

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE2nd September 2020PRESENT:-Conservative Group

Councillor Hewlett (Chairman), Councillor Brady (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin and Corbin

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, and Mrs Stuart

OS/01 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Dawson (Conservative Group) and Councillor Gee (Labour Group).

OS/02 MINUTES

The Open Minutes of the following Meetings were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

| <u>Committee</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>Minutes No's</u> |
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| Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 15.01.20 | OS/38 – OS/46 |
| Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 12.02.20 | OS/47 – OS/57 |

OS/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

OS/04 QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY 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.

OS/05 QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

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

OS/06 PROCUREMENT

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) delivered an overview of the report highlighting the support services provided by Derbyshire Support and

Facilities Services Limited and confirmed that the Appendix attached to the report set out the business case as to why the Council approved to go into a Shared Service arrangement for procurement.

Councillor Corbin raised queries regarding the level of procurement within the Council, the reasons for an agreement with the NHS, value for money and the issues regarding the tender for Rosliston Forestry Centre.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) informed Members that the levels of procurement within the Council did not justify a dedicated Procurement Officer and that the shared service at Chesterfield was founded on a partnership based out of Derbyshire County Council with roots in local government. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) advised that the Shared Service provided resilience, capacity and full working knowledge of legislation and regulations required to manage the process effectively. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) confirmed that the tender for Rosliston Forestry Centre was halted but was not related to Procurement.

Members raised questions on the internal audit, procurement limits and requested confirmation that the Council followed due process during Covid-19.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) confirmed that the internal auditors would look at the procedures and internal governance of Procurement and confirmed that procurement procedures had been adhered to throughout the Covid-19 restrictions and clarified the position regarding the different procurement limits.

Councillor Atkin raised a further question about the advertisement of tender opportunities.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) confirmed that regulations specified where contracts should be advertised.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee noted the report and proposed any additional work within the scope of the review.

OS/07 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – REPORT ON USAGE**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee on behalf of the Monitoring Officer, noting that no authorisations had been sought.

RESOLVED:

To note the internal report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000.

OS/08 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2019-20**

The Chairman appraised the Committee regarding the report and noted that there were no comments from Members in response to the report.

RESOLVED:-

That Members gave further consideration to the Committee's Annual Report for 2019/20 and agreed to delegate amendments to the Legal and Democratic Services Manager for the completion of the Annual Report.

OS/09 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chairman noted that the usual Scoping Meeting had not occurred earlier in the year due to the Covid-19 restrictions and that a number of items had been held over including the County Council Proposed Cycle Network and that the Planning Policy Officer should be invited to attend the next Committee.

The Members discussed the Committee Work Programme and which items to include next year.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) recommended a Scoping Meeting with the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) and Heads of Service to discuss a position statement and the future Committee Work Programme.

Members requested that Rosliston Forestry Centre be included in the Work Programme.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) advised Members that a Rosliston Forestry Centre Working Group had been engaged and a statement paper could be prepared for Members to explain the situation.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

OS/10 **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 was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 7:25 PM.

COUNCILLOR HEWLETT

CHAIRMAN