

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

7th January 2020

PRESENT:

Conservative Group

Councillor Roberts (Chairman) Councillor Pegg (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Churchill, Ford (substituting for Cllr Corbin), Fitzpatrick (substituting for Cllr Dr Perry), Mrs. Haines, MacPherson (substituting for Councillor Atkin) and Mrs Wheelton

Labour Group

Councillors Mrs Heath, Mulgrew, Rhind, Richards, and Shepherd

HCS/62 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Atkin and Corbin, Dr Perry

HCS/63 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that Councillor Shepherd declared a Personal Interest in Item HCS/67 by virtue of being a Trustee of a body that receives funding from South Derbyshire District Council.

HCS/64 **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.

HCS/65 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

HCS/66 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/67 **SERVICE BASE BUDGETS 2020/21**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee noting that the report detailed the Committee's proposed base budget for 2020/21. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) informed the Committee that the report set out proposals for the level of fees and charges under the responsibility of the Committee for 2020/21.

The Committee considered the report and supported the officer's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That the proposed income and expenditure revenue budget for this Committee's services for 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report were agreed and recommended to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.***
- 1.2 That the proposed fees and charges as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report for 2020/21 were approved.***
- 1.3 Consideration was given to the level of increases in Grants to Voluntary Bodies in 2020/21, noting that 2% was included in the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan.***
- 1.4 The Committee approved to increase the proposed fee for Sunday/Bank Holiday funeral for a child between 12 months and 16 years (in addition to the grant of right) from £369 in 2019/2020 to £405 in 2020/2021.***

HCS/68 **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET, FINANCIAL PLAN AND PROPOSED RENT 2020/21**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee noting that the report detailed the updated 10-year financial projection for the Housing Revenue Account following a review during the annual budget round. The Committee was informed how the report set out details of the proposed rent level for 2020/21 in accordance with directions within the conclusion of the Rents for Social Housing from 2020 consultation.

The Committee considered the report and supported the officer's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved that Council House Rents be increased by CPI plus 1% for Tenants with effect from 1st April 2020 in accordance with the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 and after conclusion of the Rents for Social Housing from 2020 consultation.***
- 1.2 The Committee considered the proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2020/21, together with the 10-year Financial Plan for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and agreed to refer to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.***
- 1.3 The Committee approved that the Housing Revenue Account be kept under review and measures identified to mitigate the financial risks detailed in the report and to maintain a sustainable financial position.***

HCS/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.

HCS/70 **TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 6:25 pm.

COUNCILLOR A ROBERTS

CHAIRMAN