

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

6th February 2014

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Hewlett (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale (substitute for Councillor Smith) Harrison, Roberts (substitute for Councillor Ford), and Wheeler (substitute for Councillor Murray).

Labour Group

Councillors Frost, Mrs. Heath, Mulgrew, Rhind, Shepherd and Stuart (substitute for Councillor Richards).

In attendance

Councillors Atkin, Mrs Plenderleith (Conservative) and Dunn (Labour).

HCS/31. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Ford, Mrs. Hood, Murray and Smith (Conservative Group) and Councillor Richards (Labour Group).

HCS/32. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th November 2013, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/33. **PRESENTATION OF SPORTS AWARDS**

A presentation was delivered on Derbyshire Sport, and details were provided on the South Derbyshire ICON Athletes. In addition, it was confirmed that the following were honoured with 2013 Sports Awards;

- The Cooper Parry Club of the Year Award Winner – Hilton Harriers.
- The Origination Junior Disabled Sports person of the Year Award Winner – Lewis White.
- The Matrix Fitness Performance Coach of the Year Award Winner – Andi Manley.
- The Community Sports Trust Active Workplace Award Winner – South Derbyshire District Council

HCS/34. **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERING PROJECT**

A report was submitted which updated Members on a project which aimed to provide a link between businesses and other groups wishing to volunteer for 1 day on a community environmental project. Terms of reference had been prepared through consultation with South Derbyshire Environmental Forum, voluntary groups and local businesses.

Project templates and a charging policy had been prepared in order to make sure the project was cost neutral to South Derbyshire District Council.

RESOLVED:-

That the continued development of the Environmental Volunteer project be supported and promoted by Members, and advice and guidance be provided where appropriate.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/35. **PUBLIC HEALTH LOCALITY PLAN FOR SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

It was reported that the District Council along with other public, voluntary and community sector organisations were being consulted on the development of a new Public Health Locality Plan for South Derbyshire, and a draft plan document was distributed.

RESOLVED:-

The proposals of the draft Public Health Locality Plan for South Derbyshire were considered, and any comments be forwarded in written form to Public Health Locality Lead at Derbyshire County Council.

HCS/36. **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET 2014/15**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services submitted a report which detailed the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) base budget for 2014/15, together with an updated financial forecast to 2024. The report also set out details of the proposed rent increase and options for 2013/14 under the Government's National Rent Setting Policy.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That an average rent increase of 5.5% (£4.16 per week) for tenanted properties be approved for 2014/15.***
- (2) That the average rent increase be adjusted for individual tenants in accordance with the Rent Restructuring Formula.***
- (3) That the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2014/15 for the Housing Revenue Account be referred to Finance and Management Committee for approval.***
- (4) That the updated financial projection, including the associated assumptions and analysis for the Housing Revenue Account to 2024 be approved.***

HCS/37. **PROGRESS REPORT; FIVE YEAR IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES FOR COUNCIL HOUSING (APRIL 2012 – MARCH 2017)**

A report was provided which detailed the anticipated progress of the improvement programme for council housing, to the end of the second year (March 2014), and the remainder of the five year programme, to March 2017.

Members were also informed of programmes that had been subject to minor changes following more detailed surveys and analysis, or unforeseen works that had occurred since the original committee report. Overall, the five year programme was currently projected to come in under budget.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That Members approve this progress report during year two (2013/14) of the five year programme, the scheduling amendments as detailed in the report and the budgetary amendment at 1.2.***
- (2) That the unforeseen decent homes allocation be increased for 2014/15 to £121,000 for the reason detailed in the report.***

HCS/38. **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/39. **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.

LAND AT LINTON (Paragraph 3)

Members approved the termination of a lease.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN