

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (SPECIAL)

26^h JUNE 2014

PRESENT:-

CONSERVATIVE GROUP

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

LABOUR GROUP

Councillors Bell, Mulgrew (substitute for Councillor Richards), Rhind, Southerd, Taylor and Wilkins

FM/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Murray and Richards

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

FM/21 BUDGET OUT-TURN AND FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS 2013/4

The Committee received a report detailing the final out-turn position for 2013/14 for the main revenue and capital accounts. It also detailed the financial position on these accounts as at 31st March 2014 compared to that estimated in the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP).

This report follows the provisional out-turn report considered by the Committee on 20th May 2014, which detailed the Council's indicative position including detailed figures and financial commentary, and that the Council's out-turn position was favourable compared to that budgeted.

The report presented confirmed final figures and updates where applicable. The Director of Finance and Corporate Services provided an update regarding the changes made for the final position regarding Business Rates, Court Costs income and an increased provision for Housing Benefits Subsidy, all of which had been subject to final accounts in May. Additionally, the Collection Fund detail has been expanded to show a split between that relating to Council Tax and Business Rates following the introduction of the Retention System for 2013/14. The Collection fund also includes details of the Local Council Tax Support Scheme.

The Director Finance gave a verbal update on the treatment of the NNDR account balance and that it would change from that included in the report. This

would be confirmed at the next meeting on 4th September prior to final audited accounts being submitted.

Cllr Mrs Watson congratulated the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and his team for their hard work and efforts during the year.

RESOLVED:-

That the final out-turn positions be approved as detailed in the report for:

- ***The General Fund Revenue Account 2013/14***
- ***The Housing Revenue Account 2013/14***
- ***Capital Expenditure and Financing 2013/14***
- ***The Collection Fund 2013/14***
- ***The Balance of Reserves and Provision at 31st march 2014***
- ***That it be noted the deficit on the NNDR account will be transferred from the General Fund to the Collection Fund***
- ***That final audited figures are reported to the Committee on 4th September 2014.***

FM/22 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14**

The Committee received a report detailing the Council's actual borrowing and lending for 2013/14 compared to the approved strategy, including performance against its Prudential Indicators. This was in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 and associated regulations,

The Council's borrowing and investment strategy for the year required that its cash flow requirements were managed through short-term borrowings and bank deposits. Overall, the Council's cash flow remained positive throughout the year. However, due to low rates and limitations on approved counterparties, interest received was lower than budgeted.

As financial monitoring reports throughout the year highlighted, the main Bank of England base rate remained at 0.5% throughout the year. This continued to limit the amount of interest earned on short term investment and bank deposits.

During the year there were no significant transactions regarding borrowing

In addition, within the report an economic overview was provided and it was confirmed that during 2013/14 economic growth was higher than anticipated by many forecasters.

RESOLVED:-

1. ***That the Treasure management Annual Report for 2013/14 is approved***
2. ***To note the Treasure Management Stewardship Report and Prudential Indicators for 2013/14 (as detailed in Appendix 1) and that the Council complied fully with all requirements.***
3. ***That the Statement on the Minimum Revenue Provision for 2013/14 as detailed in Section 5, is recommend to Council for approval.***

FM/23 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME 2014 – LOCAL DISCRETION**

The Committee received a report detailing information to allow Members to determine the Council's employer discretions permitted under the new Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) Regulations 2014.

The LGPS requires each employer to formulate, publish and keep under review a policy statement in relation to the exercise of a number of discretions to the LGP that came into effect on 1st April 2014. The Council has a statutory deadline of 30th June 2014 to submit its policy statement to the pension administering body which is Derbyshire County Council.

It was explained to Members the discretions that are proposed (as detailed in Appendix A of the report)

Members asked questions of the content, which were answered to their satisfaction.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee approve the employer discretions set out in Appendix A of the report, which are required to be determined and published by 30th June 2014 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Pension Scheme

FM/24 **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.

MRS. A. WATSON

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 6.20 pm