

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

21st October 2021

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Pearson (Chair), Councillor Tilley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Mulgrew (substitute for Councillor Richards), Rhind, Singh, Southerd and Taylor.

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Bridgen, Redfern, Smith (substitute for Councillor Lemmon) and Watson.

Independent Group

Councillor Fitzpatrick.

FM/76 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Richards (Labour Group) and Councillor Lemmon (Conservative Group)

FM/77 **TO RECEIVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

The Open Minutes of meetings held on 8th October 2020 and 26th November 2020 were noted and approved as true record and signed by the Chair.

The Audit Sub-Committee Open Minutes held on 29th July 2020, 16th September 2020, 9th December 2020 and 24th March 2021 were received and approved.

FM/78 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

FM/79 **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/80 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

FM/81 **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee was informed that no reports of Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

FM/82 **DEVELOPING AND CONSULTING ON REVISED LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2022 – 2023: PROPOSED MODELS**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee which set out the proposals for consultation following the approval the by the Committee of a report in August 2021. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) outlined the two proposed models, the main changes that they would bring and who would be affected by the changes and explained how the cost of the scheme would be covered by the Collection Fund which would reduce the surplus. The Committee was informed that the statutory 12 week consultation period would be carried out online and via open days .and that an interim report would be brought back to the Committee in January 2022.

Members supported the report that would give certainty to lower income families but sort clarity regarding the 20% of claimants that would be affected negatively.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) confirmed that those who with higher earnings but were in the benefits system may be considered for Hardship Fund assistance.

It was noted that Councillor Fitzpatrick requested that the Hardship Fund was kept easy to apply for.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved the proposal to consult on two draft Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) options this autumn/winter. The two options were detailed within the document and at Appendix 1 of the report.***
- 1.2 The Committee approved the consultation plan and consultation document as detailed in Appendices 5 and 6 of the report.***
- 1.3 The Committee approved the updated timeline for the consultation and development of the proposed revised LCTRS as detailed at section 4.31 of the report.***

FM/83 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

FM/84 **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.

TO RECEIVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

The Exempt Minutes of the Meetings held on 8th October 2020 and 26th November 2020 were received.

TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

The Committee was informed no questions had been received.

FUTURE SERVICE DELIVERY AND EMPLOYMENT MODELS

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

CUSTOMER SERVICES PROVISION AT THE CIVIC OFFICES: TRIAL UPDATE

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

LAND AT SANDHOLES

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:40 hours.

COUNCILLOR PEARSON
CHAIR