

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

30th August 2012

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Hewlett (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Ford, Harrison, Plenderleith (substitute for Councillor Murray) and Watson (substitute for Councillor Smith).

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Frost (Substitute for Mrs.Heath), Mulgrew, Rhind, Shepherd and Stuart.

HCS/16. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Murray and Smith (Conservative Group) and Mrs. Heath (Labour Group).

HCS/17. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 14th June 2012, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/18. **CORPORATE PLAN 2009/14: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT**
(1ST APRIL – 30TH JUNE 2012)

A report was submitted detailing achievements for the period 1st April to 30th June 2012, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/14. The Corporate Plan consisted of 4 main themes or priorities, of which this committee was responsible for the delivery of two outcomes within the Safe and Secure theme, and two outcomes within the Lifestyle Choices theme. Tables were provided within the report which summarised progress against targets, and also tasks that had not been completed.

An update was provided on measure SM02, the delivery of new affordable homes per year to 2009/14.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009 -14, progress and achievements during the period 1st April to 30th June 2012, be noted.

(2) That, where performance has failed to achieve the specified target, the response be noted.

HCS/19. ETWALL LIVE AT HOME SCHEME IN PARTNERSHIP WITH METHODIST HOMES FOR THE AGED

A report was submitted which informed members of the proposed partnership with Methodist Homes for the Aged (MHA), allowing them use of the facilities at Peartree Court, Etwall on a lease basis at an agreed rent. MHA was a major provider of not for profit care homes, housing and support services for older people. Locally they were established in the Derby City area and operated a successful support scheme in Mickleover. The organisation had been approached by community leaders, including the Rotary Club, to provide a similar scheme in the Etwall area. It was anticipated that between 70-100 older people could benefit from the community based scheme proposed for Etwall.

Details were provided on MHA, and it was reported that for a small fee of around £5 per week, MHA would provide support, both over the phone and in person, collection of grocery shopping, transport and a weekly lunch club.

It was proposed that MHA would employ a worker for 20 hours per week to run the Etwall scheme, and the District Council had been approached regarding the use of office space in Peartree Court, Etwall. MHA also wished to operate a weekly luncheon club for around 25 people. The office space would be used as a base for the MHA worker to store files and make contact with local residents. The proposed office space was located near to the entrance of Peartree Court which would reduce disruption to residents.

Residents of Peartree Court had been consulted regarding the proposal and voted in favour of supporting the scheme and the luncheon club

Financial implications were also reported, as planning permission was required, at a cost of £335, to convert the use of the building, and business rates were likely to apply. However, as this was a charity it would be reduced by 80%. There would also be some minor alterations required to the proposed space. All of these costs and the legal fees of £350.00, to set up the agreement would be re-charged to MHA, and the use of the community room would be charged at £10 per weekly session. The rental charge had been assessed by the Council's Corporate Asset Manager to be £1000 per annum, inclusive of service charges. The relationship and the use of facilities would be reviewed with MHA at regular intervals. The lease would have a break clause inserted that would allow either party to terminate the agreement with 3 months notice.

RESOLVED:-

That the partnership with Methodist Homes for the Aged and the use of new office space at the Council's older persons residential scheme at Pear Tree Court, Etwall, be approved.

HCS/20. CASTLE HILL, FINDERN - PARKING PETITION

Members were informed of the receipt of a petition relating to parking on Castle Hill, Findern, in accordance with the petition protocol.

RESOLVED:-

That the petition relating to Castle Hill, Findern, be noted.

HCS/21. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and review its content where appropriate.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

HCS/22. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (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.

PROPERTY PURCHASE IN NEWHALL (Paragraph 1)

It was recommended that the housing revenue account funds the purchase of the property in Newhall.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN