

Item 4(ii)

NOTES OF AN INQUORATE MEETING OF THE GMCA CORPORATE ISSUES AND REFORM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2018 1:00PM, TRAFFORD TOWN HALL

Please note that this meeting was not quorate and therefore no formal decisions were made.

PRESENT

Councillor Nathan Evans	Trafford Council (Chair)
Councillor Debbie Newall	Bolton Council
Councillor Stella Smith	Bury Council
Councillor Colin McLaren	Oldham Council
Councillor Ateeque Ur Rehman	Oldham Council
Councillor David Jolley	Salford City Council
Councillor John McGahan	Stockport MBC
Councillor Yvonne Guariento	Stockport MBC
Councillor Leanne Feeley	Tameside Council

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Joanne Marshall	Wigan Council (Cllr Marshall's membership of the Committee will be formally agreed at the GMCA's meeting on 29 th March 2018)
Councillor Nigel Murphy	Manchester City Council / Chair Greater Manchester Waste Disposal Authority (GMWDA)
Richard Paver	Treasurer, GMCA
Susan Ford	Scrutiny Officer, GMCA
Kerry Bond	Governance and Scrutiny, GMCA
David Taylor	GMWDA
Leon Parkes	Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
Paul Argyle	Mayors Strategic Fire Advisor
Mike Wright	GMCA Lead for Homelessness

CI/43/17 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Neil Butterworth (Rochdale), John Bell (Tameside), Tim Pickstone (Bury) and Luke Raikes (Manchester).

CI/44/17 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair welcomed Councillor Joanne Marshall from Wigan Council to the meeting. Councillor Marshall has been nominated to the committee following the resignation of Councillor Pam Stewart, however the appointment will not be formally agreed by the GMCA until its meeting on the 29th March 2018. .

CI/45/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest received.

CI/46/17 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 20TH FEBRUARY 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2018 were submitted for consideration.

Resolved/- That the minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2018 be noted and formally agreed at the Committee's next quorate meeting.

CI/47/17 GREATER MANCHESTER WASTE DISPOSAL AUTHORITY – BUDGET AND TRANSITION

Members received a presentation from Councillor Nigel Murphy, GMWDA Chair and David Taylor, Director of Contract Services GMWDA, which gave information about the Waste Disposal Function's purpose, budget and how the business planning is being transitioned into the GMCA from 1st April 2018. The presentation covered-

- Waste Management Strategy
- High level metrics
- How weekly waste is disposed of
- Budget and levy
- Key challenges and risks
- Transition to the GMCA

Member's questions and comments included-

A Member asked for more information on the Behaviour Change Programme.

Members were advised that the programme is a two year delivery plan with campaigns to decrease food waste or increase the recycling of food waste and to control

contamination in paper and card waste, the local authorities with the poorest contamination rates get additional support.

A Member stated that there had been an increase in fly tipping and asked how small businesses can be motivated to discard of their waste in the correct manner. -It was noted that fly tipping enforcement is dealt with by individual authorities who each have own incentives to reduce this.

A number of Members indicated that clarity and emphasis needs to be made on what and where certain items could be recycled, including foil, card/paper contaminated with food and oils and that manufacturers could make information on packaging more understandable.

-It was confirmed that recycling had been standardised across the local authorities in 2009, and that work on common themes across Greater Manchester to ensure simplified recycling standards is being worked on. However it was acknowledged that there was always further work that could be done to communicate what could and couldn't be recycled.

A number of members made comments on waste collection services and also the particular challenges of ensuring that residents living in blocks of flats were supported and encouraged to recycle. It was explained that waste collection services were the responsibility of individual districts each of whom had their own collection arrangements.

A Member stated that biodegradable nappies should be promoted and that guidance should be given to households around reusable nappies and washing services available. It was explained that the GMWDA does promote the use of nappy washing firms, however there are no facilities in the UK that are able to recycle these this type of disposable hygiene products.

Resolved/-

1. That the content of the presentation and comments raised be noted.

CI/48/17 GREATER MANCHESTER FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE PREVENTION, PROTECTION AND RESPONSE RISKS

Consideration was given to a report presented by Leon Parkes, Assistant County Fire Officer which provides a view of performance for each of the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) against forecasted target and variances when compared to Quarter 3 of 2016/17.

The first meeting of the GMCA Fire Committee was held on 9 February 2018, from this a Task and Finish Group has been established to look at the structure and content of the performance report.

Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) independently assess the effectiveness and efficiency of police forces and fire & rescue services, in the public interest. Greater Manchester are in the second tranche of the current assessments, this will take place between September 2018 and March 2019. The

HMICFRS asks questions from the public's perspective, answers are published in an accessible format, using expertise to interpret the evidence and recommend improvements to the services that are provided to the public.

Member's questions and comments included-

Why is there such a huge reduction in special service calls?

-The special service calls include incidents ~~are~~ when fire crews would respond in addition to ambulance crews to health emergencies, such as cardiac arrests, if they were the closest blue lights service to the emergency, supporting colleagues from North West Ambulance Service. This was part of a national pilot which has now ~~ceased~~ paused pending national negotiations between representative bodies and employers.

