

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Swann (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings and Mrs Coe

OS/51 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Farrington, Mrs Patten (Conservative Group), Bambrick, Dunn and Dr Pearson (Labour Group)

The Vice-Chairman led the Committee in wishing Councillor Mrs Farrington well.

OS/52 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

OS/53 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

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

OS/54 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee were informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/55 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

OS/56 **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET, FINANCIAL PLAN and PROPOSED RENT 2017/18**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report updating Members on the position of the Council's final budget proposals for 2017/18 and medium term financial projections on its main revenue and capital

accounts, these proposals will form the basis of setting the Council Tax for 2017/18 by Full Council on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. In relation to the Housing Revenue Fund, details and implications of the proposed reduction in rent level for 2017/18 were also outlined and Members were updated that Housing and Community Services Committee had approved the 1% reduction. The Director explained the main risks associated with the proposed financial plan for the HRA and in particular national rent policy after 2020. Otherwise, he confirmed that the 10-year plan was sustainable if the approved expenditure budgets were met.

Members were updated that the valuation of the Derbyshire Pension fund had resulted in an increase of 1% in the council's contribution in order to address the underlying deficit.

**RESOLVED:-**

***The budget proposals for the Housing Revenue Account were noted***

OS/57 **MEMBERS' TRAINING PROGRAMME**

The Director of Planning and Community Services presented the report to the Committee providing Members with a draft programme of training. It was agreed that the Director would liaise with the Member Champions for Training as well as this Committee in order to identify and co-ordinate any further training areas.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Committee noted the content of the report.***

OS/58 **VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

The Director of Planning and Community Services sought guidance from Members in order to provide scope for the report. Members requested that the criteria of the report be expanded to provide a review of funding and support to all Voluntary and Community Sector Organisations.

OS/59 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17**

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

With regard to the proposed public meeting with Derby and Burton hospitals, it was proposed that this be deferred to allow for the return of the Chairman and for the details to be further discussed and agreed.

**RESOLVED:-**

***Members considered and agreed the proposed Committee Work Programme for 2016/17.***

OS/60 **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.***

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

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

The Meeting terminated at 6.45pm.

COUNCILLOR SWANN

VICE-CHAIRMAN