

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

30th November 2017

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs Coyle, Mrs Hall (substituting for Councillor Mrs Coe), Ford, Hewlett, Smith, Watson and Wheeler

Labour Group

Councillors Rhind, Richards, Southerd and Wilkins

FM/87 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs Coe (Conservative Group)

FM/88 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

FM/89 **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/90 **QUESTIONS 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.

FM/91 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no reports of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider.

FM/92 **CORPORATE PLAN 2016-21: PERFORMANCE REPORT (1 JULY – 30 SEPTEMBER 2017)**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee, highlighting the implementation of the new website and the benefit processing situation.

Members raised queries relating to the mandatory training. The Director responded and clarified that the deadline for the mandatory training to be completed is 31st July 2018.

RESOLVED:

Members noted progress against performance targets.

FM/93 **BUDGET and FINANCIAL MONITORING 2017/18**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee highlighting the Housing Revenue Account, Council Tax Income and Expenditure, Capital Expenditure and Financing, Council House Capital Works and New Build Scheme, and the positive Treasury Management situation.

The Chairman, whilst noting the Borrowing Capacity, queried whether this could be increased by submitting an application to which the Director explained that this will require a review by the Housing Department.

Councillor Hewlett noted the change in the profile of revenue reserve contributions to the Debt Repayment, to which the Director gave an explanation of the retention and spending of any surpluses.

Councillor Southerd, noted the risk of Appeals to the Business Rates Retention to which the Director explained that businesses have the right to lodge an appeal with the Valuation Office if they are not in agreement with the change in business rates.

Councillor Richards queried the retention of Agency and Consultancy staff. The Director explained that agency staff were retained on a short term rather than a long term contractual basis.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the latest budget and financial position for 2017/18, as detailed in the report.

FM/94 **COMMENTS, COMPLIMENTS, COMPLAINTS & FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS 1 APRIL 2017 TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee. The Director noted that due to a typographical error, the words comments and compliments had been omitted from the recommendation.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the comments, compliments, complaints and FOI requests, as detailed in the report.

FM/95 **CHANGE TO ESTABLISHMENT – DIRECT SERVICES UNIT**

RESOLVED:

Members approved that a post of HGV Sweeper Driver be added to the establishment with immediate effect.

FM/96 **REFUSE COLLECTION RESOURCES**

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members approved the establishment of one additional refuse driver / chargehand post, three additional refuse loader posts and two clinical driver posts.

1.2 Members agreed to increase the Council's vehicle fleet by one additional 26t refuse collection vehicle and one 7.5t refuse collection vehicle, to be covered by retaining one current vehicle and hiring an appropriate vehicle until new replacements can be purchased in 2019/20.

1.3 Members gave approval to continue to provide the bulky waste collections and bin deliveries services in-house.

FM/97 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:

Members approved the updated work programme.

FM/98 **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meetings held on 21st September 2017 and 12th October 2017 were received.

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.

THE FUTURE OF BUILDING CONTROL IN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE

Members approved the recommendation in the report.

PREMISES IN SWADLINCOTE

Members approved the recommendations in the report.

DELIVERY OF THE PROCUREMENT SERVICE

Members approved the recommendations in the report.

**STAFFING AMENDMENTS – COMMUNITY AND PLANNING
DIRECTORATE**

Members approved the recommendation in the report.

REVIEW OF COUNCIL STRUCTURE – APPOINTMENT OF CONTRACTOR

Members approved the recommendation in the report.

**REVIEW WRITE OFF: COUNCIL TAX, BUSINESS RATES & BENEFIT
OVERPAYMENTS**

Members approved the recommendation in the report.

The meeting terminated at 7.35pm.

COUNCILLOR J HARRISON

CHAIRMAN