

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

22nd August 2019

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

Councillors Mrs. Heath, Rhind, Richards, Singh (substituting for Councillor Shepherd) and Taylor (substituting for Councillor Mulgrew).

HCS/18 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Corbin, Mrs Haines (Conservative Group), Mulgrew and Shepherd (Labour Group).

HCS/19 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 6th June 2019 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

HCS/21 **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/22 **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/23 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/24 **CORPORATE PLAN 2016-21 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Head of Housing presented the report to the Committee, highlighting the progress for the first quarter of the financial year. Achievements included the re-letting of properties and the decrease in anti-social behaviour in Swadlincote.

Councillor Singh sought clarification on the figures for the types of sheltered housing owned; the Head of Housing responded that this information would be distributed to the Committee by email. The Councillor welcomed the response.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee considered progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan.

The Committee reviewed the Risk Register and Action Plan for the Committee's services.

HCS/25 **EUREKA PARK PROJECT - HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND FINAL REPORT**

The Cultural Services Manager presented the report to the Committee, covering key points including capital investment, activities, the number of volunteers and the level of attendance at events. It was reported that projects to improve the park and car parking had been achieved and that a final element of the project involving a mining installation of two sculptures and two artefacts celebrating the mining heritage of the Park remained to be completed.

Councillor Ford welcomed the mining installation as a celebration of mining and the associated heritage and proposed that a Working Panel of Elected Members be set up to assist with the project. The proposal was carried by the Committee.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee noted the contents of the final report to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) following completion of the five-year project to renovate Eureka Park, celebrate its heritage and engage the local community.

The Committee approved the concept behind the installation of mining related sculptures and artefacts at Eureka Park as a further and final element of the project.

The Committee approved a Working Panel of Elected Members be set up to assist with the project.

HCS/26 **HOUSING INVESTMENT PROGRAMME**

The Head of Housing presented the report to the Committee providing detail on the major works and planned maintenance programmes for 2019/20. The Committee were informed of progress in assessing the current status of Council homes in terms of their energy efficiency and environmental impact. Members were advised that software to assist in this process was being sought.

Councillor Churchill raised comment regarding the complexity of building materials options suggesting whether other councils could be approached for a data set that we could use. The Head of Housing Services responded that this would be explored further and noted that Housing Team were already in discussion with other providers, namely Nottingham City/ City homes, as they are considered the regional leaders in this area.

Councillor Mrs Heath raised a question regarding the day-to-day electrical work and when will the backlog be completed. The Head of Housing Services advised that of the 400 outstanding jobs these had been allocated between NOVUS and the DLO with the exception of electrical works which are solely with NOVUS due to there being no in-house electrician service.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee noted the contents of the programme of work for 2019/20

HCS/27 **EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER FOR SWADLINCOTE TOWN CENTRE**

The Communities Manager presented the report requesting Committee's approval to accept the recommendation to extend the existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for a further three year period. Committee were informed that since it came into force in September 2016, the PSPO had been used on 50 occasions. The Committee were informed that in compliance with the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act, PSPO's have a maximum duration of three years, at which time it must be reviewed. Members were advised that consultation had taken place with Derbyshire Constabulary, who is in full support of extended the Town Centre PSPO for a further three-year period and that in addition to this responses received from the public consultation, had resulted in full support of the extension of the PSPO.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee accepted the recommendation to extend the existing Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Swadlincote Town Centre for a further three year period.

HCS/28 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/29 **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th June 2019 were received.

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.

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE ACTIVE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP – ACTIVE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP ACTIVATOR POST

Members approved the recommendations in the report.

EXTENSION OF CONTRACT – PARKLIFE OFFICER

Members approved the recommendations in the report.

The Meeting terminated at 6.40pm.

COUNCILLOR A ROBERTS

CHAIRMAN