



COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

16th November 2016

PRESENT:-

Councillor A. Pearson (Chairman), S. Lumley (Vice-Chairman), P Chandler, T Culley, J. Douglas, M. Graham, P. Posnett, V Manderson.

Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods, Central Services Manager, Strategic Director (CAM), The People Manager, Me and My Learning Business Partner, Administrative Assistant for Communities and Neighbourhoods (standby)

C30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Beaken.

C31. MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting on the 14th September 2016 were authorised to be signed by the chairman.

C32. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

Councillor Pearson asked for it be recorded that he runs a sports science company in regards to Item 9 Health Profile.

C33. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

There were no recommendations received from other committees.

C34. UPDATE ON DECISIONS

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods submitted an update on decisions from the previous meeting of this Committee which was noted by Members.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that C49 was to be considered during the Committee.

A member enquired for clarification of 'individuals' and 'families' in regards to the Homelessness Review. The Chair stated that this would be covered in Agenda Item 9.

After a discussion regarding details on Wheels to Work, the Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that a comprehensive report will be brought to the CSA meeting in January 2017.

RESOLVED: that

- 1) C13- Consultants have been appointed and a report is due back in December 2016. A Full Review will be presented to members at the CSA meeting in March 2017.
- 2) C24- There is no cost to the council, Gym passes from SLF referrals amount to approx. £2k and funded from community Grants scheme (LCC/LRS.) These are to be ordered in batches of 10.
- 3) C25- The charge of £53.90 reflects the actual cost of supplying the meals.
- 4) C29- Homelessness review is in progress and will be brought back at the CSA meeting in January 2017.

C35. CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING APRIL TO OCTOBER 2016

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to update the committee on the progress of schemes with the Capital Programme to 31st October 2016.

The Central Services Manager brought Members attention to:

- Appendix A, showing the Capital Programme 2016/17 progress report for October 2016.
- 5.3 Focusing on the progress of the Housing foyer, Melton Country Park, Leisure Vision and Warm House Grants.

After a Discussion on The Housing Foyer it was noted that a full report will be brought back to this Committee in January 2017.

The Central Services Manager brought Members attention to 5.4 showing that the HRA is expecting to be significantly underspent this year as well as the increase in the Granby House Refurbishment project of £40k which will both be reflected in Item 7 of this Agenda.

After a Discussion on the HRA contract it was stated that the housing repairs contract task group will be set in December 2016.

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

C36. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2016-2021

The Head of Central Services submitted a report on the Committees Capital Programme for 2016-21 based on a review of spending in the current years

programme and schemes included in the programmes for later years.

The Central Service Manager brought Members attention to:

- Appendix A showing the Community and Social Affairs Committee Capital Programme 2016-2021.
- 3.2.2 Showing a summary of the proposed changes to the general fund Capital Programme.

A member requested reassurance that Melton is going to be participating in the pilot run of the lightbulb project.

The Chair noted that he felt Appendix A had been managed very well.

RESOLVED that

- 1) The Committee approved the revised Capital Programme for 2016-21 attached as Appendix A.
- 2) Members considered the schemes being submitted in 2016-21 funding as part of the budget setting process to ensure they meet the council's priorities.

C37. REVENUE BUDGET 2017-2018 COMMITTEE ESTIMATES

The Head of Central Services submitted a report to inform members on the latest position of this committees revenue budget estimate.

The Central Services Manager brought members attention to the 3.2 table that summarises the key stages in the budget setting process. It was noted that the Settlement Announcement for Local Government will be determined December 2016.

The Members attention was then brought to Appendix A showing the CSA working paper Summary and Appendix B which covers the CSA Revenue Estimates 2017-18.

A discussion took place regarding the Wheels to Work report, it was stated that this will be brought back to the CSA meeting in January 2017.

The Central Services Manager drew Members' attention to:

- 3.6 Variances in 2017-18 proposed budget against 2016-17 estimated year end position
- 3.7 The four growth items
- 3.9 The maintenance of the closed churchyard at Frisby

RESOLVED that members noted the latest position on the committees revenue budget estimate and made comments which can be taken forward through the remainder of the budget setting process.

C38. HEALTH PROFILE

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods provided members with an update on the Melton's Health Profile and current initiatives.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods drew Members attention to Appendix A Health Profile 2016 paying particular attention to the last page which shows how well Melton is doing.

A Discussion was had over Appendix B as a member enquired as to clarification of Statutory Homelessness and as to whether we except applications from other towns or must they be from Melton. The Head of Communities and neighbourhoods stated that they must fit into the priority Category and if not from Melton they can be referred back to their local council if they do not have a local connection.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods stated that a Homelessness report will be brought to the CSA meeting in January 2017.

A Member noted that although figure in Appendix B shows suicide rates low that the national press release an article last year on Melton having the highest rate of suicide amongst the young people nationally. This was discussed and noted.

It was noted that although a few statistics such as homelessness were concerning it is also important to acknowledge the positives such as GCSE's achieved, Violent Crimes and Hip Replacements where Melton has good Statistics and over all good profile.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods Also drew the Members attention to Appendix C Melton Sport and Health Alliance Presentation.

RESOLVED that members understand and agree the health priorities within Melton Borough.

C39. HRA WORKING BALANCE- PLANNED MAINTENANCE

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods presented a report seeking member's approval to allocate £175,000 from the HRA working balance to complete the Phase 4 of the 2016/17 planned maintenance programme.

The Head of Communities drew members' attention to:

- 3.4. Showing a summary of the income and expenditure for the HRA compared to the approved budget at June 2016
- 3.5 The minimum working balance as recommended by the Medium Term Financial Strategy remains at £750,000 for 2016/17.
- 3.6 showing how many properties have benefitted from planned maintenance work during 2016/17.
- 3.7 Noting that the Housing Revenue Account is a High Risk service account and that the 2017/18 HRA Budget will be approved by members.

The Head of Communities and Neighbourhoods also drew Members attention to the recommendations of 2.1 and 2.2.

RESOLVED that

- 1) It was recommended to The Policy, Finance & Administration Committee a supplementary estimate of £175,000 to be met from the HRA Working Balance to complete the 2016/17 planned maintenance programme.
- 2) It was recommended an amendment to the scheme of delegation to permit the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Head of Central Services to utilise resources above the minimum HRA working balance for schemes and projects supporting HAMP and in line with the HRA Business plan.

C40. URGENT BUSINESS

There was no Urgent Business to be discussed.

Prior to seeking approval to consider the exempt item a member wanted it to be noted that this was the People Manager, Ronan Browne's last meeting. They expressed their thanks for his support over the years and wanted to acknowledge some of the major achievements he had delivered and wished the Peoples Manager the best in his new organisation. This was endorsed by all members of the committee.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RECOMMENDED that the public be excluded during the consideration of the following 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.

C41. EXEMPT

COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS- PEOPLE SERVICES REVIEW

The Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods to present a report seeking members' approval to re-structure the People Services Teams within the Communities & Neighbourhoods Service

RESOLVED That the recommendations be approved.

The meeting which commenced at 6.30p.m and closed at 7.47 p.m.

Chairman