

## Overview and Scrutiny Board

6 April 2022, 2.00pm – 4.07pm

### Present:

Councillor Gina Reynolds - in the Chair

Councillors Sammie Bellamy, Adrian Brocklehurst, Stuart Dickman and Mike Pevitt

### Invitee:

Paul Dennett                      Salford City Mayor

### Officers:

Tom Stannard	Chief Executive
Jacque Russell	Assistant Director for Strategy and Change
Anthony Hilton	Strategic Head of Procurement
Mike McHugh	Senior Democratic Services Officer

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Tanya Burch, Karen Garrido, Rob Sharpe and Bill Hinds.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

### 3. Minutes of Proceedings

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2022 were approved as a correct record, subject to the addition of Councillor Mike Pevitt on the list of attendees.

### 4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

### 5. LGA Peer Review Follow-up - engagement of members, executive and scrutiny

The City Mayor, Tom Stannard and Jacque Russell provided an update in respect of the LGA peer review.

Details were provided in respect of the following -

- an executive summary of the peer review report
- key recommendations from the review
- a summary of the peer challenge approach
- feedback
- next steps

Discussion took place in respect of a number of issues including -

- the role of scrutiny and its future development
- training and development for elected members

Councillor Reynolds, on behalf of the Board, thanked the City Mayor, Tom Stannard and Jacquie Russell for their attendance at the meeting.

RESOLVED: (1) THAT the update be noted.

(2) THAT updates be provided at future meetings of this Board relating to (i) the role of scrutiny and its future development and (ii) training and development for elected members

## 6. CEO Update and Member Q&A

Tom Stannard provided details of the issues which were currently areas of focus, which included -

- Elections to be held on 5 May 2022
- the LGA review and associated action plan
- recruitment and retention of staff
- the cost of living / energy price increases
- the councils work and skills agenda
- the re-organisation of the health system

Members raised a number of questions including -

- implications for the council of proposed voter ID requirements at future elections

- implications for the council owing to increased energy prices

RESOLVED: THAT the update be noted.

## 7. Ethical Procurement Update

Anthony Hilton submitted a report which provided an update on the work being undertaken to improve and enhance the approach to ethical procurement in line with the Council's aspirations and priorities.

Details were provided in respect of -

- social value implications
- ethical procurement
- Modern slavery and human trafficking
- Raising Employment Standards
- Inclusive Economy
- Ethical Procurement Standards and Accreditation
- New Procurement Strategy
- Electrotechnical Certification Scheme

RESOLVED: (1) THAT the report be noted.

(2) THAT update reports in respect of this matter be presented at a future meeting of this Board.

## 8. Work Programme

RESOLVED: THAT the work programme be noted.

## 9. Any other business

There were no items of any other business.

## 10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED: THAT the next meeting of this Board be held on Wednesday 3 July 2022 at 2.00pm.