

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING Tuesday, 25 August 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Brett (Chair); Councillors Daalat Ali, Neil Emmott, Emsley, Iftikhar Ahmed, Blundell, Heakin, Rowbotham and Wardle

OFFICERS: S. Rumbelow (Chief Executive), D. Bowler (Assistant Director - Place), A. Fallon (Director of Public Health), D. Wilcock (Monitoring Officer), J. Murphy (Chief Finance Officer), S. McIvor (Director of Commissioning), N. Rogers (Head of Public Protection), J. Oliver (Programme Delivery Manager), M. Garraway (Committee & Constitutional Services Manager)

31 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 28 July 2020 be approved as a correct record.

32 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

33 GM CLEAN AIR PLAN - STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods setting out progress that has been made on the development of Greater Manchester's Clean Air Plan following the decision that the Greater Manchester Local Authorities will move to a statutory public consultation on the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan as soon as reasonably practicable in light of COVID-19 restrictions, and the link to taxi and private hire common minimum licensing standards. Consideration was also given to the formal governance mechanisms that will underpin the delivery of a Greater Manchester Clean Air Zone and the supporting measures.

Alternatives considered

To not agree to the proposals.

RESOLUTION

1. That the progress of the Greater Manchester Clean Air Plan be noted;
2. That TfGM have confirmation that the funding award for Bus Retrofit should be distributed as soon as possible as per arrangements put in place for the Clean Bus Technology Funds, be noted;
3. That the update on the possible impacts of COVID-19 on the GM Clean Air Plan be noted;
4. That approval be given that Rochdale BC along with the other nine GM local Authorities hold an 8-week public consultation on the GM Clean Air Plan commencing in October 2020;
5. That the GM local Authorities intend to consult on GM's proposed Minimum Licensing Standards, alongside the Clean Air Plan consultation, be noted;

6. That approval be given that TfGM act as the Operating Body for the GM CAZ and supporting measures as set out at paragraph 7.5 of the submitted report;
7. That approval be given that Rochdale BC along with the other nine GM Authorities individually be a 'charging authority' for the purposes of the CAZ, pursuant to the Transport Act 2000;
8. That Cabinet endorse the GM Clean Air Plan Policy for Consultation at Appendix 3;
9. That the Equalities Impact Assessment on the Clean Air Plan, as set out at Appendix 5 be noted;
10. That further reports will be brought forward to set out the formal governance mechanisms that will underpin the delivery of a GM Clean Air Zone (CAZ) and the supporting measures, including the full scope of the suite of powers that will be needed to be delegated to the Operating Body, be noted;
11. That approval be given to a delegation to Director of Neighbourhoods in conjunction with the Cabinet Member of Health and Wellbeing to approve the submission of the cases for measures to the Government's Joint Air Quality Unit to support the GM Clean Air Plan;
12. That approval be given to a delegation to Director of Neighbourhoods in conjunction with the Cabinet Member of Health and Wellbeing to approve the GM Clean Air Plan consultation materials, to include the Equalities Impact Assessment on the consultation; and
13. That response to DfT's Decarbonising Transport – setting the challenge, as set out at Appendix 1, has been submitted to Government, be noted.

Reason for resolution

Progress continues to be made towards developing a Charging Clean Air Zone in Greater Manchester and the next major milestone is the undertaking of a statutory consultation (as soon as reasonably practicable) - these are key Government requirements.

34 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following three items of business, in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.

Reason for resolution

Should the press and public remain during the debate on these three items there may be a disclosure of information that is deemed to be exempt under Parts 1 and 4 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

35 PROPOSED CHANGES TO ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhoods seeking approval for a number of service changes, income opportunities and savings proposals have been identified by Environmental Management.

Alternatives considered

The following options have been considered and discounted.

- To continue to supply all new and replacement wheeled bins free of charge on request with the exception of those purchased by developers.
- For bulky waste charges to return to their original charges.
- To continue with the operation and supply of plants from Bowlee nursery.
- To not set up an A board licencing scheme and for businesses to continue to use their own judgement.

RESOLVED

1. That a charge of £20 per bin for all new and replacement bins is introduced from 1 September 2020 with the exemptions and appeals process as set out within the submitted report. A charge of £15 per bin will be made to landlords to empty any contaminated bins following a change in tenancy. These charges will be updated annually in line with other council fees and charges. The policy will be reviewed after 12 months of implementation.
2. That the bulky waste collection charge will remain at the reduced rate as implemented on 1 May 2020. These will be updated annually in line with other council fees and charges.
3. That consultation with staff and trade unions in regard to the closure of Bowlee Nursery commence.
4. That public consultation on an A board licensing policy be undertaken.

Reason for resolution

There is a requirement for the council to identify savings and potential income streams as well as reducing costs against the current financial backdrop. Some of these changes could be implemented straight away but others will require further consultation.