GOVERNANCE, STRATEGY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY BOARD
28/09/2026 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor Woodvine (in the Chair)
Councillors Brooks, Charters (Substitute), J. Hussain and Robinson

Also in Attendance:

Mike Barker	Executive Director Health and Care (Deputy Chief Executive)
Alex Bougatef	Borough Solicitor and Director of Legal
Neil Consterdine	Director of Communities
Julie Daniels	Executive Director - Children and Young People
Sheila Garara	Assistant Director – Children's Services
Peter Richards	Assistant Director of Planning, Transport and Housing Delivery
Christian Walsh	Deputy Director of Adult Social Services
Lee Walsh	Director of Finance
Rebecca Fletcher	Director of Public Health
Peter Thompson	Constitutional Services

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jabbar, Jackson, Kenyon, Moores and Shuttleworth.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Charters declared non-pecuniary interests in Agenda Items 17 and 24 (Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI)).

4 **MINUTES**

Resolved:
That the minutes of the meeting of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board held on 24th March 2026 be approved, as a correct record.

5 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions to consider.

6 **OLDHAM LOCAL HERITAGE LIST**

Members scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive that was seeking approval to undertake a public consultation on a List of Local Heritage Assets, and also on an accompanying guidance note regarding the future revision of the Local Heritage List.

Nominations for a draft List of Local Heritage Assets had been assessed and compiled following an extended public

consultation period between September 2021 and February 2022. Consultation included a dedicated website platform where nominations could be received, supported by communications, information boards and leaflets distributed as part of Oldham Histories Festival. Parish Councils, civic societies, local historic societies and other interest groups were contacted.

The report presented two Options, for consideration:
Option 1 (preferred Option) - to give approval to carry out public consultation on the List of Heritage Assets and the accompanying guidance note on the future revision of the Local List. This decision will mean that Oldham is recognizing, celebrating and making information on non-designated heritage assets worthy of inclusion on the Local List accessible to the public and is in line with proposed changes to national planning policy, specifically stating for development plans to be supported by a Local List to identify non-designated heritage assets that are important to the local community. There are no disadvantages to this option.
Option 2 - To not give approval to carry out public consultation on the List of Heritage Assets and the accompanying guidance note on the future revision of the Local List. This will mean that a Local List is not progressed which will make information on non-designated heritage assets less accessible to the public and applicants and will not support a positive strategy for heritage. There are no advantages.

Resolved:

1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive to approve public consultation on the List of Local Heritage Assets and the accompanying guidance note on the future revision of the Local Heritage List.
2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report.

7 **OLDHAM HEAT NETWORK - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORDER PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive, the purpose of which was to seek approval to publicly consult on the draft Local Development Order associated with the Oldham District Heat Network.

The report presented two Options.
Option A (preferred Option) – to consult on a draft LDO for infrastructure works related to the Oldham District Heat Network. This Option would allow for a more efficient process related to satisfying the Planning requirement associated with create such infrastructure.
Option B – to not consult on a draft LDO for infrastructure works related to the Oldham District Heat Network. Under this option, the Council and their partners would need to apply for planning

permission each time a section of the infrastructure needed to be brought forward. It would not be practical to have one, large planning permission for the whole network, as detailed design and planning for each section would come forward piece by piece. Therefore, there is the risk that the overall delivery of the network could be complicated or delayed by the requirement to submit a planning application for each set of works.

Resolved:
That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive, to approve the draft Local Development Order and Statement of Reason for public consultation and requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report.

8 **OLDHAM HEAT NETWORK - ZONAL BOUNDARY CONSULTATION**

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive, the purpose of which was to seek approval to publicly consult on the draft Zonal Boundary associated with the Oldham District Heat Network Zone which was to be designated as part of forthcoming national Heat Network Zoning legislation.

