

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

2nd February 2017

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Hewlett (Chairman), Councillor Smith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Coe, Mrs Coyle, Grant, Mrs Hall (substituting for Councillor Swann), Muller and Mrs Wyatt

Labour Group

Councillors Rhind, Shepherd (substituting for Councillor Richards), Mrs Stuart and Taylor

In attendance

Councillors Atkin, Mrs Coe, Murray and Swann (Conservative Group)

HCS/73 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richards (Labour Group).

HCS/74 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th November 2016 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/75 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Billings declared an interest in Item 12 Housing Revenue Account Budget, Financial Plan and proposed Rent 2017/18 by virtue of being a Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, opting to leave the Chamber whilst that item was debated.

HCS/76 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

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

HCS/77 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

HCS/78 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**HCS/79 PRESENTATION OF ICON ATHLETES – SOUTH DERBYSHIRE TALENTED ATHLETES**

Hannah Peate, Sport & Health Partnership Manager, Laura Winter, Community Sport Activation Officer, along with Margaret Blount and Matt Halfpenny of Derbyshire Sport, introduced the South Derbyshire ICON Athletes:

<i>Hope Collard</i>	12	<i>Taekwondo</i>
<i>Gareth Griffiths</i>	17	<i>Hockey</i>
<i>Jessica Lear</i>	13	<i>Taekwondo</i>
<i>Matthew Lear</i>	16	<i>Taekwondo</i>
<i>Ross Orme</i>	18	<i>Canoeing</i>
<i>Katie Reilly</i>	11	<i>Badminton</i>
<i>Lewis Richardson</i>	15	<i>Taekwondo</i>
<i>Liam Richardson</i>	17	<i>Taekwondo</i>
<i>Lewis White</i>	16	<i>Swimming</i>
<i>Caitlin Williams</i>	13	<i>Gymnastics</i>

The Members commended the athletes on their achievements to date and the Chairman thanked them for attending the Meeting.

Councillor Murray left the Meeting at 6.20pm.

HCS/80 HOUSEMARK CORE BENCHMARKING REPORT 2015/16

The Director of Community and Planning Services presented the report to Committee.

The Chairman commended the results detailed in the report and the work undertaken by the Housing staff in achieving them.

RESOLVED:-

Members noted the findings of the recent Housemark report into performance across Housing Services for 2015/16.

HCS/81 DERBYSHIRE SAFE PLACE SCHEME AND BREASTFEEDING WELCOME HERE AWARD SIGN UP

The Health Partnership Manager presented the report to Committee.

Members queried how interested organisations / businesses access the schemes and welcomed the Council's involvement.

RESOLVED:-

Members approved South Derbyshire District Council to sign up to both the Derbyshire Safe Place scheme and South Derbyshire's Breastfeeding Welcome Here Award Scheme.

HCS/82 **ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE – VISION STATEMENT 2016-26**

The Rosliston Forestry Centre Project Officer presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Taylor commended the report's contents regarding this valuable asset, recognising both the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead. The Councillor queried the proposed timetable and Member involvement in decision-making. The Director of Community and Planning outlined the role of the Executive in this process, Member representation on the Executive and confirmed that a further report would be submitted to a future Committee.

RESOLVED:-

Members adopted the Rosliston Forestry Centre Vision 2016-2026 to enable the next stage of the change process of management of the Rosliston Forestry Centre in 2018, to be taken forward.

HCS/83 **GRESLEY OLD HALL – COMMUNITY HUB**

The Director of Community and Planning Services presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Rhind praised the initiative regarding Gresley Old Hall and the positive impact it will have on the area, providing a blueprint for use elsewhere in the District.

RESOLVED:-

Members approved the Council's involvement in the Gresley Old Hall Community Project and supported the application to the 'Communities Fund'.

Councillors Billings and Mrs Coe left the Meeting at 6.45pm.

HCS/84 **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET, FINANCIAL PLAN and PROPOSED RENT 2017/18**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Rhind commented that whilst the Authority is obliged to be self-financing, it remains subject to Government policies that, whilst out of the Authority's control, can impact on its HRA.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 That Council House Rents be reduced by 1% for Tenants with effect from 1st April 2017 in accordance with provisions contained in the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016.

1.2 That the proposed estimates of income and expenditure for 2017/18, together with the 10-year Financial Plan for the Housing Revenue Account as detailed in Appendix 1, were considered and referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.

1.3 That the HRA is kept under review and measures identified to mitigate the financial risks detailed in the report and to maintain a sustainable financial position.

HCS/85 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:-

Members considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/86 **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 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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th November 2016 were received.

TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 6.55pm

COUNCILLOR J HEWLETT

CHAIRMAN