

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

18th March 2021

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Dr. Pearson (Chairman), Councillor Pegg (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Rhind, Richards, Southerd and Taylor

Conservative Group

Councillors Mrs. Brown, Churchill, Mrs. Haines (substituting for
Councillor Ford) and Watson

Independent Group

Councillors Angliss and Fitzpatrick

In Attendance

Councillors Mulgrew, Tilley and Mrs. Wheelton.

FM/132 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ford.

FM/133 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest from Members of the Committee had been received.

FM/134 **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/135 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

FM/136 **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/137 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2020-21 QUARTER 3 – 1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER)**

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance presented the report to the Committee noting the overall progress of measures and highlighted areas of concern which included apprenticeships, days lost due to sickness and rateable values. The Head of Organisational Development and Performance outlined the updates within the Risk Registers and the Head of Finance gave a brief summary of additional risks added to the Register regarding the financial management system, payroll service, banking counterparty limits and interfacing external systems.

Members raised queries regarding the social mobility action plan and Sharpe's Pottery Museum. The Chief Executive assured Members that whilst the social mobility action plan's progress was affected by Covid-19 it remained a key objective of the Council and outlined new initiatives and investments that would create new job opportunities within the District. The Chief Executive informed the Committee that the Sharpe's Pottery risk related to the changes to the Board of Trustees.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *That 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/138 STANDBY AND CALLOUT PROCEDURE

The Human Resources Manager delivered the report to the Committee and gave an overview regarding the proposed payment charges.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the Standby and Callout Procedure with effect from 1st April 2021 as per Appendix 1 of the report.

FM/139 EXTENSION TO THE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

The Communities Manager outlined details of the report to the Committee and highlighted how Covid 19 had resulted in fewer applications and that the extension would provide the opportunity for local organisations and groups in the community to apply for capital grants post March 2021.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the extension of the Council's Community and Environment Partnership Scheme (CEPS) for an additional two-year period until the end of March 2023.

FM/140 **REVENUE FINANCIAL MONITORING 2020-21**

The Head of Finance delivered the Report to the Committee and outlined the Housing Revenue Account, the General Fund, the Collection Fund and the allocation of Covid funding across the Council.

Councillor Churchill sought clarity regarding a fall in the minimum projected balance below the statutory minimum. The Head of Finance informed the Committee of potential additional pressures facing the Council and explained that the position would become clearer later in the year.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the latest revenue financial position for 2020/21 as detailed in the report.

FM/141 **CAPITAL FINANCIAL MONITORING 2021-21**

The Head of Finance presented the report to the Committee highlighting the new appendix that related to Section 106 Funding, projected underspends and the amounts to be carry forward due the impact of Covid-19.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee considered and approved the latest capital financial position for 2020/21 as detailed in the report.

1.2 The Committee noted the balance of S106 available for use by the Council for capital projects as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.

FM/142 **CAPITAL STRATEGY 2021-21 TO 2024-25**

The Head of Finance presented the annual report to the Committee and outlined the changes with regard to Capital Funding.

Members thanked the Head of Finance for a detailed report.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the proposed Capital Strategy 2020/21 to 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

FM/143 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE 20-21**

The Head of Finance delivered the Report to the Committee and summarised the key points within the Report. The Head of Finance highlighted breaches of County Party Limits due to Covid grants received from the Government and outlined measures but in place to prevent any future breaches.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee considered and approved the latest Treasury Management Update for quarter 3 2020/21 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.***
- 1.2 The Committee approved the updated Counterparty List for investments and bank deposits as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.***

FM/144 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

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

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

FM/145 **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.

SUNDRY DEBTOR WRITE OFFS

The Committee approved the recommendation in the report.

SWADLINCOTE TOWN CENTRE

The Committee approved the recommendation in the report.

KERBSIDE RECYCLING SERVICE

The Committee approved the recommendation in the report.

REVIEW OF HOUSING SERVICE

The Committee approved the recommendation in the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:55 hours.

COUNCILLOR Dr PEARSON

CHAIRMAN