The report presented two Options:
Option 1 (preferred Option) – To approve a public consultation on the draft Zonal Boundary for the AZP Heat Network Zone in Oldham. Under this option, the Council will be able to progress work to designate Oldham's Heat Network Zone under the forthcoming national Heat Network Zoning legislation and remain compliant with the requirements of the forthcoming Zoning Co-ordination Body, as well as maximising the probability that the Council's procured Strategic Energy Partner will inherit the rights to develop the Heat Network Zone in Oldham.
Option 2 – To not approve a public consultation on the draft Zonal Boundary for the AZP Heat Network Zone in Oldham. Under this option, the Council will not be able to progress work to designate Oldham's Heat Network Zone under the forthcoming national Heat Network Zoning legislation and will not be able to remain compliant with the requirements of the forthcoming Zoning Co-ordination Body. Consequently it would not be possible for Oldham's procured Strategic Energy Partner to inherit the rights to develop the Zone in Oldham, significantly limiting the potential local economic benefits associated with investment in this key energy infrastructure.

Resolved:
1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive to:

a. That the draft Zonal Boundary (provided at Appendix A) be approved for public consultation.
b. That once the Zonal Boundary Consultation is complete, authority be delegated for implementation of the results of the consultation and finalisation of the Zonal Boundary to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Directors of Legal Services and Growth, in line with any adopted process in respect of the forthcoming Zoning Co-ordination Body

2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report.

9 **SITES OF BIOLOGICAL IMPORTANCE UPDATE**

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive, the purpose of which was to seek the adoption of changes that had occurred to Sites of Biological Importance (SBI), including boundary changes, within the Borough. Appendix 1 to the report provided maps of the revised SBI boundaries (Fennifield Lily Pond and Castleshaw Pasture) and these changes had been outlined in Appendices 2 and 3 alongside details of the SBIs reviewed.

The report presented two Options:
Option 1 (preferred Option) - To adopt the changes to the Sites of Biological Importance (SBI), including their boundaries (at Fennifield Lilly Pond and Castleshaw Pasture) within the borough, as outlined in Appendix 1, 2 and 3. The advantage of this option is that any SBI additions will be subject to the principles set out in National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) to avoid, mitigate and as a last resort compensate any harm. It will also contribute to the GM Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) Target 1: To increase the amount of land designated for nature by 5,000ha by 2035, growing this from 11% to 15% of the city-region. There are no disadvantages to this option.
Option 2 – To not adopt changes to Sites of Biological Importance (SBI), including their boundaries within the borough (at Fennifield Lilly Pond and Castleshaw Pature), as outlined in Appendix 1, 2 and 3. The disadvantage is that the boundary additions will not have been designated and therefore the full extent of the SBI's may not be given due consideration under NPPF, Places for Everyone (PfE) and the Local Plan. This option would not contribute to the LNRS Target 1: To increase the amount of land designated for nature by 5,000ha by 2035, growing this from 11% to 15% of the city-region. There were no reported advantages to this option.

Resolved:

1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive to:
    a. To adopt the changes to the Sites of Biological Importance (SBI), including their boundaries (at Fennifield Lilly Pond and Castleshaw Pasture)

within the Borough, as outlined in Appendix 1, 2 and 3; and

b. Note the District Synopsis and District Fact Sheet.

2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report.

10 **PARENT INFANT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Children's Services, which advised that the Council currently commissioned Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust to deliver the Parent Infant Mental Health Service (PIMHS) as part of the Family Hubs and Best Start in Life offer. The current contract expired on 6th January 2027 and contained no option to extend. The service was performing well and provided specialist clinical support for vulnerable families. To ensure continuity of service delivery and to retain the skilled clinical workforce, it was proposed that the Council undertakes a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Direct Award Process C. This was considered the most appropriate procurement route for a health-based service of this nature. Awarding a further one-year contract would avoid disruption to families accessing the service and provide time to review and develop longer-term commissioning arrangements, taking account of the confirmation of Best Start in Life grant funding through to 2029.

