

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

14th June 2017

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Hewlett (Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Coyle, Grant, Mrs Hall (substituting for Councillor Smith), MacPherson and Muller

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Rhind, Shepherd and Taylor

In attendance

Councillor Atkin (Conservative Group)

HCS/1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Coe, Smith, Mrs Wyatt (Conservative Group) and Councillor Richards (Labour Group).

HCS/2 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 20th April 2017 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

HCS/4 **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/5 **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/6 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/7 **CORPORATE PLAN 2016-21: PERFORMANCE REPORT (1 JAN – 31 MAR 2017)**

The Director of Community and Planning Services presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:-

Members noted progress against performance targets.

HCS/8 **SERVICE PLANS 2017/18**

The Director of Community and Planning Services and the Housing Performance and Policy Manager presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Dunn queried the collection rate figure and what constituted affordable housing. The Housing Operations Manager provided clarification in relation to the former matter and the Chairman provided a detailed definition in relation to the latter. The Performance and Policy Manager undertook to circulate affordable housing information to Members. Members also queried whether affordable housing status just applied to new homes and how the new flexible working arrangements were progressing, both issues addressed by the Performance and Policy Manager.

RESOLVED:-

Members approved the Service Plans for Community and Planning Services and Housing and Environmental Services as the basis for service delivery over the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

HCS/9 **PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, SPORT AND RECREATION STRATEGY ADOPTION**

The Sport and Health Partnership Manager presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Atkin referenced the point made about physical inactivity being most prevalent amongst women and girls, but had noted an increase in women jogging and queried how this information was gathered. The Sport and Health Partnership Manager explained the various sources of information and the focus on encouraging female and family participation.

Councillor MacPherson queried the promotion of such activities and public areas / rights of way. The Director of Community and Planning Services confirmed current promotional activity and examples of other options being considered, along with potential funding.

Councillor Taylor commented on the distinct variances between certain area profiles and questioned the knowledge of why this occurred and how it was

being addressed. The Director referred to the campaign undertaken on the Goseley estate that had improved knowledge of the particular issues and would influence how funding was targeted.

Councillor Billings noted the emphasis on education and marketing, but queried how the leisure centre resources would meet the increased demand. The Director acknowledged that the opportunity for growing the leisure facilities was limited, hence the emphasis on use of the local environment. It was added that some local groups were also looking to enhance their facilities at a local level, with funding where available.

RESOLVED:-

Members approved the adoption of the South Derbyshire Physical Activity, Sport and Recreation Strategy.

HCS/10 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:-

Members considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/11 **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 20th April 2017 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.

HOMELESS SERVICE REVIEW (Paragraph 3)

Members approved the recommendations in the report.

HOUSING SERVICES – A WAY FORWARD (Paragraph 4)

Members approved the recommendations in the report.

The Meeting terminated at 8.00pm.

COUNCILLOR J HEWLETT

CHAIRMAN