

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

28th November 2013

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Lemmon (Chairman), Councillor Hewlett (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale (substitute for Councillor Murray), Ford, Harrison, Smith and Wheeler (substitute for Councillor Mrs. Hood).

Labour Group

Councillors Frost, Mrs. Heath, Mulgrew, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd.

In attendance

Councillor Mrs. Plenderleith (Conservative Group).

HCS/19. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Hood and Murray (Conservative Group).

HCS/20. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th October 2013, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/21. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Ford declared a personal interest in Minute Number HCS/23, as he was a Member of Derbyshire County Council.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/22. **CARELINE SERVICES – CONSORTIUM PROPOSAL**

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services provided an update on the progress of the consortium project to provide Careline Services across Derbyshire. He also reported that a business plan was being worked on and that a further update would be considered by the Housing and Community Services Committee in the first half of 2014.

RESOLVED:-

- 1) *That further expenditure from the Housing Revenue Account of up to £10,000 in the development of two separate companies in a consortium arrangement to deliver Careline Services County wide from April 2014, be approved.*
- 2) *That the detail of the expenditure to be approved by the Director of Housing and Environmental Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Housing and Community Services Committee,*

HCS/23. DERBYSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Information was provided on the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Transforming Service Delivery 2022 and Beyond – Fit to Respond Consultation.

It was reported that consideration should particularly be given to item number 10 in the document, as this contained three major proposals:

- 1) That Melbourne Fire Station is to close
- 2) That a new Fire Station be opened at Hilton, adjacent to the A5132.
- 3) That the full time fire engine at Swadlincote over time, be replaced by a Smaller Response Vehicle staffed by retained personnel.

In addition, key points had also previously been raised by Members, and these included,

- Flooding was not included in the report as a risk
- The proposal would have a detrimental impact on the initial response time.
- It was stated in the report that there would be 6,000 additional houses, not 13,000 as in the Local Plan.
- Stanton, Midway and Melbourne had already been identified as high risk locations.

RESOLVED:-

- 1) ***That the Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Services proposals for the future document (Transforming Service Delivery for 2022 and Beyond – Fit to Respond Consultation) be noted.***
- 2) ***That a response to the consultation be approved and submitted as follows:***

'This Council rejects Proposal 10 (Swadlincote, Melbourne and Hilton) because of the material statistical and other inaccuracies contained in the Fire Service's analysis of the District, particularly in respect of understating the housing growth through to 2028, as set out in the Emerging Local Plan, together with the substantial new business growth anticipated in the fastest growing District in the Midlands. This is in addition to the projected over optimistic first response times, due to the rationalisation of the Fire Stations in Derby City from 3 to 1 (Proposal 7), and in the absence of a Whole Time Station being maintained in Swadlincote, and the Retained Service in Melbourne completely closed down.

The Council, therefore, urges the Chief Fire Officer to undertake a fundamental review of Proposal 10 covering South Derbyshire'.

HCS/24. **CORPORATE PLAN 2009 – 14: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1st APRIL – 30th JUNE 2013)**

A report was submitted which detailed the achievements and out-turn performance during the period 1st July 2013 – 30th September 2013, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009 - 2014. Full details were provided in appendices attached to the report, and included progress against Corporate Plan Key Projects and Corporate Plan Performance Measures.

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services gave an update on the failed and abandoned tasks for the last quarter. He also gave an explanation of the performance measures for the last quarter and the projected outturn for the year. It was forecast that all 15 of the remaining targets would be met by the end of the year.

RESOLVED:-

- 1) *That the progress and achievements in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/14, for the period 1st July to 30th September 2013, be noted.*
- 2) *That where progress has failed to achieve the specified target, the response be noted.*

HCS/25. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and review its content where appropriate.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

HCS/26. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (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 10th October 2013 were received.

J. LEMMON

CHAIRMAN