The report presented three Options:
Option 1 (preferred Option) – To approve the completion of a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Direct Award Process C for the Parent Infant Mental Health Service for a period of one year from 7th January 2027 to 6th January 2028, at a total value of £261,000.00 and to approve the use of Best Start in Life funding to support the contract award. Under this Option, delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children's Services, was sought to award the contract following the successful completion of the PSR process.
Option 2 – To allow the current contract to expire on 6 January 2027 and not to consider future commissioning arrangements.
Option 3 – To undertake a full competitive tender process.

Resolved:

1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Children's Services to:
    a. Approve the completion of a Provider Selection Regime (PSR) Direct Award Process C for the Parent Infant Mental Health Service for a period of one year from 7 January 2027 to 6 January 2028, total value of £261,000.00.
    b. Approve the use of Best Start in Life funding to support the contract award.
    c. Delegate authority to the Executive Director of Children and Young People to award the contract

following the successful completion of the PSR process.

2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report.

11 **PARENTAL ADVOCACY TENDER**

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Children's Services, which was seeking permission to undertake a robust and transparent commissioning and procurement exercise, overseen by a project board including children, young people and families, to commission a new service, Parental Advocacy. This service would have a funding envelope of £83,000 per annum and would be awarded as a two-year contract with the option to extend for up to an additional one-year dependent on funding availability.

The Parental Advocacy service was intended to be funded through the Families First Partnership (FFP) Grant to support and empower parents to fully understand processes, plans and decisions, enabling them to fully participate in Family Help assessments, child in need planning, child protection processes and Family Group Decision Making.

The submitted report presented three Options:
Option One (preferred Option) – To approve the design, tender and contract award of a new service, Parental Advocacy. The service will have a maximum funding envelope of £83,000 per annum as part of Oldham's Families First Partnership Programme with an initial contract period of two years from 1st April 2027 to 31st March 2029 with the option of a one-year extension period up until 31st March 2030 subject to funding being available and the service still meeting need.
This option was recommended as it would provide timely support for Oldham's most vulnerable families and will ensure Oldham fully delivers the DfE Families First Partnership Programme requirements and its statutory duties under the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Act 2026.
Option Two – To go out to tender for the Parental Advocacy Service as outlined in Option One but delay the start of the commissioning process and have a start date for the service of 1st July 2027.
Option Three - To not develop and commission a Parental Advocacy service in Oldham. This option is not recommended as it puts the council at risk of failing to deliver to the FFP requirements set out by the DfE.

Resolved:

1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Children's Services to approve the design, tender and contract award to the highest scoring bidder, of a new service, Parental Advocacy.

2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report**.**

12 **DELEGATED AUTHORITY FOR FUNDING AND RECRUITMENT OF KEY ROLES TO STRENGTHEN EARLY IDENTIFICATION AND PREVENTATIVE SUPPORT THROUGH THE BEST START IN LIFE PROGRAMME**

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Children's Services, which advised that Oldham was committed to ensuring that every child grew up healthy, happy and ready to learn, supported by services that gave families the right help at the right time. This ambition was reflected within Oldham's Best Start in Life Strategy and Corporate Plan priorities around prevention, reducing inequalities and delivering healthier, happier lives.

The Department for Education (DfE) had awarded Oldham an additional ringfenced Children with Additional Needs allocation of £1,756,100 across the period 2026 - 2029. The submitted report was seeking to comply with DfE grant conditions, mobilise delivery at pace and strengthen support for babies and young children with emerging additional needs. The proposal provided the workforce capacity required to improve early identification, intervention, inclusion and school readiness outcomes whilst ensuring effective governance and oversight of the funding allocation.

The report presented two Options:
Option 1 (preferred Option) – To approve the acceptance of the Children with Additional Needs allocation, recruitment to the proposed posts and delegate authority for allocation of the remaining funding to the Executive Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Director of Finance.
Option 2 – To not approve the acceptance of the funding, creation of the posts or delegated authority arrangements.

