

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

24th January 2011

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Councillor Murray (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bladen, Grant, Lemmon, Stanton and Wheeler.

Labour Group

Councillors Richards, Southerd, Taylor and Wilkins.

Independent/Non-Grouped Member

Councillor Pabla.

In Attendance

Councillors Atkin and Mrs. Farrington (Conservative Group).

Consultees

Mrs. J. Smith (South Derbyshire CVS) and Mrs. J. Spencer (South Derbyshire CAB).

APOLOGY

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Mrs. Coyle (Conservative Group).

MATTER DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

FM/68. **BUDGET REPORT 2011/2012 INCORPORATING THE CONSOLIDATED BUDGET PROPOSALS AND FINANCIAL PLAN TO 2016**

Under Minute No. FM/64 of 13th January 2011, the Finance and Management Committee had considered this item. A copy of the report had been provided to consultees ahead of the Meeting. The report detailed the Council's overall financial position for the 2011/12 budget round. Essentially, it built on the financial plan and strategy approved in October 2010 and covered the following points:-

- The Council's provisional financial settlement for 2011/12 and 2012/13 with estimated on-going implications for 2013/14 and beyond.
- The Council's current spending and proposed base budget position for 2011/12.
- The General Fund's 5-year financial projection including proposed spending by policy committees and associated analysis to 2015/16, which formed the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

- The proposed council tax base for 2011/12 and collection fund position, 2010/11.
- A review and update of the existing capital investment programme and financing available.
- Outline proposals for meeting the shortfall in overall government grant from 2011/12 and the projected budget deficit.

Jo Smith addressed the Meeting, thanking the Council for maintaining grant levels to the voluntary sector. With regard to the National Non-Domestic Rates, it was noted that the Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) did not presently receive 100% rate relief. She was advised to contact Officers within the Revenue Section to ensure that the CVS and all other voluntary organisations were receiving the correct amount of rate relief. Reference was also made to the Government initiative for bringing empty properties back into use. An offer was made by the CVS to support the Council in making the best use of such empty properties. The representatives were thanked for their involvement in the budget process.

RESOLVED:-

That the feedback from consultees be noted.

FM/69. **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.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT REVIEW AND RESTRUCTURING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE (Paragraph 1)

The Committee approved proposals for a Senior Management review and restructure of the Community Services Directorate.

J. HARRISON

CHAIRMAN