

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

5th December 2013

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Wheeler (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Watson (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors, Hewlett (substitute for Councillor Jones), Lemmon, Murray, Stanton (substitute for Councillor Smith) and Watson

Labour Group

Councillors Bell, Rhind, Richards, Southerd, Taylor and Wilkins.

In Attendance

Councillors Atkin, Harrison and Mrs. Plenderleith (Conservative Group).

FM/60. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Jones and Smith (Conservative Group).

FM/61. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Special Meeting held on 25th September 2013, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

FM/62. **CARELINE SERVICES – CONSORTIUM PROPOSAL**

The Committee received a report from the Director of Housing and Environmental Services regarding the approval of further expenditure of up to £10,000 from the Housing Revenue Account in the development of 2 separate companies in a consortium arrangement to deliver Careline services county wide from October 2014.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That further expenditure of up to £10,000 be approved from the Housing Revenue Account in the development of two separate companies in a consortium arrangement to deliver Careline services county-wide from October 2014. The detail of the expenditure be approved by the Director of Housing and Environmental Services in consultation with the Chairman of the Housing and Community Services Committee.***
- (2) That the recommendation of the Housing and Community Services Committee from the Meeting held on 28th November 2013, regarding this matter, be noted.***

FM/63. CORPORATE PLAN 2009 TO 2014: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1 JULY 2013 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2013)

A report was submitted on performance for the period 1st July 2013 to 30 September 2013, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/14. The report and appendices gave detail on progress and achievements during this period. Details were also provided on key projects, performance measures and an overview of the number of accidents that had occurred during the period 1 July to 30 September 2013.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the progress and achievements during the period 1st July to 30th September 2013, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/14, be noted.***
- (2) That where progress has failed to achieve the specified target the adequacy of the remedial action taken be considered.***
- (3) That a quarterly overview of the number of accidents be received, as part of the Council's Health and Safety performance management framework.***

FM/64. BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MONITORING 2013/14

The second budget and financial monitoring report for the financial year 2013/14 was presented for the Committee's consideration. Initially, this focused on the General Fund Revenue Account and a table summarised the savings across Council Services. A full analysis of each service area at cost centre level with variances across each policy committee was detailed in appendices to the report. Further tables showed performance against budgets for 2013/14 as at September 2013 for each committee and by main service area.

The report also focused on the Collection Fund, Housing Revenue Account (HRA), Capital Expenditure and Financing, Treasury Management and other financial indicators.

RESOLVED:-

That the latest budget and financial monitoring figures for 2013/14 be approved.

FM/65. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME – FINANCIAL UPDATE

A report was submitted to provide an update of the costs associated with the Local Council Tax Support and Discount Schemes following their implementation on 1st April 2013. The report also provided an update on the demand for Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP).

RESOLVED:-

- (1) *That the latest costs associated with the Local Council Tax Support and Discount Schemes be noted.*
- (2) *That the demand for Discretionary Housing Payments and its affect upon the allocated budget be noted.*

FM/66. COMPLAINTS, COMPLIMENTS & FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS - 1st APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

A report was submitted which provided a summary of comments, complaints, compliments & Freedom of Information requests received during the period 1st April to 30th September 2013. These comprised 2 comments, 33 compliments, 25 complaints and 236 Freedom of Information requests. Tables were included within the detail of the report showing the division to which each related.

RESOLVED:-

That the complaints and Freedom of Information requests 1st April 2013 to 30 September 2013 as detailed in the report, be noted.

FM/67. CORPORATE SERVICES CONTRACT AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13

A report was submitted which provided details of the performance of the Contract and Partnership agreement for the 3rd year between the Council and Northgate Public Services.

It was reported that more people were now working for Northgate Public Services than originally employed. They had guaranteed to provide 100 new jobs in the District, and were still pursuing a new site to relocate the Regional Centre to. A table was provided in the report showing savings achieved to date.

It was also reported that nearly all Key Performance Indicators were met. If any were outstanding, this was shown in a table by service area in the report.

RESOLVED:-

That the annual report detailing the performance of the Contract and wider Partnership in 2012/13 be approved.

FM/68. ICT UPDATE AND WORK PLAN 2013 TO 2016

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented a report on the ICT Work Plan, the recent developments and upgrades to the Councils Information Communications Technology (ICT) infrastructure, together with the main proposals for ICT until 2016 in the form of a work plan. Further information was provided on the customer access and paperlite projects.

Members asked questions on the paperlite project regarding providing copies of agendas at planning committee and the signing of documents.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the proposed Work Plan for ICT for 2013 to 2016 be approved.***
- (2) That the level and timing of investment into Paperlite and Customer Access be noted.***

FM/69. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee was asked to review its work programme.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be received.

FM/70. **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th October 2013 were received.

REVIEW OF LAND CHARGES FUNCTION (Paragraph 1)

The Committee approved the proposals for the review of the Land Charges Function.

REPLACEMENT STALLS FOR SWADLINCOTE MARKET (Paragraph 3)

The Committee approved the replacement of market stalls for Swadlincote Market.

COMMUNITY AND PLANNING RESTRUCTURE (Paragraph 2)

The Committee approved proposals for the restructure of Community and Planning Services

R. WHEELER
CHAIRMAN