Resolved:

1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Children's Services to:
    a. Accept the additional £1,756,100 Children with Additional Needs allocation awarded to Oldham by the DfE through the Best Start in Life programme.
    b. Approve the creation and recruitment of 1 Integrated Team Manager post (Grade 10), 5 Early Years Quality Practitioner posts (Grade 5) and 7 Best Start Inclusion Practitioner posts (Grade 5) funded through the Children with Additional Needs allocation to 31 March 2029.
    c. To delegate authority for the allocation of the remaining funding to the Executive Director Children and Young People, in consultation with the Director of Finance.

2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report**.**

13 **EXTEND THE CHANGING FUTURES TO SUPPORT THE ENHANCED LIVE WELL MODEL AS PRESCRIBED BY GMCA**

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Health and Social Care/Deputy Chief Executive, which sought approval to extend the Changing Futures Team to support delivery of the Enhanced Live Well Model prescribed by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA) following the end of the national Changing Futures Programme on 1st April 2026. The proposal would maintain continuity of support for residents with multiple and complex needs, increase Local Authority staffing capacity to support implementation, and enable the future development of VCFSE and outreach services as part of the wider Greater Manchester Live Well Neighbourhoods Model.

The report presented two Options:
Option One (preferred Option) – To approve the extension of the Changing Futures Team and create additional roles within the team to maximise the benefits of the service. This will strengthen delivery of the Enhanced Live Well Model and support additional VCFSE outreach activity aligned to the Live Well Neighbourhoods Model.
Option Two – To discontinue and relaunch the service under a new model. However, this would disrupt the existing relationships, referral pathways and support arrangements. Grant conditions would still require funding to be invested in Local Authority staffing as well as VCFSE provision, limiting the benefits of this option.

Resolved:

1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Children's Services to:

a. The Director of Adult Social Care (DASS) be authorised to accept the Enhanced Live Well Grant, in full, from the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA).
b. Approve the extension of the Changing Futures Team for a further three years.
c. Approve the creation of two additional Changing Futures staff to support the delivery of the Enhanced Live Well Model.
d. Approve the continued provision of support for people experiencing multiple disadvantage, including homelessness, substance misuse, mental ill health, offending, domestic abuse, sex work, child removal, physical health needs, learning disabilities, neurodivergence, and care leaver status.
e. Authorise the Changing Futures team to continue supporting individuals affected by reductions in

preventative services and survivors of child sexual exploitation (CSE) who meet the service criteria.

f. Note that a key priority of the Enhanced Live Well Model is supporting people who disengage early from substance misuse treatment. GMCA data shows that, in 2024/25, around one-quarter of opiate users left treatment unsuccessfully, with 66% doing so within their first year and 53% within their first three months of treatment. This proposal will strengthen Oldham's ability to engage and retain this cohort, alongside other residents experiencing multiple disadvantage.

2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report**.**

14 **FUTURE OLDHAM COMMUNITY LEISURE MODEL**

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Health and Social Care/Deputy Chief Executive, which sought approval to extend the Changing Futures Team to advised that the Council was required to decide on the most appropriate future delivery model for the Borough's leisure services to ensure long-term financial sustainability, operational resilience and full alignment with the authority's corporate, and health and well-being priorities, including tackling inactivity and inequalities in our communities.

The Council's arrangements with Oldham Active (also known at Oldham Community Leisure Limited – OCL) was approaching a transition point, hence there was a need for a clear strategic decision that benefits residents and Oldham.

The report represented a strategic choice, not a default about how the Council secures both commercial discipline, growth and public value in the management of a key public asset.

The submitted report sets out the findings of an interim review into the future delivery of Oldham's leisure services and sought approval to advance a preferred option.

The review had considered four models:

a. In-house delivery,
b. A Council owned organisation such as a Local Authority Controlled Trading Company (LATCo),
c. A joint venture company (discounted at an early stage),
d. A competitive procurement process.

Each option has been assessed against financial, operational, governance and strategic criteria.

