

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

18th October 2017

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Swann (Chairman), Councillor Billings (Vice-Chairman) and Councillor Mrs Patten

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick and Mrs Stuart

OS/19 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Atkin and Mrs Coe (Conservative Group) and Councillor Dr Pearson (Labour Group)

OS/20 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st June 2017 and 6th September 2017 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

In relation to Minute No. OS/3, Councillor Bambrick wished for it to be noted that he is a Trustee of the Old Post Centre.

OS/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee were informed that no declarations of interest from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/22 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee were informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/23 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

OS/24 UPDATE ON BURTON HOSPITALS AND DERBY TEACHING HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST COLLABORATION

A verbal presentation was delivered by the Chief Executive of Derby Teaching Hospitals and the Director of Strategy Burton Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust updating Members that the Boards of both Trusts had approved the Outline Business Case to deliver a partnership forming one single organisation. The benefits to both organisations, engagement of stakeholders including patients, and the importance of sustainability were explained in detail to the Committee. The process and timescale for implementation was outlined and the importance of sustaining services in both Burton and Derby were emphasised.

Councillor Mrs Patten queried whether members of hospital staff were supportive of the partnership and whether this had attracted more employees to the organisation. The Chief Executive and Director responded that consultations had shown engagement in the process and that by forming a larger single organisation, the opportunities for specialisation would be increased and potentially attract future employees.

Some Members raised concerns about communication within a large organisation. The Chief Executive and Director addressed these concerns and provided examples of departments at both hospitals that already work well together.

The Chairman thanked both representatives and sought clarification on how progress would be reported once the merger is complete. Members were advised that the completion of a Benefits Realisation Plan and communication with stakeholders would assist in monitoring the success of the merger.

RESOLVED:-

Members noted the presentation.

OS/25 REVIEW OF BULKY HOUSEHOLD WASTE COLLECTIONS, SATURDAY MORNING REFUSE FREIGHTER SERVICE AND COMMERCIAL WASTE COLLECTION

The Interim Strategic Director made a request that the above report be presented in conjunction with Agenda Items 8 and 9 as detailed in the minutes below, which was acceptable to the Committee.

The reports were presented highlighting the impact of growth in South Derbyshire on service provision. In order to address issues raised, the Director suggested that visiting another local authority could provide an opportunity to observe how they address similar issues. This suggestion was welcomed by

the Committee and the Director was tasked with making the appropriate arrangements.

In relation to Appendix D of the report, Councillor Mrs Patten requested information on whether there had been an increase in incidents dealt with by the clean team. Councillor Bambrick added that provision of historical statistics would assist in assessing the service use. The Director offered to circulate the requested figures after the Meeting. Members welcomed this and commended the work of the clean team.

Councillor Mrs Stuart sought clarification on the process of dealing with council tenants who repeatedly litter outside their property. The Direct Services Manager advised that such incidents involving council tenants need to be reported to the Environmental Health team who would work in conjunction with the Housing department to resolve the matter. Persistent offenders could face enforcement action. The Chairman highlighted the importance in raising awareness of such issues on a wider scale.

Making reference to fly-tipping, Councillor Billings emphasised the importance on publicising cases of successful prosecution so that it raised awareness and acted as a deterrent. In relation to grounds maintenance services, Councillor Billings sought clarification on the use of resources and whether a more strategic approach was required in order to address the growth of the District. The Director advised that the matter was being addressed.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee noted and discussed the information contained in the report and advised Officers of any areas they wished to be referred to relevant Committees for consideration.

OS/26 **REVIEW OF STREET SCENE SERVICES**

The Interim Strategic Director presented this report as detailed above at Minute No. OS/25.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee noted and discussed the information contained in the report and advised Officers of any areas they wished to be referred to relevant Committees for consideration.

OS/27 **REVIEW OF THE USE OF STRIMMING AS PART OF THE GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES**

The Interim Strategic Director presented this report as detailed above at Minute No. OS/25.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee noted and discussed the information contained in the report and advised Officers of any areas they wished to be referred to relevant Committees for consideration.

OS/28 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18**

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

OS/29 **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 would be 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.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

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

The Meeting terminated at 7.25pm.

COUNCILLOR SWANN

CHAIRMAN