

## HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

25 April 2023

**OPEN**

### **PRESENT:**

#### **Labour Group**

Councillor Rhind (Chair) and Councillor M. Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Dunn, Heath Richards and Shepherd.

#### **Conservative Group**

Councillors Corbin, Dawson, Ford (Substitute for Cllr Smith), Lemmon

#### **In attendance**

Councillor Wheelton

### HCS/92 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors Patten, Smith and Redfern (Conservative Group) and Councillor Roberts (Independent Group).

### HCS/93 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee noted that Councillor Ford Declared a Personal Interest in HCS/100 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

### HCS/94 **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/95 **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/96 **COUNCIL HOUSE LETTINGS AND VOID PROPERTIES**

The Head of Housing presented the report to the Committee noting the revised action dates regarding the Overview and Scrutiny

recommendations The Committee was informed that the Housing Contractor would batch properties by street or area to enable work to be carried out more efficiently.

Councillor Lemmon welcomed the improvements welcomed, the new contractor and noted the importance of the weekly meetings with Novus.

**RESOLVED:**

***1.1 The Committee noted the progress towards the targets and improvement plan agreed in the Report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 04 January 2023.***

***1.2 The Committee approved the revised dates in the Improvement Plan and that the performance at the end of Quarter 1, 2023/24 was to be included in the Corporate Performance report.***

HCS/97 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented to report to the Committee, noting that Committee dates and additional reports would be added the to Work Programme and reported at the next meeting.

**RESOLVED:**

***1.1 That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.***

HCS/98 **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.***

**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.***

**BETTER CARE FUNDING ALLOCATION – FINANCIAL POSITION**

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.***

The meeting terminated at 18:20hours

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR