

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

8th October 2020

PRESENT:

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Angliss (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Brown, Fitzpatrick, Ford, MacPherson, Pegg and Roberts.

Labour Group

Councillors Dr Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Southerd and Taylor.

In Attendance

Councillors Hewlett and Mrs. Wheelton.

FM/66 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that no apologies had been received.

FM/67 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed Councillor Ford expressed an interest in item FM/79 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

FM/68 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed no questions from members of the public had been received.

FM/69 **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/70 **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/71 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2020-2021 QUARTER 1 – 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2020)**

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance presented the report to Members highlighting the key aims including which had been impacted by Covid-19. It was noted that employee absence would be discussed in a leadership meeting to address the issues and a follow-up paper would be presented to this Committee.

Members asked if there were any common denominators regarding absences and when the findings would be available. The Head of Organisational Development advised that the absences had many complex reasons and multiple factors had been recorded. The Chief Executive advised Members that discussions had taken place with Trade Unions and the report would be presented as soon as possible.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee considered progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.***
- 1.2 *The Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.***

FM/72 JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE – TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) delivered the Report to the Committee advising that the document had been requested at the last meeting of the Joint Consultative Committee and now required approval from Finance and Management as the parent Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the Terms of Reference for the Joint Consultative Committee and agreed they be included as part of the Council's Constitution as per Appendix 1 of the report.

FM/73 EVALUATION OF BIDS FOR NEW CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the Report to the Committee summarising the projects that had been successful in the evaluation process. Funding was expected to be available by April 2021.

Members were very satisfied with the proposals and thanked everyone who had been involved with the evaluation. Councillor Dr. Pearson sought clarification on the issues at Midway football pitch. The Chief Executive updated the Committee that work was underway which included drainage and the provision of storage on site.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *Members approved the proposed capital projects as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.*
- 1.2 *The Committee agreed that the demolition of Bretby View and Bank House in Midland Road Swadlincote (£255,000) together with the purchase of Unit 1 George Holmes Business Park (£80,000) be financed from the Economic Regeneration Fund.*
- 1.3 *The Committee agreed that the remaining Overage payment of £484,000 received from the development of Midway Community Centre at Chestnut Avenue, be made available in the General Capital Receipts Reserve.*
- 1.4 *The Committee approved the total budgeted cost and financing of all proposed schemes as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report.*
- 1.5 *The Committee agreed that the proposed investment of up to £832,000 into Rosliston Forestry Centre be subject to a detailed schedule of works approved by the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources).*
- 1.6 *The Committee agreed that the phasing of proposed spending be kept under review pending the remaining capital receipts being received in 2020/21 as detailed in the report.*

FM/74 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

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

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

FM/75 **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.

TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

The Committee was informed no questions had been received.

REVIEW OF HOUSING SERVICE

The Committee approved the recommendation in the report.

REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL SERVICES

The Committee approved the recommendation in the report.

EMEG WESTERN CORRIDOR

The Committee approved the recommendation in the report.

VISITOR INFORMATION PROPOSALS

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 8:15 pm.

COUNCILLOR P WATSON

CHAIRMAN