

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

16 March 2023

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Pearson (Chair), Councillor Rhind (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Tilley, Richards, Southerd and Taylor.

Conservative Group

Councillors Dawson, Ford, Lemmon, Patten (substitute for Councillor Fitzpatrick), Smith and Watson.

Non-Grouped

Councillor Churchill.

In Attendance

Councillor Wheelton

FM/130 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Fitzpatrick (Conservative Group).

FM/131 **TO RECEIVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

The Open Minutes of the Audit Sub-Committee meetings held on 16 March 2022, 22 June 2022, 7 September 2022 and 7 December 2022 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

FM/132 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor Taylor and Councillor Smith regarding item FM/142 by virtue of being Parish Councillors.

FM/133 **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/134 **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/135 **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

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

FM/136 **CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2022-2023)
QUARTER 3 – (1 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER)**

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance presented the report to the Committee highlighting the key aims of the plan and eleven corporate measures for this Committee all of which were on track. There were no changes to the status of the risks within the register, but a new risk had been included for the audit of the Council's accounts in quarter three. There were no changes to the Chief Executive's risk register.

RESOLVED:

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

FM/137 **REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING 2022-23**

The Head of Finance presented the updated report to the Committee noting that the overall deficit was down for the year end and that the outturn was consistent with quarter two. It was noted that the underspend on Revenues and Benefits would change due to increased audit fees over the next three years.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee considered and approved the latest revenue financial position for 2022/23 as detailed in the report.***
- 1.2 The Committee considered and approved the updated Medium Term Financial Plan.***

FM/138 **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING
2022-23**

The Head of Finance addressed the Committee and confirmed that there were no updates to the financial plan adding that quarters two and three were consistent and that there were no changes to the outturn position. The £400,000 overspend was due to planned maintenance contracts, an impact on reserves for 2026-27 and a loss in budgeted rent.

Members looked forward to seeing the number of void properties reduce and noted that some properties were being reinspected for asbestos content in the floor tiles. The Strategic Director (Corporate Services) confirmed that there was an up-to-date Risk Register for asbestos.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee considered and approved the latest revenue financial position for 2022/23 as detailed in the report.***

FM/139 **COLLECTION FUND 2022-23**

The Head of Finance presented the report to the Committee confirming that the position with the fund was unchanged since last quarter.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee considered and approved the latest Collection Fund position as detailed in the report.***

FM/140 **CAPITAL FINANCIAL MONITORING**

The Head of Finance presented the report to the Committee highlighting that there were no updates from the previous quarter, but noted that Section 106 funding should be considered.

Councillor Smith sought assurance that the Gulley Cleaner purchased was fit for purpose. The Head of Operational Services and the Head of Finance would clarify and report back. Councillor Churchill asked if capital allowances would be used to purchase used equipment to which the Head of Finance confirmed this would be appropriate.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee considered and approved the latest capital financial position for 2022/23 as detailed in the report.***
- 1.2 *The Committee noted the balance of Section 106 Agreement funding available for use by the Council for capital projects as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.***

FM/141 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2022-23**

The Head of Finance presented the report to the Committee highlighting no changes although the CCLA fund bid price dropped this was a long-term investment with a good return in interest.

Councillor Churchill asked if any of the Council's investments would be exposed to the current financial crises. The Head of Finance confirmed that all the Council's investments were safe. Councillor Smith requested a notification for the benefit of residents regarding the Council's investments. The Chair confirmed that a statement would be prepared to respond to any enquiries received from the public.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee considered and approved the latest Treasury Management Update for quarter 3 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.***
- 1.2 *The Committee approved the updated Counterparty List for investments and bank deposits as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.***

FM/142 CONCURRENT FUNCTION – UNSPENT ALLOCATIONS

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee and noted that twelve of 31 Parishes in South Derbyshire had underspent their allocations.

Members discussed options for providing advice and guidance to Parish Councils and Clerks on how to spend their allocations and to encourage the use of Section 106 funding. Members suggested using the annual meeting for Parish Councils, Derbyshire Association of Local Councils and the Area Forums as means of communicating help and assistance. Members agreed to review a report of all unspent funding at a later Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee considered the proposals from Parish Councils to utilise unspent allocations of Concurrent Functions relating to previous years as detailed in the report.***
- 1.2 *The Committee noted that any payments approved in 1.1 above, be dependent upon evidence of expenditure incurred.***
- 1.3 *The Committee agreed that future allocations paid to Parishes be subject to a review in 2023/24.***

FM/143 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

FM/144 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.

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

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

SUNDRY DEBTOR WRITE OFFS

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE UPDATE

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

LEISURE MANAGEMENT CONTRACT PROCUREMENT

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

LONG TERM LEASE TO ROSLISTON, SEALES AND LINTON SCOUT GROUP

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

COMMUNITIES TEAM SERVICE ASSISTANT

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES STRUCTURE

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

MECHANIC SALARY AND FLEET MAINTENANCE

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT RELATING TO CONSERVATION ADVICE

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 18:55 hours

COUNCILLOR R PEARSON

CHAIR