

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1st September 2011

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

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

**Labour Group**

Councillors Dunn, Mrs. Heath, Rhind, Richards and Shepherd.

**In attendance**

Councillor Wheeler (Conservative Group).

**APOLOGIES**

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

HCS/13. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th June 2011, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/14. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ford and Murray declared personal interests in Minute No. HCS/18 (Supported Housing Services) as Members of Derbyshire County Council. Councillor Wheeler declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. HCS/22 (Land at Newhall), as he was an acquaintance of the family involved in the sale of the land.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

HCS/15. **CORPORATE PLAN 2009 – 14: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1ST APRIL – 30TH JUNE 2011)**

A report was submitted detailing achievements for the quarter ending 30th June 2011, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009–14. The Corporate Plan consisted of four main themes or priorities, of which this Committee was responsible for the delivery of two outcomes within the 'Safe and Secure' and 'Lifestyle' choices themes. A table was provided which summarised the progress against key projects and also those that had not been completed, with remedial action summarised.

A further table provided a summary of performance against targets for the current quarter, along with quarterly targets that had not been met and where the projected annual target might be at risk of failure.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the Council's achievements and progress for the quarter ending 30th June 2011 be noted.***
- (2) That where performance has failed to reach the specified target, the response be noted.***

HCS/16. **ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee held on 11th October and 20th December 2010 be received and noted.***

HCS/17. **STENSON FIELDS TREE PETITION**

A report was submitted which advised Members that a petition with 33 signatures had been submitted to the Council in line with the Petition Protocol. Full details of the petition were given, and it was confirmed that a review of this matter was being undertaken by the Open Space and Facilities Development Manager.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That, in accordance with the Petition Protocol, receipt of the petition be noted.***

HCS/18. **SUPPORTED HOUSING SERVICES**

A report was submitted which updated Members on the implementation of the Supported Housing Services review, and advised Members how Derbyshire County Council intended to procure Supporting People funded contracts in the future.

A review of the Supported Housing Service was undertaken during 2010/11, the purpose of which was to identify ways in which the Sheltered Housing Service could be revised and broadened to become tenure neutral, to provide a person centred (rather than property based) service and to bring it in line with current national and county thinking on older people's services.

The current Supporting People funded contracts, which related to all aspects of the supporting people elements of the older persons' services, expired on 31st December 2011, and it was the County Council's intention that new contracts be in place from 1st January 2012. The two contracts that affected the District Council were the Peripatetic Warden and the Control Room contracts. Further details were provided on both of these services.

It was intended to consider forming a consortium with two other local authorities (Chesterfield and Bolsover). Preliminary discussions had been held, and the idea had also been discussed with representatives from the County Council. The three local authorities had produced a proposal for suitably qualified consultants to assist with the considerable work involved in setting up this formal partnership. Four consultants were interviewed and approval was now sought for the District Council to commit to this project supplying a third share of the costs, up to £10,000.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That implementation of the Supported Housing Services Review be noted.***
- (2) That Derbyshire County Council's intention, with regards to the tendering of Supported People funded contracts, be noted.***
- (3) That work completed to date on the tendering process for the Call Monitoring contract be noted.***
- (4) That spend of £10k, on consultancy services to further progress work on the tendering of the Call Monitoring contract, be approved.***

(Councillors Ford and Murray declared personal interests in this item as Members of Derbyshire County Council).

HCS/19. **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/20. **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.***

**MINUTES**

***The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th June 2011 were received.***

**LAND AT NEWHALL (Paragraph 3)**

***Approval was granted for the freehold disposal for the land detailed in the report and the acquisition of a drainage easement.***

**ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (Paragraphs 1 and 3)**

***The Exempt Minutes of the Meetings of the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee held on 11th October and 20th December 2010 were noted.***

**REORGANISATION OF THE OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE (Paragraph 1)**

***Proposals for the restructure of the Operations Directorate were approved.***

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN