

CORPORATE SELECT COMMITTEE

Meeting: Monday, 4 December 2017 at 6.30 pm in The Cafe, Pavilion Gardens, Buxton

Present: Councillor A Barrow (Chair)

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

Councillor T Ashton and E Thrane were also in attendance

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Fox, G Wharmby and J McCabe

18/29 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2017 be approved as a correct record.

18/30 2ND QUARTER FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT AND PERFORMANCE REVIEW
(Agenda Item 5)

The Committee considered the second quarter financial, procurement and performance review 2017/18. It was noted that an amendment was necessary to the table at paragraph 3.3 of the report to amend the council tax collection rate to 57.4%.

RESOLVED:

That the Second Quarter 2017/18 financial, procurement and performance positions as detailed in appendices A, B and C and summarised at paragraph 3.3 (as amended) of the covering report be noted.

18/31 UPDATED MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2018/19 - 2021/22
(Agenda Item 6)

The Committee considered the Council's updated Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) which presented the Council's priorities in the context of the likely resources available, providing a financial context to future decision making.

RESOLVED:

That the updated Medium Term Financial Plan be endorsed and recommended to the Executive for approval.

18/32 EMPTY PROPERTY STRATEGY

(Agenda Item 7)

The Committee considered the Alliance wide Empty Property Strategy, which set out the national and local context and strategic objectives to realise the potential benefits of bringing properties back into use.

A key policy with regard to empty homes is the New Homes Bonus, and members were advised that it was important to minimise the amount of empty properties within an area prior to the council tax base being set, which also forms the basis for the calculation of New Homes Bonus. The strategy also aims to develop understanding of the reasons why properties are empty so that appropriate advice and assistance can be developed accordingly.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive be recommended to approve the Empty Property Strategy and Implementation Plan.

18/33 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT - LONG TERM VACANT PROPERTIES
(Agenda Item 8)

The Committee considered the future use of a number of long-term vacant Housing Revenue Account (HRA) properties. It was noted that the proposals had also been considered by the HRA Working Group.

RESOLVED:

That the Executive be recommended to approve:

1. The refurbishment and subsequent re-letting of the following properties:
 - 23 Torr Top Street, New Mills; and
 - 127 Padfield Main Road, Padfield, subject to there being a restriction that this property be not eligible for inclusion in the right to buy scheme;
2. The disposal of the following properties:
 - 17 Meal Street & 26 Church View, New Mills.

18/34 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
(Agenda Item 9)

RESOLVED:

That the Select Committees' Work Programmes be noted.

18/35 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC
(Agenda Item 11)

RESOLVED:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as there may be disclosure of exempt information as set out in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

18/36 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
(Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2017 be approved as a correct record.

18/37 GLOSSOP HALLS PROJECT UPDATE
(Agenda Item 13)

The Committee considered an update on the Glossop Halls Project and made recommendations to the Executive.

18/38 HOUSING GAS SERVICING AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT AWARD
(Agenda Item 14)

The Committee considered the outcome of a procurement exercise for the renewal of housing properties gas servicing and maintenance contract.

18/39 RADON REMEDIATION IN HRA PROPERTIES
(Agenda Item 15)

The Committee considered the outcomes of the testing of radon levels in council dwellings and agreed the approach for remediation and further phases of testing.

18/40 SECOND QUARTER FINANCIAL, PROCUREMENT AND PERFORMANCE 2017/18 - APPENDIX D
(Agenda Item 16)

The Committee considered a number of applications for council tax, business rates and sundry debt write offs.

The meeting concluded at 7.40 pm

CHAIR