Members asked whether it was possible to correlate improvements in performance with preventative activity undertaken, for example safe and well visits. It was confirmed that data from the performance update report is cross referenced with activities to understand the value of undertaking different types of interventions.

Members queried the figures the figures in relation to staffing, underspend and overtime.

-Richard Paver clarified that the outturn position for 2017/18 had showed a forecast underspend of £5.5 million but this would be reduced by the amount of agreed overtime to cover for vacancies . Following this discussions took place and it was noted that in 2018/19 overtime payments and the suspension of the IRMP savings would be funded from the carry forward of the net underspend in 2017/18.

What steps are being taken to ensure that recruitment of the 300+ firefighters over the next two years significantly increases the number of recruits from under represented groups within the service such as women and those Black and minority ethnic communities? How can members of this committee support this work?

-The fire service are currently using a new approach to recruiting fire fighters called the Attraction Strategy, which is underpins the recruitment campaign. This programme uses a number of different methods to engage with underrepresented communities and groups. This approach is proving successful, for example 50% of the recent cohort of recruit fire were women and/or from under represented communities. Officers from the recruitment attraction team will make contact with Councillors to ensure they know when the recruitment/engagement/taster events are happening, so they are able to contact groups and communities regarding the initiative.

Resolved/-

1. That the content of the report be noted.
2. To provide ongoing performance quarterly updates for the GMFRS, the next one to the June 2018 meeting.
3. To provide Members of the Committee with further information on GMFRS recruitment initiatives in June 2018.
4. To provide a Communication Update report to the June 2018 meeting.

CI/49/17 UPDATE ON ROUGH SLEEPING IN GREATER MANCHESTER

Consideration was given to a report of Mike Wright, GMCA Strategic Lead for Homelessness, which provided members with information on the current position on GM's approach to reducing of rough sleeping, an update on the response in Greater Manchester, and details of the work supported by the Social Impact Bond for entrenched rough sleepers and for a Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer programme.

Member's questions and comments included-

Is anything being done to address the lack of available accommodation to house those who are currently sleeping rough?

-This is a common issue across all Greater Manchester's districts. This is because of the loss of supported housing. To help address this challenge GM was using a social lettings agency, who were better able to deal with the needs of this client group.

How can we liaise with the criminal justice system so discharge from prison doesn't lead to ex-offenders sleeping rough?

-It was explained that this was a complex challenge as often ex-offenders didn't immediately become rough sleepers straight from prison discharge, but if initial accommodation arrangements broke down because of the pressures and challenges of life as an ex-offender. The Homelessness Prevention Trailblazer involves working with probation and from the 1st April 2018, the Homelessness Reduction Act comes into force which places new legal duties on English councils to give everyone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness will have access to meaningful help, irrespective of their priority need status, as long as they are eligible for assistance.

Are the people that are being supported by the Social Impact Bond (SIB) Programme monitored to ensure they are still not sleeping on the streets?

-Yes, the SIB Programme is a tracked system that involves work from GM Homes Partnership, involving a process of engagement with people who are sleeping rough to secure accommodation, the process is performance managed on a monthly basis by the GMCA and payments to the provider are only made on the achievement of a series of agreed milestones.

Members were reminded that to be eligible for the inclusion the SIB programme entrenched rough sleepers had to be referred onto the programme by October 2018.

Resolved/-

1. To note the contents of the report,
2. To recognise the rapid progress of the work supported by the Social Impact Bond since the launch in December.
3. That an update report be brought back to this Committee within the next 3-6 months.

4. That the Housing, Planning and Environment Scrutiny Committee receive performance and impact updates on Social Impact Bond and rough sleeping when requested.

CI/50/17 WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18

The Committee received an updated work programme following comments and suggestions made at the last meeting.

Susan Ford reported that work is underway with local authority democratic services managers regarding Committee membership for 2018/19, highlighting concerns that at a number of previous meetings this committee there were not enough members present to constitute a quorum.

In conclusion, it was noted that the work programme should be updated as follows:-

MEETING DATE	TOPIC	CONTACT OFFICER
18 th April 2018 6.00pm	GM Strategy Implementation Plan Update	Simon Nokes, GMCA
	School Ready to Learn	Jane Forrest, GMCA
	GM Public Sector Apprenticeship Approach Update	Gemma Marsh, GMCA
19 th June 2018 6.00pm	GMCA Communications and Engagement Strategy	Claire Norman, GMCA
	GMFRS Accelerated Recruitment Training 2018-20	Dawn Docx, GMFRS
	GMFRS Quarterly performance Report	Dawn Docx, GMFRS
	GMFRS Communications Update	Dawn Docx, GMFRS

Action/: That the Committee’s Work Programme for the 2017/18 be updated accordingly and considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

CI/51/17 FUTURE MEETING DATES 2018

Resolved/: That the next meetings of the Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2018 take place on:

- Wednesday 18th April 2018 at 6.00pm at Churchgate House, Manchester
- Tuesday 19th June 2018 at 6.00pm at Churchgate House, Manchester