

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

27th November 2014

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillors Hewlett (Chairman), Smith (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Ford, Harrison, Murray

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Frost, Mulgrew, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd

In attendance

Councillors Atkin and Mr Eric Lummis (Tenants Forum).

HCS/39 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lemmon substituted by Councillor Wheeler. Councillor Mrs. Hood substituted by Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith

HCS/40 **Minutes**

The Committee considered the open minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2014.

RESOLVED:-

To approve as a true record the open minutes of the meeting held on 9th October.

HCS/41 **Declarations of Interest**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

HCS/42 **Questions raised by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 10**

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

HCS/43 **Questions raised by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

HCS/44 **Reports of Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted..

HCS/45 **Housing Revenue Account Business Plan**

A question was raised in relation to the report to the number of people on the housing waiting list.

Bob Ledger explained that in the summer of 2014 the Council wrote to all then registered and the 1,000 families replied represent the genuine need for housing.

Also raised was what if the Council went to Phase 3 on a New Build programme how much it would approximately cost for a 50 house development.

Bob Ledger replied stating that the plan allows for £107-108k as an average including land but a 50 unit development should be able to achieve better economy of scale.

On the Overseal and Coton Park developments the costs are down to £95k to £100k per unit. The fees for Planning and Architect fees are approx. 8-10%.

RESOLVED:-

Members approve, and recommend approval to the Finance and Management Committee of, the updated and refreshed Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Business Plan attached at appendix 1.

HCS/46 **Corporate Plan 2009-15: Performance Management Report (1st July – 30 September 2014)**

Bob Ledger raised awareness of 4 indicators not on target

3.3 SP 03:- This was due to a scheduling issue and the marketing strategy should be launched before end of the financial year.

LP 04:- The Green Flag status at Maurice Park was not retained. Several things were highlighted by Inspectors which would need work for us to be able to achieve Green Flag status next year. These were, the need for a Friends of Park Group, Tired Equipment and maintenance issues. There is a working group looking into these and ways to improve the park.

LM 05:- The Dance in the Forest event was a success but numbers down. Dance workshop provider had withdrawn classes.

SM 10:- The target is expected to be hit for the year.

Councillor Atkin raised a point in relation to the tables on pages 79 & 83 LM 05 & SM16 that they were red – failed, but were presented in the colour green.

Bob Ledger apologised and said that this was an error and they should be red.

RESOLVED:-

That progress against performance targets is considered and approved.

HCS/47 **Work Programme**

Members of the Committee received a report from the Director of Community & Planning Services and Director of Housing & Environmental Services setting out the updated work programme.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considers and approves the updated work programme.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED:-

HCS/48 ***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 Items

HCS/49 **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 elected members had been received.

HCS/50 **Exempt Minutes**

The Committee considered the exempt minutes of the meeting held on the 9th October.

RESOLVED:-

To approve as a true record the exempt minutes of the meeting held on the 9th October 2014.

Cllr Hewlett

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 6.35p.m.