

CABINET

MINUTES OF MEETING Thursday, 19 November 2020

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

OFFICERS: Steve Rumbelow (Chief Executive), Mark Widdup (Director of Neighbourhoods), Sally McIvor (Director of Commissioning (DASS)), John Searle (Director of Economy), Mark Robinson (Assistant Director Economy - Planning & Development), Paul Moore (Head of Planning), Julie Murphy (Chief Finance Officer), Jennifer Francis (Neighbourhoods Directorate) and Alison James (Resources Directorate)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Dearnley

60 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Iftikhar Ahmed.

61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

62 URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

63 2040 TRANSPORT DELIVERY PLAN/DISTRICT LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Economy which advised that alongside work to prepare a refreshed Greater Manchester Strategy (GMS) and the next version of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF), Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) has been working with the GMCA, the ten Greater Manchester councils and the Greater Manchester Mayor to prepare new, and updated, transport strategy documents that cover our entire city-region.

This work includes a refreshed version of our long-term, statutory local transport plan - the Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 - and a final version of Our Five-Year Delivery Plan (2020-2025) which sets out the practical actions planned to deliver the Strategy over the next 5 years. In addition, ten new Local Implementation Plans have also been prepared (one for each Greater Manchester council) setting out transport priorities and smaller interventions to achieve these ambitions at a local level.

In considering the submitted report, Cabinet were advised that the Communities, Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee had requested that a number of matters be looked at including roundabouts in Middleton and Metrolink access to the Borough and had recommended that these and any other minor amendments be delegated to

the Director of Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Quality of Place.

Alternatives considered:

The 2040 Transport Strategy and Delivery Plans, alongside the GMSF, will help articulate to residents and Government how we will deliver sustainable economic growth. It will also identify transport improvements which will need to take place to support those strategic growth locations. Together, these documents offer an integrated approach to transport and land use planning, by identifying the strategic transport interventions required to deliver the scale of growth set out in the GMSF.

At a local level, it is also hoped that the LIP will enable us to better articulate the transport and minor interventions that need to be delivered or developed in the short term, to support the likes of our Growth Plan, Rail Corridor Strategy and Town Centre plans as well as Right-Mix and Carbon Reduction targets. It will also be helpful when it comes to setting out a programme of priority local transport and minor works interventions for the next five years, and will help to provide a basis against which future local transport and minor works funding is allocated for local delivery, as well as support bids for other non GM funding.

To not approve these documents could result in the loss of significant future external funding opportunities for the Borough.

Resolved:

1. That Council be recommended:
 - a) to endorse the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040 and the final version of Our Five-Year Delivery Plan for approval by the Greater Manchester Combined Authority;
 - b) to approve the publication of the supporting Local Implementation Plan as an appendix to Our Five-Year Delivery Plan, acknowledging that these are “live” documents and will be subject to regular review and update as appropriate;
 - c) to delegate authority to the Director of Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Quality of Place to enable minor amendments prior to submission to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

Reason for the decision:

To provide details of the content and publication arrangements for the refreshed Greater Manchester Transport Strategy 2040, Our Five Year Delivery Plan (2020-2025) and Local Implementation Plan. The report considers these documents alongside other planned strategic activities.

64 GREATER MANCHESTER SPATIAL FRAMEWORK

Cabinet considered the report of the Director of Economy which advised that The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF) is a joint Development Plan Document. Following consultation on the two previous drafts in 2016 and 2019, Greater Manchester's Plan for Homes, Jobs and the Environment (the GMSF) has now progressed to the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020 (GMSF 2020).

The GMSF 2020 publication version of the plan is the version that each of the Greater Manchester districts believe should be submitted to the Government for Examination.

This report sets out background information that gives an overview of what the GMSF 2020 is and why it is being produced. It gives an overview of what the GMSF 2020 is planning for across Greater Manchester and highlights the key proposals for housing, employment and infrastructure in Rochdale and the justification for the approach taken. It also describes the key benefits that the GMSF 2020 will bring to Rochdale and examines the implications of Covid-19 and the recently released Planning White Paper before setting out when and how consultation on the GMSF 2020 will take place.

Member approval was sought to make the GMSF 2020 available for comment over an 8-week period and submit the GMSF 2020 for examination to the secretary of state as per the detailed recommendations below.

In considering the submitted report, Cabinet were advised of an amended recommendation in relation to the commencement of the proposed consultation period, following a recent decision of Stockport Council.

Alternatives considered:

Preparing our own up to date local plan but this would make addressing strategic cross boundary issues more difficult and would exclude Rochdale from this GM plan for strategic growth.

Resolved:

1. That Council be recommended to:
 - a) approve the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020, including strategic site allocations and green belt boundary amendments, and reference to the potential use of compulsory purchase powers to assist with site assembly, 2.2 and the supporting background documents, for publication pursuant to Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 for a period of representations starting on a date to be agreed by the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for A Thriving Economy;
 - b) approve the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020 for submission to the Secretary of State for examination following the period for representations;

- c) Delegate to the Director of Economy authority to approve the relevant Statement of Common Ground(s) required pursuant to the National Planning Policy Framework 2019;
- d) Delegate authority to the Lead Chief Executive, Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure, in consultation with the Portfolio Leader for Housing, Homelessness and Infrastructure to make minor or non-material amendments to the GMSF: Publication Draft 2020 and background documents prior to their publication.

Reasons for the decision:

The GMSF 2020 is a statutory plan and requires approvals from Cabinet and Full Council for the requisite stage.