

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

05 October 2023

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor R Pearson (Chair), Councillor L Singh (Vice-Chair) and Councillors S Harrison, G Rhind, M Mulgrew, B Stuart, S Taylor and A Tilley (substituting for Councillor N Tilley).

Conservative Group

Councillors D Corbin, M Fitzpatrick, M Ford and S Meghani.

Liberal Democrats

Councillor G Andrew.

In Attendance

Councillor N Atkin
Councillor A Wheelton.

FM/42 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor N Tilley (Labour Group).

FM/43 **TO RECEIVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

The Open Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2023, were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

FM/44 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of personal interest had been received.

FM/45 **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.

FM/46 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

FM/47 **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

The Committee was informed that no reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been received.

FM/48 **BUDGET SETTING APPROACH 2024-25**

The Head of Finance presented the report to the Committee highlighting the approach for the coming financial year and the key principles set out at section 3.6 of the report.

Members welcomed the report and the clarity of the new approach.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted the budget setting approach within the report and Members were to provide feedback accordingly to the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources).

FM/49 **DEVOLUTION RETROFIT FUNDING**

The Chief Executive presented the report on behalf of the Head of Housing and noted that the offer of funding had not been expected and that it would be used to provide the best standards of decarbonisation in five properties in the District.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved that the Council accept a Grant offer of £583,500 from Midlands Net Zero Hub to fund low carbon retrofit measures to be installed at social and private housing across South Derbyshire on the terms of the Grant Agreement, attached to the report as Appendix A.

1.2 The Committee granted delegated authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of the Finance and Management Committee to negotiate changes to and revisions of the programme, milestones and Grant Agreement.

FM/50 **MEMBER ICT PROTOCOL**

The Head of Business Change and ICT presented the report to the Committee and summarised the proposed changes in the Members ICT Protocol. which included an opportunity for Members to request a mobile device. The Committee was informed that the protocol had been reviewed by a cross party working group.

Councillor Harrison thanked officers and Members of the working group for addressing key issues such as security and GDPR.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee reviewed the refreshed member ICT protocol and recommended the document to Full Council for approval.

FM/51 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report and informed Members that the Work Programme would be updated to include the Annual Accounts for 2020-21.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

FM/52 **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 THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

The Exempt Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee held on the 16 March 2023 were received.

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

SHARPE'S POTTERY HERITAGE AND ARTS TRUST

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

WRITE-OFF: COUNCIL TAX BUSINESS RATES BENEFIT OVERPAYMENT

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

LONG TERM LEASE OF SHARDLOW ALLOTMENTS TO SHARDLOW AND GREAT WILNE PARISH COUNCIL

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

REGRADE OF POST – PROJECT OFFICER ENVIRONMENT (HO132)

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 18:55 hours.

COUNCILLOR R PEARSON

CHAIR