

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

6th July 2020

OPEN

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor MacPherson (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Haines (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs Brown, Dawson, Ford, Fitzpatrick and Mrs. Patten

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Mrs. Heath, Singh, Taylor and Tilley.

In Attendance

Councillors Corbin and Mrs. Wheelton

EDS/01 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that no apologies had been received.

EDS/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Mrs Brown declared an interest as the Local Authority Representative in relation to EDS/09, Central Building Control Partnership Performance Report

Councillor MacPherson declared a personal interest in relation to EDS/09, Central Building Control Partnership Performance Report and advised that he would not participate in the debate

EDS/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.

EDS/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.

EDS/05 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/06 **REVIEW OF CHARITABLE COLLECTIONS POLICY**

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee informing Members of the changes to the policy and outlined the consultation undertaken.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members noted the consultation responses received in relation to the Charitable Collections Policy as per Appendix 1 of the report.

1.2 Members approved the review of the Charitable Collections Policy as per Appendix 2 of the report, relating to street collections and house to house collections.

1.3 Members approved the policy document to come into effect on approval by Full Council.

EDS/07 **ANNUAL ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT 2019-20**

The Head of Environmental Services presented the annual report to the Committee, outlining the key performance data, reactive activities, fly tipping, proactive activity, improved food hygiene standards and legal interventions that the Council had undertaken.

Members raised concern regarding increased fly tipping and asked for an update on the 'We're Watching You' campaign, clarity about what was included within the Private Owner category and asked if the Council would be able to achieve the goals regarding fly tipping and noise etc. with the growth of the District?

The Head of Environmental Services informed the Committee that it was unclear if the 'We're watching You' campaign was successful but a Social Media campaign had created a lot of discussion and would be considered for a way forward for future campaigns. Members were informed that the Owner-Occupied properties include vulnerable people whereby the Council acts on behalf the tenant to get necessary works completed. Members were informed that there would be funding available via the Better Care Fund where individuals could apply for the Council to do the work on their behalf. The Head of Environmental Services explained that the Council was performing well in many areas and improving when compared to other Local Authorities which was supported by benchmarking carried out and public feedback received.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that the Council was performing well in relation to fly tipping but due to Covid-19 had been unable to bring people in for interview but arrangements had been now been put in place to recommence interview.

RESOLVED:

The Committee noted the contents of the report and approved that the Council is using its regulatory powers in a way proportionate to the demands for all regulatory services it provides.

EDS/08 **CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2019-2020 QUARTER 4 – 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH)**

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance presented the report to the Committee recapping on the Corporate Plan's three key areas then highlighted the baseline data for performance against the Corporate Plan and noted that there were no changes to the Risk Register in relation to Service Delivery since the last report was presented to this Committee.

Councillor Corbin raised a query regarding the risk around Greenbank Leisure Centre. The Strategic Director (Service Deliverys) informed Members that a Sufficiency and Condition Survey of all Council properties had started and that Greenbank was one of the first properties to be looked at and this along with an Environmental Audit carried out last year flagged up a range of issues. Members were also informed that an Asset Management Plan was to go to Finance and Management Committee for approval, which included capital works to address the issues at Greenbank Leisure Centre

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee considered progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.

1.2 That the Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.

EDS/09 **CENTRAL BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Planning Delivery Team Leader presented the report to the Committee, giving an update on the performance over last 12 months and requested agreement that it was not the right time for the Partnership to focus on work to move toward a Local Authority Trading Company but was something to be considered as an option moving forward.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee endorsed the Partnership Board Report which provides a review of the performance for year 1 of the Central Building Control Partnership; and

1.2 The Committee delegated authority to the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) to confirm to the host authority of the Partnership that the Council has reservations about the Partnership evolving into a Local Authority owned Trading Company at the present time and before two full years membership of the Partnership has expired (April 2021). A response is required by 13th July.

EDS/10 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the Committee Work Programme to the Committee and explained that there was an extensive list of items to come to the Committee in the near future.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the current work programme.

EDS/11 **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 would be 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.

EDS/12 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

The meeting terminated at 7:05 pm.

COUNCILLOR MACPHERSON

CHAIRMAN