

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

3rd June 2021

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Rhind (Chair), Councillor Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Dunn (substituting for Councillor Richards), Pegg and Shepherd.

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Brown (substituting for Councillor Churchill), Corbin, Ford, Smith (substituting for Councillor Bridgen) and Watson (substituting for Councillor Hewlett).

Independent Group

Councillors Dawson and Roberts

HCS/01 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors Bridgen, Churchill, Richards and Hewlett.

HCS/02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of Interested had been received.

HCS/03 **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.

HCS/04 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/105 **CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2020-2021 QUARTER 4 – (1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and summarised the range of achievements during the year. The

Strategic Director (Service Delivery) highlighted the 91% satisfaction rate for repairs to council homes and the number of community groups that had been supported during the Pandemic

RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 *The Committee considered progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.***
- 1.2 *The Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.***

HCS/06 **SERVICE PLANS 2021-22**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) delivered the report to the Committee and gave an overview of the depth and breadth of work undertaken and explained how the report incorporated the corporate performance measures, workforce numbers and budget information.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee approved the Service Delivery Directorate's Service Plan as the basis for overall service delivery over the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

HCS/07 **GREEN HOMES GRANT – LOCAL AUTHORITY DELIVERY PHASE 2**

The Head of Environmental Services delivered the report to the Committee and gave an update regarding Phase 1B of the Government's grant funding programme. The Committee was informed how the second bid included park homes within the criteria and that Phase 3 was expected to be announced in the near future.

Councillor Corbin raised a query on behalf of Councillor Smith regarding the Energy Performance Certificate Rating and asked if funds were available could this be expanded to include areas not included within Phase 1 and Phase 2. The Head of Environmental Services confirmed that this could be possible.

Councillor Dunn raised a query regarding advertising. The Head of Environmental Services outlined the range of promotional activity that had taken place but confirmed that if there was a lack of take up then marketing would be reviewed. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) encouraged Members to promote the scheme to their constituents.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee endorsed the bid made to the Midlands Energy Hub for £425,000 for the Green Homes Grant – Local Authority Delivery Scheme Phase 2.

HCS/08 **HOMELESSNESS AND ROUGH SLEEPING STRATEGY**

The Head of Housing delivered the report to the Committee and outlined the Action Plan for approval.

RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 The Committee approved the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy and Action Plan for publication***
- 1.2 The Committee agreed that progress on the Action Plan be reported back to a future Housing and Community Services Committee.***

HCS/09 **HOUSING DOMESTIC ABUSE POLICY**

The Head of Housing delivered the report to the Committee and explained how it pulled together existing work along new government legislation.

RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 The Committee approved the Draft Housing Domestic Abuse Policy for further public consultation.***
- 1.2 The Committee agreed that the final version of the report be presented to the Committee for final approval after the consultation period.***
- 1.3 The Committee noted the provision of New Burdens Funding and the associated Memorandum of understanding relating to this.***

HCS/10 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee Work Programme was presented to Members by the Strategic Director (Service Delivery)

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

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

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

**SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE – EXTENSION OF
CONTRACT**

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

REVIEW OF CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The Meeting terminated at 18:35 hours.

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIRMAN