

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

16th April 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Smith (Chairman), Councillor Lemmon (Vice-Chairman for the Meeting) and Councillors Ford, Mrs Hall (substitute for Councillor Mrs Hood), Harrison, Murray and Stanton (substitute for Councillor Hewlett).

Labour Group

Councillors Bell (substitute for Councillor Frost), Dunn, Frost, Mulgrew, Rhind, Richards and Shepherd.

HCS/86 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Hewlett, Mrs Hood (Conservative Group) and Frost (Labour Group).

HCS/87 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th February 2015 and 12th March 2015 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/88 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Ford declared an interest in the Community Partnerships Scheme item by virtue of his approval of funding to Willington Church in his capacity as a County Councillor. Councillor Shepherd declared an interest in the Community Partnerships Scheme item by virtue of his involvement with South Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau.

HCS/89 **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/90 **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/91 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/92 **COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SCHEME**

The Community Partnership Officer summarised the report to Committee, confirming that 11 of the 13 grant applications had been processed for approval, the remaining two deferred for further information.

Queries relating to match funding and the deferred applications were responded to and noted.

RESOLVED:-

That the recommendations of the Community Partnerships Scheme Assessment Panel be approved and grants awarded as follows;

£15,600 to 107th Aston Scouts – Grant to contribute to a replacement mini-bus that is used by five sections of this organisation.

£19,890 to South Derbyshire Citizens Advice Bureau – Grant towards the costs associated with extending the building to house additional volunteer advice workers.

£12,500 to Egginton Parish Council – Grant towards a project that will engage the community in providing improvements to community spaces within the village.

£7,279 to Etwall George V Playing Field Charity – Grant towards the installation of play equipment for teenagers from within the community.

£11,550 to Friends of Newhall Park – Grant towards a community based project that will improve the area around the War Memorial gates, improving both the appearance and usability of the area.

£4,834 to Gresley PCC (Gresley Church Hall) – Grant towards the reconfiguration of the storage area of the hall to provide office and meeting area to act as a base to support voluntary activity in the parish.

£25,000 to Overseal Parish Council – Grant to contribute to major improvement works of the village recreation ground.

£4,200 to Rosliston Village Hall – Grant to support the investment in energy efficiency technologies that will reduce costs to the hall leading to increased sustainability.

£8,000 to Ticknall Church – Grant to support the cost of installing toilet facilities within the building.

£7,000 to Ticknall Cricket Club – Grant to support the improvement and extension of practice facilities that will improve safety and increase usage.

£15,000 to Willington Church - Grant to support the cost of installing toilet facilities and improving kitchen facilities to increase the capacity of the building to be used by the local community for a range of activities.

HCS/93 **HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT (HECA) PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT**

The Strategic Housing Manager presented the update report to Committee, highlighting the work undertaken to date and that planned for 2015-17.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the 2015 Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA) Plan and submission to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change Plan.

HCS/94 **HOUSING CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2012-2017 – PROGRESS REPORT**

The Housing Asset Manager presented the report to Committee, making specific reference to future update reports, the Decent Homes Standard, the New Build and Acquisition Programme and Garage Site improvements.

Queries relating to insulation upgrades being available to private households, central heating upgrades, future works tendering, building apprentices, non-traditional properties expenditure and sprinkler system installations were responded to and noted.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the year end 2014/2015 progress report for the Housing Capital Investment Programme which includes both the Improvement Programme to current stock and the New Build and Acquisition Programme.

Approval also given to future progress reports being presented to the respective June and November Committee meetings to ensure actual completions for end of year and half yearly milestones (31 March and 30 September).

HCS/95 **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 5th February 2015 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 6.30pm

COUNCILLOR P SMITH

CHAIRMAN