

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

29 September 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Rhind (Chair) and Councillor M. Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Heath, Tilley, Shepherd and Southerd

Conservative Group

Councillors Dawson (Substitute for Cllr Ford), Lemmon, Patten, Redfern and Smith

In attendance

Councillor Wheelton,

HCS/26 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Dunn and Councillor Richards (Labour Group), Councillor Ackroyd and Councillor Ford (Conservative Group) and Councillor Roberts (Independent Group)

HCS/27 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 6 January 2022, 27 January 2022, 10 March 2022, 19 April 2022 and 1 June 2022, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

HCS/28 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that Councillor Shepherd declared a personal interest in Item HCS/ 31 by virtue of involvement with the Citizens Advice.

HCS/29 **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/30- **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/31 SDDC SUPPORTED VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR ORGANISATIONS: OVERVIEW REPORTS 2021-22

The Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report to the Committee and delivered an overview of the work and organisations that had been supported and the amount of funding that had been received.

Members raised queries regarding the Service Level Agreements and organisations that can be considered for funding.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) clarified that a list of those organisations to be considered for funding was looked at each year at the Budget setting stage and that Members, if they so wish to, could recommend other organisations to be considered to receive and further noted that the process for Service Level Agreements could be brought back to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted the work carried out during 2021/22 in South Derbyshire by the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations supported financially by the Council.

HCS/32 FIELDS IN TRUST PROTECTION OF GREEN SPACES

The Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report to the Committee and noted the intention to protect Cadley and Eureka parks. It was explained how the report outlined what the status meant and the benefits it would bring in safeguarding the futures of parks.

Councillor Southerd commended the report and enquired about the status of Maurice Lea Park and Swadlincote Woodlands.

The Head of Cultural and Community Services informed the Committee that Maurice Lea Park was classed as common land and that Swadlincote the Woodland would be looked into but may be considered to be nature reserve status.

Members acknowledge the benefits the areas brought to the communities and discussed the benefit of a map that outlined the different types of green areas in the District along with information about which land was in the ownership of the Council and which were Parish Council land.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved protection of Cadley Park and Eureka Park with a Fields in Trust deed of dedication designation.***

HCS/33 **CATERING CONCESSION OPPORTUNITIES ON PARKS AND GREEN SPACES**

The Head of Cultural and Community Services, presented the report to the Committee noting that the recommendations would enhance parks and green spaces in the District and how concessions to provide cakes snacks drinks would be considered whilst creating a new income stream for Authority and a new experience for residents.

Members commended the report and agreed it was an excellent idea and discussed a number of different options to be considered.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee supported the introduction of Catering Concessions on selected parks and green spaces within the urban area of Swadlincote.***

HCS/33 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

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

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme. For 11

HCS/34 **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meetings held on 27 January 2022, 10 March 2022, 19 April 2022 and 1 June 2022 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.

ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE STAFFING

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 18:30 hours

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR