

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

28th April 2016

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Harrison (Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Coe (substituting for Councillor Mrs Plenderleith), Mrs Coyle, Mrs Hall (substituting for Councillor Smith), Hewlett, MacPherson, Watson and Wheeler.

Labour Group

Councillors Rhind, Richards, Southerd and Wilkins.

In attendance

Councillor Atkin (Conservative Group).

FM/129 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs Plenderleith and Smith (Conservative Group).

FM/130 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th March 2016 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

FM/131 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

FM/132 **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/133 **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/134 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no reports of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

FM/135 **DEBT MANAGEMENT AND CREDIT CONTROL POLICY**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:-

Members approved the Debt Management and Credit Control Policy.

FM/136 **CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK**

The Chief Executive confirmed that this mechanism was now operational, following an extended Corporate Management Team meeting held the previous day. The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee, highlighting the benefits of the revised, enhanced methods of capturing and reporting the Council's performance.

Councillor MacPherson queried whether the information would be made available on a wider scale. The Chief Executive confirmed that the aim of the new framework was to develop a more comprehensive, open culture across the Council. Councillor Mrs Coyle commended the new framework, stating that individuals at all levels would now know their targets and drew particular attention to the 'Success' page which she felt would be very useful for Councillors. The Chairman paid tribute to the Members who had assisted officers with its implementation, in particular Councillor Mrs Coyle.

RESOLVED:

Members considered and approved the Performance Management Framework, setting out how the Council records progress against the key aims of the Corporate Plan.

FM/137 **OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITY STRATEGY**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services delivered the report to Committee.

The Chairman praised the report, commenting that the information it provided was vital given the challenges being posed by developers. Councillor Wheeler referred to it being a welcome development, assisting officers with Section 106 applications, faced with ever more professional developers. Councillor Atkin queried whether it was a one-off sum that approval was being sought for. The Director confirmed that it was, to create a 'Site Development Fund'.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the allocation of £30,000 reserved Planning Services income for a 'Site Development Fund'.

FM/138 **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 17th March 2016 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.

ICT STRATEGY AND WORK PLAN 2013 TO 2016 (Paragraph 3)

The Committee approved the recommendations made in the Report.

RESTRUCTURING THE DIRECT SERVICES OPERATION; UPDATE TO A PREVIOUS REPORT (Paragraph 3)

The Committee approved the recommendations made in the Report.

The meeting terminated at 6.45pm.

COUNCILLOR J HARRISON

CHAIRMAN