

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

11th March 2021

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Rhind (Chairman), Councillor Mulgrew (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Heath, Pegg, Richards and Shepherd.

Conservative Group

Councillors Atkin, Churchill, Corbin and Mrs. Haines.

Independent Group

Councillors Dawson and Roberts

In Attendance

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Taylor and Mrs. Wheelton.

HCS/81 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee were informed there were no apologies.

HCS/82 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no Declaration of Interest had been received from Members of the Committee.

HCS/83 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

HCS/84 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/85 **CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance presented the report to the Committee outlining the ratings for each of the measures for the service area.

The Communities Manager provided detailed information regarding the number of calls to the Police in connection to Anti-Social Behaviour that were related to Covid-19 breaches.

The Head of Housing addressed Members regarding the rating for the average time to re-let Council Homes during the first lockdown and the statement of income losses that would be presented to the next Finance and Management Committee.

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance advised Members of a new risk for Leisure Centres due to the impact of Covid-19 and the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) advised that South Derbyshire District Council had been working collaboratively with Active Nation and that a national recovery fund had been made available Leisure Centres which could offset the risk.

Members supported the report and noted the additional information provided by Officers.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 *The Committee considered progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.*

1.2 *The Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.*

HCS/86 **CONTRIBUTION TO ACTIVE DERBYSHIRE**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report and advised Members that the contributions sought to improve the participation and activity levels in sport across the County.

Members welcomed the report that encouraged people throughout the District to become more active and maintain good health.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 *The Committee approved a financial contribution to Active Derbyshire for 2021-22 of £12,191 for the delivery of outcomes set out in a Service Level Agreement with the Council.*

1.2 *The Committee agreed that delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director, Service Delivery, in consultation with the Chairman of the Committee to sign any separate agreements necessary to ensure the delivery of the projects set out in the Service Level Agreement.*

HCS/87 **SAFER STREETS FUNDING – SWADLINCOTE CENTRE**

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had given his permission for the report to be removed from the agenda.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) explained that the Council had been informed that part of the bid pertaining to the employment of staff in the town centre would not be eligible for funding and therefore the bid would be revised and submitted under the Scheme of Delegation.

HCS/88 **HOUSING CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY**

The Head of Housing Services presented the report and action plan to the Committee and informed Members that there had been a few changes to the policy following consultation, but it ensured that it met the requirements of the housing regulator.

Members expressed a desire for access to the information collected by the Community Engagement Officers.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 The Committee approved the Housing Customer Engagement Strategy Action Plan as per Appendix A of the report

1.2 The Committee approved the publication of the Housing Ombudsman Code of Practice for Complaints self-assessment as per Appendix C of the report.

HCS/89 **HOUSING INCOME MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The Head of Housing Services confirmed that the consultation process had been completed with customers and stakeholders, but due to the pandemic face to face options had not been possible and a poor response had been returned.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 The Committee approved the Housing Income Management Policy first presented to the Committee on 19 November 2020.

1.2 The Committee agreed that the Policy be implemented with effect from 1 April 2021.

HCS/90 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee Work Programme was presented to Members by the Strategic Director (Service Delivery).

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/91 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

RESOLVED:-

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 18:55 hours.

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIRMAN