

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

13<sup>th</sup> June 2013

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Hewlett (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Ford, Harrison, Mrs. Hood, Murray and Smith.

**Labour Group**

Councillors Chahal, (substitute for Councillor Mrs. Heath), Frost, Mulgrew, Rhind, Richards and Shepherd.

**In attendance**

Councillors Atkin (Conservative Group) and Dunn (Labour Group).

HCS/75. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2013 were taken as read, approved as a true record, and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/76. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Harrison declared a personal interest in Minute Number HCS/80, as he was Chairman of the Melbourne Sporting Partnership. Councillors Ford, Richards and Shepherd declared a pecuniary interest in Minute Number HCS/88, as Members of the Planning Committee.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

HCS/77. **ACTIVE NATION ANNUAL PRESENTATION**

This item was withdrawn.

HCS/78. **CORPORATE PLAN 2009-14: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT YEAR END REPORT 2012/13**

A report was submitted which detailed the achievements and out-turn performance at year end, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009 - 2014. Full details were provided in appendices attached to the report, and included progress against Corporate Plan Key Projects and Corporate Plan Performance Measures.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the achievements and out-turn performance at year-end, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009-14, be noted.***
- (2) That where progress has failed to achieve the specified target, the response be noted.***

**HCS/79. SERVICE PLANS 2013/14**

Presentations were provided on Services Plans for both Housing and Environmental Services and Community and Planning Services. Service plans were a key part of the Council's Performance Management Framework, and were an important link between high level plans and strategies.

Each service plan contained sections on;

- Overview of the Service
- Service Performance
- Key National, Regional and Local Strategies
- Partnerships
- Consultation and Communication
- Services Review/Transformation Programme
- Managing Risks
- Action Plans.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That Service Plans for Community and Planning Services and Housing and Environmental Services, be approved as the basis for service delivery over the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014.***

**HCS/80. MELBOURNE LEISURE FACILITIES**

At a meeting of Housing and Community Services Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Members noted the intention to award a 5 year lease for the management of the Melbourne Assembly Rooms to the Melbourne Community Centre Group, now the Melbourne Assembly Rooms Limited (MARL), and the approval for the continued support of the group to enable them to take on the long term management of the centre as a vibrant community facility. It was also the intention to continue to support the Melbourne Sporting Partnership (MSP) with the submission of funding bids and a planning application, and to approve the submission of the Cockshut Lane Playing Field to the Queen Elisabeth II Playing Fields Scheme.

The report provided an update on these projects, and sought to gain approval for the developments which were the result of significant progress on funding acquisition and project development.

The Chairman requested that the Committee's thanks were passed on to Officers for accessing funding, and progressing these projects.

**RESOLVED:-**

***(1) That Finance and Management Committee be recommended to award a 30 year lease to Melbourne Assembly Rooms Limited for the management of the now named Melbourne Assembly Rooms.***

- (2) That, as accountable body for the Melbourne Sporting Partnership, the offer of a £600,000 grant from the Football Foundation be accepted.**
- (3) That the appointment of a project manager to deliver the procurement and build phases of the project, be approved.**

#### HCS/81. **ALLOCATIONS POLICY AMENDMENTS**

A report was submitted which sought approval of the draft amendments to the South Derbyshire Home Finder allocations policy, following a full review. The changes incorporated amendments to allocations legislation contained within the Localism Act 2011. In addition, it was requested that approval be given to open wider consultation with current applicants on the Housing Register and other stakeholders.

Members approved the proposed changes to the South Derbyshire Allocations Policy, but requested that further wording was included to make it explicit in the bidding process that, in making a bid, the applicant was affirming his/her intention to accept the property if offered.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That proposed changes to the South Derbyshire Homefinder Allocations Policy, ahead of a 4 week consultation programme, be approved in principle.**
- (2) That, if no material changes are proposed following the consultation process, as assessed by the Director of Housing and Environmental Services in consultation with the Chairman of Housing and Community Services Committee, the amended policy be adopted and implemented immediately. Material proposals to be the subject of a further Committee report.**
- (3) That it is made explicit in the bidding process, that in making a bid, the applicant is affirming his/her intention to accept the property if offered.**

#### HCS/82. **PROGRESS REPORT: FIVE YEAR MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMMES FOR COUNCIL HOUSING 2012-2017**

Members were provided with an update on progress made in the first full year of the approved 5 year maintenance and improvement programme. Progress reports would be provided half yearly and at the end of each financial year, to include updates on approved changes to the original programme. In addition, Members were informed of any programmes that had been subject to minor changes, following more detailed surveys and analysis, or unforeseen works that had occurred since the original report.

It was also requested that in future reports, a gant chart be provided to assist in the analysis of the report.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) *That the outturn for the first year 2012/2013, of the approved five year maintenance and improvements programme for 2012/17 be noted.*
- (2) *That the progression to year two, 2013/14, of the five year maintenance and improvement programme with amendments as detailed in the report be approved.*

**HCS/83. NEW PRICING STRUCTURE FOR CARELINE AND HOUSING RELATED SUPPORT SERVICES TO PRIVATE CUSTOMERS**

A report was submitted which sought approval for the proposed expansion of the menu of options and pricing structure changes for private customers of Careline and Supported Housing Services. Full details were provided in a report, and it was confirmed that the new levels of service would be actively marketed to the private sector.

**RESOLVED:-**

*That the proposed menu of options and pricing structure for private customers of Careline and Supported Housing Services, be approved.*

**HCS/84. CARELINE SERVICES – CONSORTIUM PROPOSAL**

A report was submitted which provided an update on the progress of the consortium project to provide Careline services across Derbyshire. The report also advised of the latest timescales and the basic form of the delivery model proposed.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) *That the creation of two separate companies in a consortium arrangement to deliver Careline services county wide from April 2014, be approved in principle.*
- (2) *That a further progress and decision report be brought back to this Committee in November 2013.*

**HCS/85. WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and review its content where appropriate.

**RESOLVED:-**

*That the updated work programme be approved.*

HCS/86. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (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.*

**LAND AT MELBOURNE**

Members approved disposal of land at Melbourne as detailed in the report.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN