

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

7<sup>th</sup> October 2021

**PRESENT:**

**Labour Group**

Councillor Pearson (Chair), Councillor Tilley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Rhind, Richards, Singh, Southerd and Taylor

**Conservative Group**

Councillors Ackroyd, Lemmon, Redfern and Watson

**Independent Group**

Councillor Fitzpatrick

FM/62 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received Councillor Bridgen (Conservative Group).

FM/63 **TO RECEIVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

The Open Minutes of meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

FM/64 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that Councillor Richards declared a Personal Interest in item FM/75 by virtue of being a board member for the Freeport.

FM/65 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

FM/66 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

FM/67 **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/68 **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION: POLICY AND PUBLICATION SCHEME**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the Report to the Committee that was before Members due to Audit recommendations which related to the training of staff and a Freedom of Information policy.

**RESOLVED:**

***The Committee approved the Freedom of Information Policy and Publication Scheme.***

FM/69 **DECARBONISATION OF THE COUNCIL'S HOUSING STOCK**

The Head of Housing presented the Report to the Committee outlining the key points within the appendices and sought approval for the financial aspect of the report.

Members discussed the the need to bring the housing stock up to standard in particular with the cost of electricity rising and that good communication with residents was vital.

The Head of Housing informed the Committee that the bid would include the engagement of residents, would ensure sustainability and that tenants would not be disadvantaged with utility costs.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 The Committee approved the following recommendations which were agreed by the Housing and Community Services Committee on 30 September 2021.***
- 1.2 The outcome of a project which the Council commissioned Nottingham City Council to undertake to assess the energy performance of the Council's housing stock informs future reviews of the Council's Asset Management Strategy and will be reflected within future programmes for investment in the improvement of the Council's Housing Stock***
- 1.3 The Committee endorsed the Council bidding for funding of £1million from "Wave 1" of the Government's Social Housing Decarbonisation Grant fund informed by the Nottingham City report findings and in the event the bid was successful agreed to the Council contributing the required landlord contribution of 33% of the total cost of improvements that would be delivered by the scheme (approximately £500,000).***

FM/70 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

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

**RESOLVED:**

*The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.*

FM/71 **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 THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

*The Exempt Minutes of the Meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were received.*

**TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

*The Committee was informed no questions had been received.*

**PROVISION OF LOW CARBON HOUSING**

*The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.*

**EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT: FINANCIAL UPDATE**

*The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.*

The meeting terminated at 18:45 hours.

COUNCILLOR PEARSON

CHAIR