

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

30th September 2021

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Rhind (Chair) and Councillor Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Pegg, Richards and Shepherd.

Conservative Group

Councillor, Churchill, Ford, Haines, Redfern (substitute for Councillor Ackroyd), Smith and Watson (substitute for Councillor Corbin).

Independent Group

Councillors Angliss (substitute for Councillor Dawson) and Roberts.

In Attendance

Councillor Wheelton (Non-Grouped)

HCS/30 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors Ackroyd and Corbin (Conservative Group) and Councillor Dawson (Independent Group).

HCS/31 **TO RECEIVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 5th January 2021, 28th January 2021, 11th March 2021 and 20th April 2021 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

HCS/32 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee noted that Councillor Pegg declared a personal interest in item HCS/34 by virtue of being a Ward Councillor for Linton.

HCS/33 **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/34 **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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/34 COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS GRANT SCHEME

The Communities Manager presented the report to the Committee, highlighting the four projects recommended to receive grants and noted that Melbourne Arts application had not been agreed due to concern regarding the security of tenure due to the building being privately owned. New proposed arrangements for the panel were outlined.

Cllr Watson addressed the Committee regarding the disappointment of the outcome of the Melbourne Arts application.

Members welcomed the proposed new meeting arrangements of the panel which was envisaged to speed up the evaluation and approvals process.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee accepted the recommendations of the Community and Environmental Partnership Scheme Assessment Panel, to award grants as detailed in section 4 of the report.

HCS/35 DECARBONISATION OF THE COUNCIL'S HOUSING STOCK

The Head of Housing summarised the report for the Committee and outlined the works recommended for the Council dwellings and sought approval for the recommendations within the report.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) explained that housing carbon efficiency challenge formed part of the Climate and Environmental Plan that had been approved by Environmental and Development Committee earlier in the year.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 The Committee agreed that the outcome of a project which the Council commissioned Nottingham City Council to undertake to assess the energy performance of the Council's housing stock informs future reviews of the Council's Asset Management Strategy and will be reflected within future programmes for investment in the improvement of the Council's Housing Stock.

1.2 The Committee endorsed the Council bidding for funding of £1million from "Wave 1" of the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Grant fund informed by the Nottingham City report findings and in the event the bid was successful agreed to the Council contributing the required landlord contribution of 33% of the total cost of improvements that would be delivered by the scheme (approximately £500,000).

- 1.3 The Committee agreed that the financial implications of submitting the bid be referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.**

HCS/36 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee Work Programme was presented to Members by the Strategic Director (Service Delivery).

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/37 **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 Meetings held on 28th January 2021, 11th March 2021 and 20th April 2021 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.

CARBON-ZERO BUNGALOW

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

GREEN HOMES GRANT – LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY PHASE 3 - HOMES UPGRADE GRANT

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The Meeting terminated at 18:35 hours.

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR