



CORPORATE SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Monday, 9 October 2017 at 6.30 pm in The Cafe, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor A Barrow (Chair)

Councillors G Claff, J Douglas, A Fox, L Grooby, P Hardy, S Helliwell, D Lomax, A McKeown, R McKeown and K Sizeland

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Wharmby

Councillors J McCabe and E Thrane were also in attendance

18/19 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
(Agenda Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest made.

18/20 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

18/21 SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT RISK OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT
(Agenda Item 5)

The Council adopted its Child Protection Policy in 2006 and subsequently updated the policy to incorporate adults at risk of abuse and neglect in 2014 in response to the introduction of the Care Act 2014. A revised policy was agreed by members in 2016. The Committee considered the annual update on the Council's action to meet its safeguarding duties. This included reference to the self-assessment, areas identified for improvement and training sessions.

Members were informed that a District/Borough Sub-Group of the Derbyshire County Council Safeguarding Board had been set up.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive be requested to note the actions taken by the Council in response to its safeguarding duties.

18/22 BUSINESS RATES REVALUATION AND LOCAL DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SCHEME
(Agenda Item 6)

The purpose of the report was to provide an overview of the updated and new business rate reliefs that had been recently announced by central government and to consider the criteria for a new local discretionary business rate relief policy.

The Committee received a presentation from the Council's Finance and Procurement Manager that demonstrated the impact of the 2017 revaluation, business rate reliefs and the Local Discretionary Rate Relief Policy. Discussion ensued around the potential implications for the introduction of the reliefs on Council properties and the reasoning for tapers.

RESOLVED:

1. That the implications of the business rate revaluation on the local businesses in High Peak, including the new reliefs that had been implemented by central government, be noted.
2. That potential principles and criteria for the Executive to consider in a local discretionary rate relief scheme should be based on sound financial objectives.

18/23 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
(Agenda Item 7)

The following additions were requested for future consideration:

- An update on Stepping Hill Hospital
- The effects of the Court Service re-organisation

RESOLVED:

That the Select Committee Work Programmes be noted.

18/24 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 9)

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 set out in paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

18/25 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 10)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

18/26 DISPOSAL OF EXTENDED LEASEHOLD INTEREST IN THE FORMER SWINESHAW WATER TREATMENT WORKS AT BLACKSHAW ROAD/ BUTE STREET, GLOSSOP
(Agenda Item 11)

The Committee considered a report with regards to the sale of the freehold interest in the former water treatment works at Blackshaw Road / Bute Street, Glossop.

18/27 SALE OF FREEHOLD INTEREST IN LAND AT WOODSMILL, GLOSSOP
(Agenda Item 12)

The Committee considered the sale of a reversionary freehold interest in land in the Woods Mill area of Glossop.

18/28 CONTRACT AWARD - STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FRAMEWORK
(Agenda Item 13)

The Committee considered the appointment of Structural Engineers to a framework for design and advice services to the Council following the completion of a tender exercise.

The meeting concluded at 7.38 pm

CHAIRMAN