

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

01 June 2023

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor G Rhind (Chair) and Councillor M Mulgrew (Vice-Chair)
and

Councillors A Archer, S Harrison, A Haynes, J Jackson, V Redfern
(substituting for Councillor Shepherd) and A Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors M Ford, K Haines (substituting for Councillor D Corbin)
and A Kirke.

In attendance

Councillor N Atkin

Councillor A Wheelton

HCS/01 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors D Pegg and D Shepherd (Labour Group) and Councillor D Corbin (Conservative Group).

HCS/02 **OPEN MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 05 January 2023 and 02 February were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

HCS/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

HCS/04 **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/05 **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/06 **CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (202202023 QUARTER 4 – 1 APRIL TO 31 MARCH)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the quarterly report and the Risk Register to the Committee outlining the seven measures for this Committee of which five were on track. Section 4.5 of the report provided the details of the two measures not on track this quarter.

Members noted the successes highlighted in the report and requested and updated on Careline and sought more detail about several void properties and requested a viewing of the sites.

The Head of Housing clarified that there was substantial work required at the void properties and noted that since January there had been an improvement in progress and properties were being returned within 21-25 days. It was agreed that the Head of Housing would arrange a site visit to some of the void properties. The Head of Housing confirmed that the warden and call-out service, Careline, was operated by Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council and on a joint basis and that South Derbyshire District Council would be conducting a separate review of the service which would be presented to Committee in due course.

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/07 **COUNCIL ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY REVIEW**

The Head of Cultural and Community Services addressed the Committee and presented the report that outlined how the Council dealt with different types of anti-social behaviour. The Head of Cultural and Community Services noted the cross team working in the Council and that the policy included changes due to legislation.

Members welcomed the report and sought clarity on the implementation of the policy.

The Head of Cultural and Community Services confirmed how a Community Safety Officer and allocated funding for specific initiatives would bring about improvements referred to in the policy.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved the Corporate Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Policy.

HCS/08 **PARKS AND GREEN SPACES SERVICE STANDARDS POLICY REVIEW**

The Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report informing the Committee how the policy had undergone a title change and included legislative and other changes such as inclusion of the Forestry Centre, Tree Policy and the Environment Education Team.

Members raised queries regarding trees covered by the policy and the employment position of a Tree Officer.

The Head of Cultural and Community Services confirmed that only trees on South Derbyshire District Council land were covered by the policy and that there would be a separate policy for Tree Management which was not covered in the policy. The Committee was informed that Council employed a Tree Officer on a part time basis with a new officer currently being trained and that the structure of the Tree Officers was to be reviewed.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee agreed and approved the Parks and Green Spaces Service Standards Policy.

HCS/09 **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/10 **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.

EXEMPT MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 02 February 2023 were received.

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.

The meeting terminated at 18:40 hours

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR