

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1 June 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, Haines Lemmon and Redfern

Independent Group

Councillor Roberts.

In attendance

Councillor Wheelton

HCS/01 APOLOGIES

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

HCS/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee was informed that Councillor Ford had declared personal interests in items HCS/08 and HCS/14 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

HCS/03 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/04 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/05 SERVICE PLAN 2022/23**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and highlighted how the Service Plan gave a really good flavour of initiatives and projects delivered by the Directorate and the contribution of the workforce.

**RESOLVED:**

***1.1 The Committee approved the Service Plan for the Service Delivery Directorate as the basis for overall service delivery over the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.***

**HCS/06 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2020-2021 QUARTER 4 – (1 APRIL TO 31 MARCH))**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the end of year report to the Committee and highlighted the two red indicators and explained that the reletting red indicator was improving and the planned housing maintenance programme would be driven forward. The end of year risks were outlined and the tree works and adoption of Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes were highlighted.

Councillor Shepherd raised a query regarding the issues of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that progress had been made with the respective developers. Members would be updated.

**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 was reviewed.***

**HCS/07 RECRUITMENT OF ACTIVE SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP (ASP) BIKEABILITY INSTRUCTOR**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) outlined the report to the Committee and sought approval of the new post along with delegated authority for the contract to be extended if required.

Members recognised the importance of the role of the proposed Bikeability Instructor and saw it as a way to encourage more people to use alternative ways to travel.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 The Committee approved a new post of an Active Schools' Partnership (ASP) Bikeability Instructor, within the Active Communities and Health Team to support the delivery of the South Derbyshire ASP's (SDASP) Bikeability programme.**
- 1.2 The Committee approved that the new post would be on a fixed term contract commencing from 1 September 2022 until 23 July 2023 for 30 hours per week.**
- 1.3 The Committee approved that the grade of the post would be Scale 3, subject to job evaluation in line with the Council's scheme.**
- 1.4 The Committee granted delegated authority to the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) to recruit additional ASP Bikeability Instructors on similar terms and conditions of employment subject to available funding and increased service demand for the SDASP Bikeability programme.**
- 1.5 The Committee granted delegated authority to the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) to extend the contracts of existing ASP Bikeability Instructors subject to continued and/or growing service demand of the SDASP Bikeability programme and funding being secured.**
- 1.6 The Committee approved that a further report be submitted back to the Committee and Finance and Management Committee for any extensions to employment contracts that exceed two years so the position in relation to additional payments and subsequent liabilities would be considered.**

**HCS/08 DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICE PROVISION**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) delivered the report to the Committee and outlined the Council's response to the County Council's consultation exercise and the proposals to change funding and the service delivery contract.

Councillor Wheelton raised concern regarding the number of inaccuracies, potential health problems and enquired how the removal of funding would impact on South Derbyshire residents

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that the County Council was looking at the eligibility criteria but that it was expected that quite a lot of residents in the District could miss out. The Committee was also informed that discussions had taken place with Health colleagues regarding potential problems to move the talks forward with the County Council in relation to call centres and warden services.

Councillor Richards stated that whilst independent living was not a statutory responsibility there was the Care Act that applied and hoped that the issues could be resolved through collaborative working.

**RESOLVED:**

***The Committee approved the responses to the Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Report and consultation exercise detailed in Section 4 of the report.***

HCS/09 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented to report to the Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

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

HCS/10 **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.***

**LAND IN THULSTON**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**MINOR VARIATION TO ESTABLISHMENT – CREATION OF TREE OFFICER POST**

**RESOLVED:**

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

**CARELINE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION AND THE DIGITAL SWITCH OVER**

**RESOLVED:**

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

The meeting terminated at 18:35 hours

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR