

Present: Councillor Stretton (Chair)
Councillors Akhtar, Chadderton, Harrison, F Hussain and
Moores

1 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors
Brownridge and Jabbar.

2 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There were no items of urgent business received.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

4 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no public questions received.

5 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on
24th July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

6 **2016/17 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director of
Finance, which provided details of the 2016/17 approved
audited Statement of Accounts and the External Auditor, Grant
Thornton UK LLP, Audit Findings report.

It was reported that the draft 2016/17 Statement of Accounts
was presented to the Audit Committee at its meeting on the 11th
May 2017. The requirement and timeline for the approval of
Local Authorities Statement of Accounts as set out in the
Accounts and Audit Regulations required all Local Authorities to
have a common 30 day public inspection period which included
the first 10 working days in July.

The report highlighted:

- The excellent Audit Findings report with an unqualified
opinion and no material misstatements.
- All audit judgements had a green rating and a very
positive Value for Money (VFM) opinion.
- The overall revenue outturn position for 2016/17, a
surplus of £0.130m before the transfer to earmarked
reserves to support the 2017/18 budget. This was a slight
decrease in the forecast underspend presented in the last
financial monitoring report approved by Cabinet on 20
March 2017. Following the transfer to the 2017/18 Budget
Reserve the net General Fund movement was a
decrease of £3.803m, when comparing the revenue
budget to the outturn.
- The capital outturn position with expenditure of £42.873m
compared to a forecast position of £47.093m.
- The speed of the preparation of the accounts.

- The Cabinet were advised that objections had been received from two local electors and a formal review of the objections must take place and as a consequence the audit cannot be closed until the findings of the review had been reported.

Options/Alternatives considered

No alternatives are presented other than Council notes the final accounts and commends to Council.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The Council's 2016/17 final accounts, the auditor's report and the comments in that report be noted.
2. The report be commended to Full Council.

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TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2016/17

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director of Finance which provided details of the Treasury Management Review 2016/17 and demonstrated full compliance with the requirements of both the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities (the Prudential Code).

It was reported that the report summarised:

- Council's capital expenditure and financing during the year;
- Impact of this activity on the Council's underlying indebtedness (the Capital Financing Requirement);
- Overall treasury position identifying how the Council has borrowed in relation to this indebtedness, and the impact on investment balances;
- Summary of interest rate movements in the year;
- Detailed debt activity; and
- Detailed investment activity
- Reporting of the required prudential and treasury indicators

An amendment was requested to the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 with regard to unspecified investment and this was detailed at Appendix 4 to the report.

Options/Alternatives considered

In order that the Council complied with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Code of Practice the Council had no option other than to consider and approve the contents of the report.

RESOLVED – That:

1. The actual 2016/17 Prudential and Treasury Indicators in the report be approved.
2. The annual treasury management report for 2016/17 be approved.
3. The amendment to the Treasury Management Strategy 2017/18 with regard to unspecified investments as presented at Appendix 4 be approved.
4. The report be commended to Full Council.

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PROCUREMENT OF A NEW BULKY WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Director Environmental Services which sought approval to delegate authority to the relevant Executive Director, to award the new contract for bulky waste collections.

It was reported that standard procurement protocol would be that Cabinet would award the contract however to delegate the contract award to the relevant Executive Director, would enable greater flexibility at the end of the procurement process to facilitate the changeover between contractors and minimise any potential service disruption.

Options/Alternatives considered

Option 1 – That Cabinet take the decision to award the contract, this would have an impact of service transition.

Option 2 – That cabinet delegate the contract award to the relevant Executive Director to enable flexibility within the process.

RESOLVED – The Cabinet would consider the commercially sensitive information at Item 11 before making a decision.

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PROPOSED CLOSURE OF AGMA SECTION 48 GRANTS PROGRAMME

The Cabinet gave consideration to a report of the Executive Director, Health and Wellbeing which sought formal consideration to be given to the closure of the current Association of Greater Manchester Authorities, (AGMA) Section 48 Grants Scheme, with a view to its replacement by a scheme operated by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA).

It was reported that each of the ten AGMA Authorities were being asked to consider approving a consultation on the closure of the current scheme and the developing of a new funding programme under the GMCA.

The current criteria for the scheme was shaped around funding the activities of local not for profit organisations which met three main objectives.

Option 1 – That consideration be given to the closure of the Section 48 AGMA Grants Programme and that a consultation on the closure of the scheme be undertaken by AGMA to inform a final decision on closure at a later date.

Option 2 – That the development of a new funding programme for culture under the GMCA as a potential replacement for the Section 48 scheme is supported.

RESOLVED – That:

1. Initial consideration was given to the case for closure of the Section 48 AGMA Grants programme and authorisation be given on a consultation on closure of the scheme, this was to be undertaken by AGMA to inform a final decision on closure to be taken at a later date.
2. The development of a new funding programme for culture, under the GMCA, as a potential replacement for the Section 48 Scheme be supported.
3. The intention to run the consultation for a new CA programme for culture at the same time as the

consultation on closure of the Section 48 scheme be noted.



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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 items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

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PROCUREMENT OF A NEW BULKY WASTE COLLECTION CONTRACT

The Cabinet gave consideration to the commercially sensitive information in relation to Item 8 – Procurement of a New Bulky Waste Contract.

RESOLVED – That authority be delegated to the Executive Director, Economy, Skills and Neighbourhoods to award the new contract for bulky waste collections following evaluation of the bids as a result of the competitive tender process.

The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 6.08 pm