

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

17 AUGUST 2023

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor G Rhind (Chair) and Councillor M Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors A Archer, A Haynes, J Jackson, D Shepherd, B Stuart (substituting for Councillor D Pegg) S Taylor (substituting for Councillor S Harrison) and A Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors M Fitzpatrick, K Haines (substituting for Councillor D Corbin) and J Lowe.

Liberal Democrats

Councillor G Andrew (substituting for Councillor J Davies).

In attendance

Councillor A Wheelton

HCS/13 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors S Harrison D Pegg (Labour Group), Councillor D Corbin (Conservative Group) and Councillor J Davies (Liberal Democrats).

HCS/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee noted that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

HCS/15 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10

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

HCS/16 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER 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/17 CORPORATE PLAN PERFORMANCE 2023-24: (2023-2024 QUARTER 1 – 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the quarterly report and updated the Committee regarding the relevant indicators, noting that the average housing relet indicator was still of concern.

Councillor A Tilley sought clarity regarding council house relets.

The Head of Housing informed the Committee that during the previous 8 weeks the number of properties relet equated to 3 months work and that the backlog of properties was almost complete. It was noted that there were 80 properties empty and of those 30 were ready to be relet. The Head of Housing noted that progress and improvements made with the two Contractors had been very positive.

Members raised concerns regarding voids.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) acknowledged that there were issues with voids and that the additional resources required would take time to put into place.

Councillor Fitzpatrick noted how hard the Housing team had worked and that it was recognised the issue was with the Contractors.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020-2024.

1.2 The Risk Register for the Committee's services were reviewed.

HCS/18 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)

The Chairman may therefore move:

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.

ANY EXEMPT QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

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

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND HEALTH STAFFING 2023

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

PARK ROAD ACQUISITIONS

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

CARELINE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

NOVUS RATES

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:20 hours

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR

