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**Meeting of:** Council  
**Date:** Wednesday, 16th December, 2020  
**Time:** 6.00 pm.  
**Venue:** Virtual meeting

**This agenda gives notice of items to be considered in private as required by Regulations 5 (4) and (5) of The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.**

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# Agenda Item 5

## Council – 16 December 2020 Amendments to submitted Motions

### Motion 2

#### Conservative Group Amendment to Motion 2

*To be moved by Councillor Sullivan seconded by Councillor Winkler that:*

“This Council notes that in the face of continued uncertainty and disruption this means that sufficient funding and resources are made readily available to the NHS and other care providers to enable the delivery of care packages and programmes that work effectively and which work alongside existing health and social care services, thereby properly responding to people’s urgent mental health needs in these difficult times we are currently facing and in the months and years ahead.

A considerable weight of evidence has been gathered to demonstrate the deleterious impact of Covid-19 on people’s mental health and wellbeing, together with the a huge psychological impact that is brought to bear on those people who are already adversely affected by mental health issues. This also includes children, who may feel particularly vulnerable at this time, and, it should be noted, there is evidence of increasing incidences of children who are self-harming and developing conditions such as severe anxiety and stress – which often require treatment.

According to a recent survey on mental health provision, 98% of people who are currently suffering from a mental health condition have stated that their mental health has deteriorated since the onset of Covid-19. This is putting a huge strain on our already struggling medical and social services.

The Council resolves that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State requesting the government intervene and prioritise the nation’s mental health; that the government take into account the large and increasing numbers of mental health issues are happening during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. The Council requests that the government is made fully aware of the negative impact that these issues are having on people, their families and also the additional strain that is being brought to bear on the National Health Service, especially at this current time when their resources are stretched close to breaking point.

***The Government is aware of the increasing numbers of mental health issues happening during the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the impact that the pandemic has had, and continues to have on people, and their families.***

***Looking ahead, as part of plans for the NHS outlined in the Government’s NHS Long Term Plan, there will be a comprehensive expansion and transformation of mental health services over the next five years with additional funding of £2.3 billion a year by 2023/24. We are pleased to note that over half of this will go to improving community mental health services and services to help people experiencing mental health crises.***

***Therefore, this Council acknowledges the commitment that the Government has made to supporting mental health services and projects during the Coronavirus pandemic and resolves to ask the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State to thank him for the funding which has been made available across our borough, and support the continuation of Government funding in this area.***

***Furthermore, as a Council we acknowledge the vital role played by so many individuals including NHS Volunteer Responders who have been providing care and help to vulnerable people, 'Check-In and Chat' Volunteers who have been providing short-term telephone support to individuals who are at risk of loneliness as a consequence of self-isolation, and Community Response Volunteers who have been collecting shopping, medication and other essential supplies for people who have been self-isolating, and delivering these supplies to their homes; such as the incredible work of the volunteers of the Middleton in Action Together group, and other projects set up specifically to help people during this terrible pandemic."***

#### **Motion 4**

#### **Labour Group Amendment to Motion 4**

*To be moved by Councillor Cocks seconded by Councillor Heakin*

This Council is committed to making our Borough a safer place for everyone.

Council notes:

Public sexual harassment is the most common form of violence against women and girls, restricting their freedom of movement and expression; That in surveys two-thirds of women and girls report they have faced street harassment in the UK;

- That street harassment in the UK is not covered by any specific offence, unlike in Portugal, Belgium and France.
- That stopping street harassment would be a powerful step in tackling inequality and keeping women safe.
- The incredible work of Our Streets Now, and their petition which has attracted over 200,000 signatures to make street harassment a specific crime.
- That according to a report by Our Streets Now, only 14 per cent of pupils have been taught about public sexual harassment at school, and that 47 per cent of them would not report an incident of public sexual harassment to their school because they were afraid or feared they would not be taken seriously by staff.
- **That people also face public sexual harassment because of their Race, Sexuality and Gender Identification.**

Council recognises:

- That we must create an environment where street harassment is seen and policed as a crime, and where girls, **women, BAME and LGBT people** feel safer on our streets.

- That we need to work together with our schools to ensure that anyone who is harassed will feel confident that their report will be treated with the respect, care and seriousness that is required.
- That changing the law, and education for our young people, are key planks in combating street harassment, establishing safer streets, and delivering equality.

Council resolves to:

- Promote the Our Streets Now campaign to make street harassment a crime, and encourage all elected members, and residents to sign the petition.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the Home Secretary to ask her to make street harassment a specific crime.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to the two MPs who cover the Borough, and the Mayor of Greater Manchester / Police and Crime Commissioner, to ask them to show their support for this campaign by signing the petition and by lobbying ministers to make street harassment a specific crime.
- Ask all schools colleges in the Borough to each develop a clear policy on tackling harassment, separate to their bullying policy - **with full council support**
- Ask all local schools to include education around public sexual harassment as part of their PSHE education.
- Ensure that the recommendations of the Our Schools Now report are communicated to schools with a view to integrating their recommendations into their PSHE teaching.
- **Ask the chief executive to publish any responses publicly.**

## Council Questions/Comments – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

QUESTION	QUESTION TO	QUESTION FROM	DIRECTOR
<p><b>Agenda Item 7:</b> <i>2040 Transport Delivery Plan/District Local Implementation Plan</i></p> <p>“At the CRE Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020, I sought clarification of the apparent inconsistencies of the figures for potential new houses in the Rochdale Borough contained respectively in the 2040 Transport Delivery Plan and the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework. I had understood that these apparent inconsistencies would be looked into.</p> <p>The Transport Delivery Plan before us tonight contains exactly the same figures as the plan we scrutinised on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020.</p> <p>Can I be assured that the apparent inconsistencies I have referred to have been properly considered and that the assumptions for the delivery of new houses contained in the Transport Plan remain valid?”</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Councillor Michael Holly</p>	<p>Director of Economy</p>

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<p><b>Agenda Item 7:</b>  <i>2040 Transport Delivery Plan/District Local Implementation Plan</i></p> <p>“Whilst welcoming the strategy to improve walking and cycling safety across our borough, when can members of the public expect to see cycling lanes on our roads that are beyond simply green paint?”</p> <p><b>Agenda item 7:</b>  <i>2040 Transport Delivery Plan/District Local Implementation Plan</i></p> <p>“These documents reference the GMSF on numerous occasions. In light of Stockport voting against the framework and its subsequent removal from this meeting why hasn’t the Transport Plan / LIP been removed”</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Councillor          Andy Kelly</p>	<p>Director of Economy</p>
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# Agenda Item 10

## Council Questions/Comments – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020

<p><b>Agenda item 10:</b> In a modern world where our communities are a melting pot of diverse backgrounds and cultures, and where clear and concise communication is paramount, it is disappointing that previous requests for Portfolios to be simplified and to reflect the service responsibilities within them, have not been taken on board'</p>	<p>Leader of the Council</p>	<p>Councillor Rina Paolucci</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>
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