Resolved:
That the Scrutiny Board would consider the commercially sensitive information contained in the report, at Item 21 on the agenda before making a recommendation.

15 **DPDA LIFE OF CLIENT (LOC) EXTENSION REPORT -**

DOMESTIC PROPERTY DISABILITY ADAPTATIONS

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Health and Social Care/Deputy Chief Executive, which sought approval to exercise the compliant extension options for a further two-year period for the providers currently delivering the Domestic Property Disability Adaptations (DPDA) Life of Client Framework.

This service was jointly commissioned by Oldham and Tameside Councils, with Oldham acting as the lead commissioner. It provided specialist adaptation equipment to support disabled residents across both boroughs.

The service was funded via the locality's allocation of the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) and enabled individuals to remain safe, independent, and living within their own homes and communities, a key element of the Adult Social Care vision of *supporting people to be independent, healthy, safe and well*.

The Framework had been awarded following a compliant procurement exercise in 2023 and commenced between 1st October 2023 for Lot 2 and Lot 3, and 1st November 2023 for Lot 1. The Framework was established for an initial three-year period with the option to extend for two further periods of 12 months.

The DPDA Framework covered the provision, installation, servicing, maintenance, and removal of specialist equipment including stairlifts, ceiling track hoists, free-standing gantry hoists, step lifts, and through-floor lifts.

Following ongoing contract monitoring and performance review, all providers have delivered services to a satisfactory standard, with no significant performance, quality, contractual, or safeguarding concerns identified. Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council, as a partner authority to the Framework, has confirmed its agreement to utilise the available extension period.

Resolved:
That the Scrutiny Board would consider the commercially sensitive information contained in the report, at Item 22 on the agenda before making a recommendation.

16 **EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM FOR DELIVERY OF ACCOMMODATION BASED SERVICES FOR 12 MONTHS UNTIL 31ST MARCH 2028**

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive, which sought approval for the modification and extension of three Accommodation Based Service contracts for a further 12 months from 1st April 2027 to 31st March 2028, in accordance with Regulation 72 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, pending implementation of the new national supported housing regulatory framework, completion of

the Council's Supported Housing Needs Assessment, and publication of a new Supported Housing Strategy for Oldham.

Resolved:
That the Scrutiny Board would consider the commercially sensitive information contained in the report, at Item 23 on the agenda before making a recommendation.

17 **AWARD OF LEVI CONTRACT - PREFERRED SUPPLIER**

Members of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board scrutinised a report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive, which sought approval for Oldham Council to authorise Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) to award a contract for the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) project to the preferred supplier following a fully compliant procurement process led by TfGM, and for Oldham Council to be a signatory to both the concession contract and the Greater Manchester Authority Agreement, so that the Council can benefit from this contract arrangement.

In addition, the confidential section of the report (item 24), provided clarity on the financial/commercial arrangements associated with current TfGM provided electric vehicle chargers on Oldham Council land and discussed the merits as to whether or not this arrangement should be continued/extended.

Resolved:
That the Scrutiny Board would consider the commercially sensitive information contained in the report, at Item 24 on the agenda before making a recommendation.

18 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Resolved:
That consideration of the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board's Work programme be deferred to the Scrutiny Board's next scheduled meeting on 22nd October 2026.

19 **KEY DECISION DOCUMENT**

The Scrutiny Board considered the Key Decision Document, which recorded key decisions that the authority was due to take, in the coming weeks and months.

Resolved:
That the Key Decision Document be noted.

20 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:
That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting, for the following four items of business, on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

21 **FUTURE DELIVERY MODEL FOR OLDHAM LEISURE SERVICES**

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 14: Future Delivery Model for Oldham Leisure Services.

