the annual strategy delivery plan so that strategy would be implemented effectively and so that outcomes and outputs could be monitored.
- The plan was drafted in collaboration with key stakeholders following a review of last year's plan.
- The priorities in this year's plan were highlighted from the Table in section 2.1 of the report.

The City Mayor (CM) invited comments and questions from the members.

- The LM for Finance and Support Services commented that they fully supported the plan and recognised the substantial amount of work that had gone into it. They were concerned about the number of people on the housing waiting lists and added that this could only be reduced by building homes and that everything was being done with the powers available to address this.
- The LM for Children's and Young people's Services commented that it was important to see in the plan in light of the local context and that the plan addressed the CM's priority to provide affordable housing and they supported the CM and Deputy CM's aim to provide decent and affordable housing for in all of Salford.
- The CM commented that some of the Government's national arrangements following the Grenfell tragedy (including loan for remedial works and some works not being covered) did not go far enough to meet the needs of residents and commented that significantly more needed to be done and the local authority's housing strategy would continue to prioritise fire safety work and building regulations and this would be in partnership with the GMCA work in this area. GM would be launching its *Good Landlord Scheme* in a few weeks and asked that the work being done in the city was fully integrated with that scheme. The

CM highlighted the priority for building more affordable homes and the importance of the Housing Strategy and plan linking to the development of jobs and skills, to the city's climate change priorities (net zero carbon homes from 2028) and the building of an inclusive economy.

- The CM thanked all the staff for all their work and commended the report and the plan as it delivered on implementing the strategy and the priorities for the city.
- The LM for Housing paid tribute to all the staff for all their work and thanked the city's housing partners for working with the city council to ensure all Salford residents had access to decent affordable homes.
- The CM read out the recommendations of the report and the CM and Cabinet members voted to approve the recommendations.

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

1. Approved the updated housing strategy action plan for 2021/22
2. Noted progress made against the 2020/21 housing strategy action plan – Appendix A.

### **5. Proposed expansion of Springwood Primary School**

The LM for Children's and Young People's Services (Councillor John Merry) introduced the report and highlighted the following.

- Parents, carers and residents of Salford would welcome this expansion of the school as more places were being provided for children with complex health needs.
- The school expansion would provide 60 extra, permanent school places.
- The extra places were required due to increased demand for places and because of better diagnosis of children's needs.
- Places at the school would be determined by the individual children's Education Health Care Plans (EHCP) and a EHCP would be required for a place at the school.
- The funding for the expansion of the school had already been agreed by the Department of Education (DfE) and would be funded via the High Needs Block (HNB) of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).
- The LM for Children's and Young People's Services commended the report to the members.

The CM invited questions and comments from the members. There were no comments or questions at this time.

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

- The purpose of this report was to present to the City Mayor, in consultation with Cabinet, as the decision maker for school organisation, the implementation for the, publication, of the Statutory Notice for the proposed permanent expansion of Springwood Primary School, as of 1 September 2021.

**Resolved: That,** the City Mayor, in consultation with Cabinet as the decision maker for school organisation, approved the implementation for the, publication, of the

Statutory Notice for the proposed permanent expansion of Springwood Primary School, as of 1 September 2021.

**6. Any other business.**

There were no items of any other business raised.