

## HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

### DRAFT NOTES

18 August 2022

**OPEN**

#### **PRESENT:**

##### **Labour Group**

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

##### **Conservative Group**

Councillors Ackroyd, Dawson, Ford, Lemmon, Patten and Redfern

##### **Independent Group**

Councillor Roberts

##### **In attendance**

Councillor Smith and Councillor Wheelton

#### HCS/15 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Redfern (Conservative Group).

#### HCS/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that Councillors Ford and Patten had personal interests by virtue of being County Councillors.

#### HCS/17 **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/18 **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/19 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2022-2023 QUARTER 1 – (1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE))**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) introduced the report to the Committee and outlined the indicators that related to the Committee highlighting the community groups, spend management and housing measures that were not on target. It was further noted that no additional risks had been added.

The Head of Housing addressed the Committee regarding hard to let properties and issues that impacted on reletting vacant properties. The Committee was informed that it took an average of 144 days to relet a property and the main issues was the electrical checking process for which a new protocol had recently been introduced. It was further noted that following comments received from Audit regarding the issuing of certificates to enable properties to be let a new software system had been introduced and staff training undertaken.

Members raised queries regarding the letting of bungalows, the impact of the cost of living crisis and hard to let properties.

The Head of Housing informed the Committee that there was very little demand for 1 bedroom bungalows and that the greatest demand was 2 bedroom properties. It was further noted that there was expected to be an increased demand from private tenants but the Council does support these residents and offer advice regarding their rights as a private tenant in the first instance. The Head of Housing clarified that hard to let properties included lower floor 1 bedroom flats, that were reserved for people over the age of 60 and that a reclassification of properties would be required.

**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 approved.***

**HCS/20 FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS AN ACTIVE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP PE & SCHOOL SPORT APPRENTICE THROUGH AMBER VALLEY SCHOOL SPORT PARTNERSHIP (AVSSP)**

The Head of Cultural and Community Services delivered the report to the Committee outlining the main benefits of the role and the arrangements covered by the Service Level Agreement.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 The Committee approved a financial contribution set out in section 4 of the report, towards funding a PE and School Sport Apprentice post to be employed directly by the Amber Valley School Sports Partnership (AVSSP).**
- 1.2 The Committee approved the recruitment of further PE and School Sport Apprentices through any appropriate partner moving forwards subject to service demand**

**HCS/21 COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIPS GRANT SCHEME**

The Community Partnership Officer presented the report to the Committee and sought approval for the grants to be awarded as recommended within the report.

**RESOLVED:**

***The Committee accepted the recommendations of the Community and Environmental Partnership Grant Scheme Assessment Panel, to award a grant as detailed in section 4 of the report.***

**HCS/22 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented to report to the Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

***The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.***

**HCS/23 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 18:35 hours

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR