



CORPORATE SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Monday 19 September 2016 in the Café Area, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor Barrow (Chairman)

Councillors Douglas, Fox, Grooby, Helliwell, Kerr (substitute for Claff), Lomax, R McKeown, Perkins (substitute for Hardy), Sizeland and G Wharmby (substitute for J Wharmby).

Councillors Ashton, Thrane, Pritchard and Young were also in attendance.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Claff, Hardy, Kemp, McCabe and J Wharmby.

17/20 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST (Agenda item 2)

Councillor Sizeland declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in agenda items 8, "Growth Strategy for High Peak and delivery mechanism for housing and employment sites", 9, "Chapel Employment Sites" and 16 "Growth Strategy – appendix" (reason: own land at Chapel sites) and withdrew from the meeting during the consideration and voting on those items

17/21 MINUTES (Agenda item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2016 be approved as a correct record.

17/22 CARE CLOSER TO HOME CONSULTATION (Agenda item 5)

Beverley Smith and Steve Allinson were in attendance to provide the Committee with an update on the consultation being undertaken by North Derbyshire CCG and Hardwick CCG around Care Closer to Home.

Community Select Committee had previously received a presentation around the proposals at its meeting on 12 July 2016, and the CCG had been invited to update members further prior to the closure of the consultation period on 5 October.

An unprecedented amount of responses had been received to the consultation, and a number of key themes were emerging, including:



- The implications of taking care into the community on the role of carers and the support required
- The importance of travel and access
- The way in which some of the beds at Chesterfield might not carry the ethos expected from a community based service
- Queried how services will be provided out of hours and how will the new models of care be delivered 24/7
- The availability and training of the workforce

All responses were being independently analysed prior to a decision around the proposals being made by both CCG Boards.

The following comments were made:

1. Concern regarding the proposed closure of the Fenton and Spencer Wards at the Cavendish Hospital. The beds have a high occupancy rate, and due to the nature of the conditions dealt with on the wards, it is essential that patients, who are often old and frail, feel comfortable in their surroundings and are familiar with the staff delivering treatment.
2. Concerns regarding the level of cover for night time dementia crisis given that there will be one older age psychiatrist on call throughout the whole of the area.
3. Impact on carers once dementia rapid response teams are established and care is undertaken within the home. This will mean that there is little or no respite for carers and place increased responsibilities on carers to provide support.
4. Location of the majority of the community rehabilitation at Chesterfield - this is a major concern, given the rural location of Buxton, difficult public transport journeys and the effects of the winter weather in the area. Members expressed the view that patients and their families and friends should not be expected to undertake lengthy, difficult and expensive journeys on a regular basis. Reference was also made to the proposed budget cuts by Derbyshire County Council around subsidised local bus services, which if approved, would make access to health services located further away by public transport much more challenging. The CCGs are requested to take the impact of the proposed budgets cuts into full consideration when determining the location of services, particularly for the more rural areas.
5. Assurances were sought that the proposals can actually deliver what is envisaged, and whether plans were in place should this not be the case. The view was expressed that the CCGs needed to take into account the needs of particular areas rather than imposing one model across whole areas.
6. The level of communication with neighbouring hospitals, i.e. Stepping Hill and Macclesfield was queried, and assurances were sought around patient flow.
7. Concern around the resources available to deliver the proposals – it was noted that delivery of the proposals would require an expansion to the workforce, particularly in terms of Occupational Therapists and Physiotherapists – it was queried how this would be achieved given the national difficulties in the recruitment and retention to posts of this nature.



RESOLVED:

That the Council respond to the consultation taking into account the above comments, and those raised at the meeting of Community Select on 13 July, to be agreed by the Chairs of Corporate and Community Select Committees and the Executive Councillor.

17/23 **FIRST QUARTER FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW 2016/17**
(Agenda item 6)

The Committee considered the Council's overall performance, procurement and financial position for the period ended 30 June 2016

In response to a query regarding the reduction in the provision of bad debts from 1.5% to 1% in the HRA, the Committee was advised that this was due to performance being better than predicted, for which members conveyed their thanks.

Officers were thanked for the project undertaken in Gamesley around recycling, with the view expressed that it would be helpful if further funding could be made available to undertake similar schemes in other areas.

RESOLVED:

That the First Quarter 2016/17 financial, procurement and performance position detailed in Appendices A, B and C and summarised in paragraph 3.3 of the covering report, be noted.

17/24 **BUSINESS RATES RETENTION – CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED NEW SYSTEM**
(Agenda item 7)

The Committee considered a report around the contents of recent Government consultation documents on the reform of the business rates retention system and were requested to consider the Council's response.

