



CORPORATE SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Monday 13 July 2015 at 6.30 pm in the Octagon Lounge, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor Barrow (Chairman)

Councillors Barrow, Douglas, Hardy, Helliwell, Howe, Huddleston, Claff, Lomax, A. McKeown, R. McKeown, Perkins (substitute for J Wharmby), Sizeland, Sloman and G Wharmby

An apology for absence was received from Councillor J Wharmby.

Councillors Ashton, Kemp, Thrane and Todd were also in attendance.

16/08 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Agenda item 2)

Councillor Kemp, Executive Member, declared an 'other' interest in agenda item 9, "Outsourcing of High Peak Outdoor Markets" (reason: £1 shareholder in Buxton Town Team)

Councillor Todd, although not a member of the Committee, declared an 'other' interest in agenda item 9, "Outsourcing of High Peak Outdoor Markets" (reason: £1 shareholder in Buxton Town Team)

16/09 MINUTES

(Agenda item 3)

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the amendment to minute 16/02 to read "Vice-Chairman" instead of "Chairman", the minutes of the meeting held on 8 June 2015 be approved as a correct record.

16/10 FOURTH QUARTER PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL REVIEW (PROVISIONAL OUTTURN) 2014/15

(Agenda item 5)

The Committee considered the Council's overall performance and financial position for the period ended 31 March 2015 ("Fourth Quarter 2014/15") and considered the actions set out to address the issues within the report.

In presenting the report, Councillor Thrane, Executive Councillor for Corporate Services paid tribute to former Councillor Tim Norton, the previous portfolio holder and thanked him for his support over the previous 4 years.

Comments were made regarding the increase of the number of complaints relating to Housing assets and the number of fly tipping enforcements. It was queried whether a more meaningful suite of indicators could be developed



around leisure activities. Regarding the delay in the project to provide new allotments sites at Gamesley and Dinting, it was commented that it was hoped that the allotment provision could be increased but that it would take time.

Regarding the council's financial position, a £1.4M surplus was reported, an additional £200,000 more than budgeted had been received from Buxton water franchise and the total service requests to carry forward to this financial year are £138,000. On the General Fund Account, there is a surplus against budget of £880,000 most of which relates to business rates retention. Regarding the HRA, there is a surplus of £1.6M, the majority of which relates to the re-profiling of the capital programme. On the general fund capital programme, there is an underspend of £447,000, of which £427,000 is to be carried forward.

A query was expressed regarding what was included within the expenditure of the Pavilion Gardens, to which the Executive Councillor advised that there are no current plans to change the controllable costs which are monitored by managers and that performance objectives had in the most part been achieved.

In response to a query regarding the sum allocated to planning appeals, it was confirmed that this was in addition to a similar amount already allocated.

It was commented that as part of the service review process, there was a need to ensure that the assets service had sufficient resources. Members were advised that the service review process would address all of the demands on the council, and would be reported during the next meeting cycle.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive be recommended to:

1. note that Fourth Quarter 2015 performance and financial position as detailed in appendices A and B and summarised at 3.3 of the covering report;
2. approve the proposal to carry forward unspent revenue budgets as described in Appendix C (paragraph 2.8)
3. approve the allocation of the surplus on the General Fund Revenue Account to earmarked reserves as explained in Appendix B (paragraph 2.9)
4. note the amendment to certain Fees and Charges as set out in Appendix B (paragraph 2.10)
5. approve the proposal to carry forward unspent capital budgets as described in Appendix B (paragraphs 6.6 and 7.7)
6. note the updated position against the approved Action Plan for the Third Quarter (Appendix C);
7. approve the actions detailed in Appendix D which have been identified to address the performance and financial issues highlighted in the report.



The following amendments were made to the work programme:
Corporate Plan (September meeting)
Pavilion Gardens (September meeting)
HRA Business Plan (+ Housing Select)
2nd Quarter Performance and Financial report (November meeting)

Delete Safeguarding Annual Report as this had been considered by Community Select.

RESOLVED:

1. That, subject to the above amendments, the work programmes be noted;
2. That Councillors Barrow, Claff, Douglas, Lomax and G Wharmby be appointed to the Asset Management Sub-Committee.

16/12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda item 8)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items as there may be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

16/13 OUTSOURCING OF HIGH PEAK OUTDOOR MARKETS
(Agenda item 9)

The Committee considered the outcome of the results of the open market bid process to outsource the operation of the existing council-operated outdoor markets, and made recommendations to the Executive.

16/14 PAVILION GARDENS – RESULTS OF CONDITION SURVEY AND OPTIONS FOR REPAIRS
(Agenda item 10)

The Committee considered the results of the recent condition survey and options for repairs, and made recommendations to the Executive on a range of actions to addresses the issues raised.

16/15 AFFORDABLE HOUSING AT THE FOMER FERRO ALLOYS SITE, GLOSSOP
(Agenda item 11)

The Committee considered a report which sought approval, for the disposal of council owned land adjacent to the former Ferro Alloys site and measures to bring forward a 100% affordable housing scheme. The Committee recommended the proposed action to the Executive for approval.

16/16 BUXTON CRESCENT AND THERMAL SPA PROJECT – PROJECT UPDATE
(Agenda item 12)



The Committee considered an update on the latest position with the Buxton Crescent and Thermal Spa project as well as the remaining key risks associated with the project, which was noted.

The meeting concluded at 8.35 p.m.

CHAIR