

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

28th April 2022

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Pearson (Chair), Councillor Rhind (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Muller, Richards, and Taylor.

Conservative Group

Councillors, Bridgen, Brown, Muller, Redfern, and Watson.

Independent Group

Councillors Fitzpatrick and MacPherson

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

In Attendance

Councillor MacPherson

Councillor Mulgrew

FM/169 **APOLOGIES**

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

FM/170 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor, Bridgen in respect of FM/182 by virtue of being a Member of the Planning Committee.

The Committee was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor Brown in respect of FM/182 by virtue of being a Member of the Planning Committee.

The Committee was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor MacPherson in respect of FM/182 by virtue of being a Member of the Planning Committee.

The Committee was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor Muller, in respect of FM/182 by virtue of being a Member of the Planning Committee.

The Committee was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor Pearson in respect of FM/182 by virtue of being a Member of the Planning Committee.

The Committee was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor Wheelton in respect of FM/182 by virtue of being a Member of the Planning Committee.

FM/171 **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.

FM/172 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

FM/173 **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee was informed that no reports of Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

FM/174 **PUBLIC OPEN SPACE (POS) HISTORICAL ADOPTIONS**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and advised that the report had been considered and approved by the Environmental and Development Services Committee meeting on the 20th April 2022. The four elements of the report were outlined which included; the transfer of parcels of unadopted land; the transfer of land at Manor Farm Cadley into the Council's ownership, the endorsement by which land was transferred to Management Companies and to take appropriate action to recover land that was subject to encroachment.

Councillor MacPherson and Councillor Taylor commended the work under taken and the recommendations within the report

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee approved that officers negotiate the transfer of parcels of unadopted land at the following locations:

- Grampian Way/Nairn Close, Stenson Fields***
- Auden Close, Church Broughton***
- Eureka Park, Belmont Primary School***
- Kingfisher Lane, Willington***
- Bretby Heights, Newhall.***

1.2 The Committee agreed to the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) negotiating the transfer of land at Manor Farm Cadley from the

developer into the Council's ownership with an accompanying additional Section 106 Agreement contribution.

1.3 The Committee endorsed the process by which land was transferred to Management Companies and monitored thereafter be fully reviewed and a new policy statement be included in the new Local Plan.

1.4 The Committee approved the Council's general policy not to sell public open space and authorised officers to take all appropriate action to recover land subject to encroachment.

FM/175

D2N2 FUNDING PROGRAMME FOR A PILOT HYDROGEN FUELLED WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee which was considered and approved at the Environmental & Development Services Committee meeting on the 20th April 2022

Councillor Taylor advised that this was debated fully in terms of its implications and the health and safety aspects of the proposal and congratulated the Officers in bringing this forward for the Authority.

Councillor MacPherson felt that this is an exciting project and queried whether consideration has been made to road sweepers being included going forward. The Strategic Director – Service Delivery advised that consideration cannot be made until the pilot is completed, however the Authority will be looking at a blend of vehicles and it may be more appropriate for some vehicles to be electric.

Councillor Watson advised that Councillor Singh was very helpful at the Committee Meeting giving advice from his professional background.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee accepted the terms of the D2N2 Future Funding Programmes that will enable South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) to deliver a Pilot Hydrogen Project for the waste collection services in 2022/23.

1.2 That the Committee acknowledged that by accepting the D2N2 Future Funding of £310,000 the Council will commit to match funding of £360,000 for the purchase of two new Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCV's) as part of the Operational Fleet replacement programme within the next financial year.

1.3 That the Committee welcomed this Pilot Hydrogen Project for the Waste Collection Service as an external funding opportunity that will support the ongoing transition of the Council's vehicle fleet from diesel to low carbon emission fuel and the overall carbon neutral ambitions of the Council.

1.4 That the Committee welcomed the innovative approach that the Council is taking with this Pilot Hydrogen Project which will increase

the operational learnings of hydrogen dual fuelled vehicles, the operational adjustments and the refuelling infrastructure required, both for the Council, the D2N2 region and the wider waste collection audience.

FM/176 **COVID ADDITIONAL RELIEF FUND**

The Head of Customer Services presented the report to the Committee and advised that £1.9m Covid Additional Relief had been allocated to the Authority by the government which had to be spent by 30th September 2022. It was noted that monies from the fund would be targeted at businesses who did not benefit from previous covid relief and business grants. The Committee was informed that the fund could benefit up to 600 businesses including manufacturing, storage and less customer facing businesses but would only apply to businesses who could substantiate that they had made a loss.

Councillor MacPherson sought clarity regarding the agricultural sector. The Head of Customer Services would seek clarity and advise Members.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved the proposed COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) Policy as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

FM/177 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

FM/178 **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.

The meeting terminated at 19:30 hours

QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that Pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No.11 the Chair would invite Councillor Watson to raise an exempt question.

COLLECTION RATES, DEBT RECOVERY AND WRITE OFFS

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

HOUSING DIRECT LABOUR ORGANISATION (DLO) TEAM – MODERNISING EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

ACQUISITION OF NEW COUNCIL HOUSING AT MOAT STREET

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

FORMER TENANT ARREARS WRITE OFF

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

SUSTAINABLE WARMTH FUNDING AND LOW CARBON HOMES

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND HEALTH STAFFING

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

REGRADING OF POST – TECHNICAL OFFICER (DS160)

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

CREATION OF ADDITIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT POSTS

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:30 hours

COUNCILLOR R PEARSON

CHAIR