



COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

12th November 2014

PRESENT:-

Councillors D.R. Wright (Chairman) J. Illingworth (Vice Chairman), G. Bush, P. Chandler, M. R. Graham, J.B. Rhodes, M. Twitney, P. Posnett,

Observer

Councillor J. Wyatt

Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, Strategic Director (KA) Central Services Manager, People Manager, Administrative Assistant for Communities and Neighbourhoods.

C27. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S. Lumley and L. Horton.

C28. MINUTES

The public and exempt minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2014 were confirmed and authorised to be signed by the Chairman following the amendment below;

C26. A Member congratulated the Chairman on his perseverance against opposition to lead the refurbishment of the new highly successful leisure pool that is now no longer a drain on the council's resources.

C29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors Rhodes & Posnett declared a personal and non pecuniary interest in relation to any issues concerning the Leicestershire County Council by virtue of them being a County Councillor.

Councillor Twitney declared an interest in Item 11 due to his wife running a group at the Cove Sure Start centre on a voluntary basis.

Councillor Chandler declared in interest in item 14 by virtue of her being on the planning committee. Councillor Bush declared that he would stay in the meeting during Item 14 in accordance with advice that he had been given regarding his interest.

C30. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations from other committees.

C31. UPDATE ON DECISIONS

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report to update Members on the update of decisions from the previous meeting.

A member of the public left the meeting

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDED that the Public be excluded during the consideration of the discussion of the current item of business in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Access to Information : Exempt Information) under paragraph 3

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods updated the committee on the current Communal Area cleaning service contract.

RESOLVED that the update on decision be noted.

A member of the public returned to the meeting

C32. TASK GROUP: INTENSIVE HOUSING MANAGEMENT SERVICE

An Intensive Housing Management Service task group was set up consisting of the following members Councillor Posnett, Bush, Chandler, Graham and Wright.

Terms of reference; to review the current housing related support service and to recommend to the CSA committee an intensive housing management service to enable continued support for vulnerable people living in supported housing.

The People Manager stated that the first meeting will take place on the 18th November and that the task group will run until mid January 2015.

RESOLVED that the Intensive Housing Management Service task group be established.

C33. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING TO 31 OCTOBER 2014

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to update the committee in the progress of schemes within the Capital Programme to 31 October 2014.

The Central Services Manager brought Members attention to Appendix A outlining the year end position and year end variances.

RESOLVED that the progress made on each capital scheme be noted attached as Appendix A.

C34. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014-19

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to determine the Committee's Capital Programme for 2014-19 based on a review of spending in the current years programme and schemes included in the programme for later years.

The Central Services Manager brought Members attention appendix A which illustrated the draft capital programme. It was stated that businesses cases will be brought back to this committee detailing the cost of the projects outlined in the project mandates contained within Appendix C.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the revised Capital Programme for 2014-19 be approved
- 2) the schemes being submitted in 2014-19 be considered for funding as part of the budget setting process to ensure the meet the council's priorities.
- 3) The project mandates as summarised in Appendix C be approved for inclusion on the Capital Programme.

C35. REVENUE BUDGET 2015-16 COMMITTEE ESTIMATES

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to inform members on the latest position of this committee's revenue budget estimates.

The Central Services Manager brought Members attention to Appendix A which details a high level summary of what is in this budgets remit and the main budget variances outlined in para 3.6 and 3.7.

The Chairman brought attention to para 3.6 stating that the detail for the Sports Service should read 'Increased funding allocation and some employees not in the pension scheme'

Discussion took place around the detail of the Commissioning Children's Centres service in para 3.7. The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods confirmed that no final decision had currently been reached regarding the withdrawal of funding for the services.

In reference to Appendix A members suggested the Melton Lifeline should be breaking even. The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated this point is linked to the fees and charges review of this service which was raised at the previous committee and a report on this and subsequent proposals will be presented to CSA meeting in Jan 2015

Members noted the growth items outlined in section 3.8 and exempt appendix E.

RESOLVED that the latest position on this committee's revenue budget estimates be noted and the comments made be taken forward through the remainder of the budget setting process.

C36. PLAY AREA EQUIPMENT, APPARATUS AND SITE; RENEWAL, REPLACEMENT AND MAINTENANCE POLICY 2014.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report seeking Members support for the adoption of a replacement and renewal programme and policy for the authorities play area sites, play equipment and apparatus.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that the replacement and renewal programme will consist of a condition survey, audit of current equipment and the cost of replacement.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The Play Area Equipment, Apparatus and Site Renewal, Replacement and Maintenance Policy be approved
- 2) The developing Play Area Equipment, Apparatus and Site Renewal, Replacement and Maintenance Programme be approved with a view of establishing a replacement and renewal fund.

C37. COMMUNITY CENTRE REVIEW OF ROOM BOOKING - UPDATE

Councillor Twitney left the room due to an interest in this item.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods presented a report to update Members on the actions taken from the review of Room Booking Charges at the Melton Sure Start and Community Centre's in November 2013.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that in future the charges for this service will be brought to Members in line with other fees and charges during the year.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The implementation of the recommendations in the previous report from November 2013 be noted.
- 2) It be noted that the room booking charges have been agreed to rise with inflation each year as a minimum and any increase on that rate will be brought to Members to discuss before any higher charge would be implemented.
- 3) The charges for 2015/16 that are being proposed for approval be noted.

Councillor Twitney returned to the meeting.

C38. HOUSING ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (HAMP) PROGRESS REPORT

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report for Members to comment and approve the Housing Asset Management Plan progress and to consider the Road Map which sets out the key dates relating to the delivery of projects and programmes of work contained within the HAMP.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods brought Members attention to Appendix C outlining the key elements of the new builds and the timeline of the works that will be carried out.

The Chairman emphasised the potential of the Rockingham Drive garage sites and also urged that works at Granby House be prioritised as a matter of urgency.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that the HAMP had identified significant and exciting projects that would transform some of the Councils Estates.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that any regeneration works that will take place at Beckmill Court or Granby House will not involve a total decant of tenants.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The Housing Asset Management Plan Progress outlined in sections 3.4-3.13 be approved.
- 2) The Road Map (Appendix B) which sets out the key dates relating to the delivery of projects and programme of work contained within the HAMP be approved.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDED that the Public be excluded during the consideration of the following two items of business in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Access to Information : Exempt Information) under paragraph 3

C39. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

C40. **HOUSING FOYER PROJECT**

Councillor Chandler left the meeting due to an interest in this item.

Councillor Bush declared that he was remaining in the meeting in accordance with advice that he has been given.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted a report seeking Members approval of the Housing Foyer Business Case at Appendix A and to update Members on progress and to authorise the final stage of the Foyer Project.

RESOLVED that the recommendations be approved.

The meeting which commenced at 6.30p.m, closed at 7.50 p.m.

Chairman