

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

10th June 2021

PRESENT:

Labour Group

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

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Bridgen, Lemmon, Redfern and Watson

Independent Group

Councillor Fitzpatrick

FM/01 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Richards.

FM/02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

FM/03 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

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

FM/04 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed a question had been received from

FM/05 **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/06 **CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the Report to the Committee summarising the key areas for which the Committee had responsibility for and highlighted the long-term targets and those targets that had not been met. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) also focused

on the Social Mobility, Sickness Absence and Workforce and Skills targets and updated Members regarding the key areas within the Risk Register.

Members welcomed the report and highlighted the importance of regular Social Mobility updates, a query was raised regarding an update on the Fair Funding Review.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) informed the Committee that there was currently no update available regarding the Fair Funding Review.

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.*

FM/07 **SERVICE PLANS 2021-22**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) delivered the Report and summarised the Service Plans for each service area and in particular back-office support, property and legal.

Members raised queries regarding Swadlincote Town Centre targets within Appendix A of the Report. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) advised the Committee that he would request that the Chief Executive and Head of Economic Development and Growth to respond.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the Service Plans for the Chief Executive's Directorate and Corporate Resources Directorate as the basis for overall service delivery over the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

FM/08 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLANNING**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) introduced the Report to the Committee highlighting how the plan had evolved from its first iteration.

The Head of Environmental Services then presented the Report to the Committee and outlined South Derbyshire District Council's intention to be carbon neutral by 2030 which included the reduction of the main carbon emissions across the whole of the Council's portfolio of properties and vehicle fleet. The Head of Environmental Services highlighted the 18 actions that aimed to reduce the Council's emissions by 80% by 2030 and explained how external funding would be required to achieve the targets and that a coherent plan was key to attracting such funding.

Members fully supported the Plan and recognised how important it was to not let the finances detract from what was required to reach the targets.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1. *The Committee welcomed the actions completed to date and the ambition outlined in the Plan to achieve the Council's Carbon reduction targets for the Council by 2030 and for the District as a whole by 2050, whilst recognising the scale of the challenge to achieving these outcomes.*
- 1.2. *The Committee acknowledged the predicted costs and timescales for the delivery of the Climate and Environment Action Plan and the potential implications of this on corporate decisions relating to Council assets such as buildings and transport fleet up to the end of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and beyond.*

FM/09 COMMENTS, COMPLIMENTS, COMPLAINTS AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resource) presented the Report and outlined the key points and terms of reference. Members were informed that the Report was a summary with additional information available via Council's website.

Councillor Fitzpatrick raised concern in relation to the increase in the number of complaints regarding housing services. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) explained that when the complaints had been looked at in more detail some of the recorded complaints related to people who did not fit necessary criteria, those who did not get the outcome they were expecting, and some complaints were made during refurbishments, but those people were happy by the end of the refurbishment.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and noted the comments, compliments, complaints and FOI requests as detailed in the report.

FM/10 COMPLAINTS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the Report to the Committee and outlined the updates.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the updated Complaints Policy and Procedure as appended to the report.

FM/11 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/12 **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 no questions had been received.

SERVICES AND SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE – EXTENSION OF CONTRACT

The Committee approved the recommendation in the report.

PAYROLL SERVICE

The Committee approved the recommendation in the report.

REVIEW OF CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Committee approved the recommendation in the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:15 hours.

COUNCILLOR PEARSON

CHAIR