The Executive Director (Transformation) made a presentation to members around the current system, government announcements, timetable for reform, approach to developing the new system, devolution of responsibilities, system re-design (parameters, issues and management of risk), local tax flexibilities, fair funding review and key issues for consideration.

The view was expressed that the Council needed to be involved in the lobbying being undertaken by the DCN around this issue. Concerns were expressed regarding the split between districts and counties which has not yet been determined, as well as the impact on fire and police funding. There were also concerns around devolution, and for authorities with no devolution deal to be able to access the proposed infrastructure levy to fund for particular projects.



The Committee were advised that work was being undertaken with the Derbyshire Pool, to establish what it would mean for the Council in the future, together with ascertaining whether there was some protection around the risks.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive be requested to:

1. Note the details of the progress with the Government's reform of the business rates retention system as detailed in section 9 of the report;
2. Note the contents of the recent consultation papers as detailed in sections 10 and 11 of the report;
3. Agree that the issues highlighted in section 12.1 form the basis of the Council's response to the consultation.

(Councillor Sizeland withdrew from the meeting during the consideration and voting on the following two agenda items)

17/25

GROWTH STRATEGY FOR HIGH PEAK AND DELIVERY MECHANISM FOR HOUSING AND EMPLOYMENT SITES

(Agenda item 8)

The Committee considered an update on the Growth Strategy and delivery plans for accelerating housing delivery and implementing enterprise growth in order to implement the Growth Strategy.

The actions being put in place were welcomed, however, the view was expressed that alternative approaches may need to be developed due to the general uncertainty around registered social landlords and rent levels. It was suggested that the strategy would benefit from more information around delivery to ensure that the open for business approach was fully reflected.

RESOLVED:

1. That the update on the Growth Strategy be noted;
2. That the proposed approach and delivery plans for the implementation of the Growth Strategy be noted, and the Executive be recommended to approve:
 1. The proposal for the Accelerating Housing Delivery Programme as outlined in paragraph 7.4.2;
 2. The proposal of Implementing Enterprise Growth as outlined in paragraph 7.3.2
 3. The portfolio approach for delivering Council owned sites as outlined in paragraph 7.10;
 4. The expenditure of up to £70,000 from the Council's earmarked budget for Regeneration Growth Projects Support to prepare masterplans, development appraisals and initial valuations of the sites to understand financial viability issues as well as seeking planning approvals where required to increase deliverability of sites;



5. Commencement of process for appraising options for delivery partner mechanisms as outlined in paragraph 7.11;
 6. Actions and timescales as noted in the next steps section in paragraph 7.12;
 7. Note a valuation and appraisal in being carried out for Granby Road site to kick start delivery of phase 1 of the Accelerated Housing Programme, the results of which will be presented to the Executive at a later date;
3. The Executive note the options in section 5 and approve the recommended option as outlined in paragraph 5.2.

17/26 **CHAPEL EMPLOYMENT SITES**
(Agenda item 9)

The Committee considered progress with the Chapel en le Frith Masterplan and viability assessment undertaken by BDP, together with the next steps to be taken in the delivery of the masterplan.

RESOLVED:

1. That the update and summary of project progress to date be noted;
2. That the Executive be recommended to note the report and to approve the next steps as set out in paragraphs 7.9 of the report.

17/27 **WORK PROGRAMME**
(Agenda item 10)

It was noted that a report on Glossop Halls would be submitted to the meeting of the Committee in October.

RESOLVED:

That the Select Committees' Work Programmes be noted.

17/28 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**
(Agenda item 12)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as there may be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

SUMMARY OF EXEMPT ITEMS

17/29 **EXEMPT MINUTES**
(Agenda item 13)

RESOLVED:



That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2016 be approved as a correct record.

17/30 RISK BASED DELIVERY VERIFICATION FOR HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT CLAIMS

(Agenda item 14)

The Committee considered adoption of Risk Based Verification in the processing of housing benefit and council tax reduction claims, together with a progress report around the digital administration of revenues and benefits and made recommendations to the Executive.

17/31 ALTERNATIVE DELIVERY VEHICLES AND JOINT WORKING OPTIONS FOR THE ALLIANCE BUILDING CONTROL SERVICE

(Agenda item 15)

The Committee considered options for the delivery of the Alliance Building Control Function and made recommendations to the Executive.

(Councillor Sizeland withdrew from the meeting during the consideration and voting on the following agenda item)

17/32 GROWTH STRATEGY APPENDIX

(Agenda item 16)

The Committee noted the appendix to the Growth Strategy report.

The meeting concluded at 8.45 p.m.

CHAIR