Resolved:

1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Health and Social Care/Deputy Chief Executive, to:

a. Approve the development of a Council owned organisation as the preferred delivery model in principle for the future delivery of Oldham's Leisure services, following consideration of the options set out in this report.

b. Approve delegation of £300k to pay for the development and implementation of the new model. This work will include progression to full business case and implementation planning, including detailed legal, financial, tax, procurement, HR, governance and transition work.

c. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, Director of Finance, and Director of Legal in consultation with Chief Executive (CEX) and Leader, to proceed with the necessary work to establish the most appropriate Council owned organisation.

d. Delegate authority to the Director of Legal or his nominated representative to undertake all required legal processes.

e. To note that a Council owned organisation presents the strongest option, retaining Council ownership and strategic control, whilst providing greater operational flexibility, commercial capability and opportunity for income generation. It aligns with a popular model across Greater Manchester and wider, and it offers a platform for transformation, innovation and improved performance and outcomes.

f. To note that whilst a Council owned organisation introduces initial set up costs and governance arrangements to be worked through, these are considered manageable through robust business planning, governance arrangements and oversight. On balance, progressing a Council owned organisation to full business case stage provides the strongest opportunity to deliver a sustainable, modern, and integrated leisure offer to benefit the Borough's residents, and the Council's commercial considerations.

2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report**.**

22 **CONTRACT EXTENSION – DOMESTIC PROPERTY DISABILITY ADAPTIONS (DPDA) FRAMEWORK – LIFE OF CLIENT**

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 15: Contract Extension – Domestic

Property Disability Adaptions (DPDA) Framework – Life of Client.

Resolved:

1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Health and Social Care/Deputy Chief Executive, to:
    a. Approve the exercise of the available two-year extension option contained within the Domestic Property Disability Adaptations (DPDA) Framework Agreement.
    b. Approve the continuation of the following contracts:

Lot	Provider	Current Expiry Date	Revised Expiry Date
Lot 1	Handicare Accessibility Limited	31st October 2026	31st October 2028
Lot 2	Hoist and Shower Chair Company Limited	30th September 2026	30th September 2028
Lot 3	Wessex Lift Co Limited	30th September 2026	30th September 2028

2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report**.**

23 **EXTEND THE CONTRACT TERM FOR DELIVERY OF ACCOMMODATION BASED SERVICES FOR 12 MONTHS UNTIL 31ST MARCH 2028**

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 16: Extend the contract term for delivery of Accommodation Based Services for 12 months until 31st March 2028.

Resolved:

1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive, to:

a. Approve the modification and extension of the following Accommodation Based Service contracts for a period of 12 months from 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2028:
    - Lot 1 – Generic Service – Regenda Limited (delivered by Petrus) - £427,055
    - Lot 2 – Young People's Service – Depaul UK - £363,650

b. Lot 3 – Women's Service – Regenda Limited (delivered by Safenet) - £325,694
Approve the use of Regulation 72(1)(b) of the Public

Contracts Regulations 2015 to enable the contract modifications.

c. Delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (Place), following consultation with Legal and Procurement Services, to finalise and execute all necessary contractual documentation, including agreement of any inflationary uplift required to support service delivery during 2027/28.
d. Note that the Council intends to undertake a future commissioning exercise following completion of the Supported Housing Needs Assessment, publication of a Supported Housing Strategy and confirmation of the national supported housing regulatory framework.

2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report**.**

24 **LOCAL ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE (LEVI)**

Consideration was given to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 17: Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI)

Resolved:

1. That the Governance, Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Board, endorses the recommendations detailed in the submitted report of the Executive Director of Place/Deputy Chief Executive, to:
    a. To agree that Transport for Geater Manchester awards the LEVI contract to the preferred supplier.
    b. To agree that Oldham Council be a signatory to the contract and the Greater Manchester Combined Authority Agreement.
    c. To agree to not extend the existing host agreements with Transport for Greater Manchester, for the reasons established in the confidential paragraphs of the submitted report.
2. Requests that the Group Leaders meeting concurs, thereby enabling the Chief Executive to formally approve the recommendations in the report**.**

The meeting started at 6.00pm and ended at 7.10pm.