

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

5th September 2013

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

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

**Labour Group**

Councillors Bell, Mrs. Heath (substitute for Councillor Richards), Stuart (substitute for Councillor Southerd), Rhind, Taylor and Wilkins.

**In Attendance**

Councillor Harrison (Conservative Group).

FM/28. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Smith (Conservative Group) and Councillors Richards and Southerd (Labour Group).

FM/29. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Special Meetings held on 22nd May and of the Meeting held on 20th June 2013, were taken as read, approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

FM/30 **MORTGAGE INTEREST RATE**

It was reported that under Section 438 of the Housing Act 1985, the Council was required to declare the Local Average Rate of interest on its mortgages at six-monthly intervals. This was the rate charged to borrowers and was the higher of the Standard National Rate and the Council's Local Average Rate. The remaining borrower would be charged at the National Rate of 3.13%.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Local Average Rate of Interest for the period October 2013 to March 2014 is declared at 3.13%.***

FM/31. **CORPORATE PLAN 2009-2014: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1ST APRIL 2013 – 30TH JUNE 2014)**

A report was submitted on performance for the period, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009-14. The report and appendices gave detail on the progress and achievements during the period 1 April to 30 June 2013.

Details were provided in the report and appendices of the key projects, performance measures and an overview of the number of accidents which occurred within the Council during the current quarter compared with the previous year.

**RESOLVED:-**

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

FM/32. **BUDGET AND FINANCIAL MONITORING 2013/14**

The latest budget and financial monitoring report was presented for the Committee's consideration. Initially, this focused on the General Fund Revenue Account and a table summarised the approved budget for 2013/14. In line with normal monitoring arrangements, the position on net expenditure on services was the main area subject to a detailed review. 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 budget for 2013/14 as at June 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:-**

- (1) That the latest budget and financial monitoring figures for 2013/14 are approved.***
- (2) That updated Capital Programme for 2013/14 is approved.***

FM/33. **COUNCIL TAX – OVERVIEW OF LIABILITY, EXEMPTIONS AND DISCOUNTS**

At a meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2013, the Committee updated the Council's local discount scheme for levying Council Tax on empty properties. Following discussion at that meeting, the report set out all discounts and exemptions currently applied and how they affect the total amount of Council Tax income.

The report also provided a brief overview of Council Tax and the Council's obligations regarding its collection.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the various provisions applying to the level of Council Tax are noted.**

FM/34. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

This report informed the Committee of the recommendation from Environmental and Development Services Community to seek authority to begin the process of implementing a Community Infrastructure Levy scheme for South Derbyshire, including the production of an infrastructure needs assessment, funding gap analysis and viability assessment.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That authorisation is given to the Director of Community and Planning to begin the process of implementing a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule for South Derbyshire, including the production of an in-house infrastructure delivery plan and to explore the joint commissioning of consultants, to produce infrastructure funding gap analyses and CIL viability assessments for Amber Valley, Derby City and South Derbyshire.**

FM/35. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee was asked to review its work programme.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the updated work programme is noted.***

FM/36. **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 Special Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2013 and of the meeting held on 20th June 2012 were received.***

**ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE (Paragraph 3)**

***The Committee approved the allocation of funds towards the project to provide a toilet block.***

**APPLICATION FOR FLEXIBLE RETIREMENT (Paragraph 1)**

***The Committee approved the application for flexible retirement.***

R. WHEELER

CHAIRMAN