



## CORPORATE SELECT COMMITTEE

**Meeting: Monday, 15 July 2024 at 6.30 pm in Pavilion Gardens**

Present: Councillor C Payne (Chair)

Councillors P Bell, N Clarke, J Collins, L Grooby, R McKeown, R Quinn, P Reddy, E Siddall and J Taylor

In Attendance: Councillor(s) A Barrow and A McKeown

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors O Cross and K Sizeland

**25/16 TO RECEIVE DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST ON ANY MATTERS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**  
(Agenda Item 2)

There were no disclosures made.

**25/17 ANY MATTERS REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE UNDER THE CALL-IN PROCEDURE**  
(Agenda Item 3)

None

**25/18 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
(Agenda Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**25/19 SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**  
(Agenda Item 5)

The Chair advised that the next meeting of the Select Committee Programming Group was on 22 August 2024.

RESOLVED:

That the Select Committee Work Programme, be noted.

**25/20**      **FOURTH QUARTER FINANCE, PROCUREMENT AND PERFORMANCE REPORT**  
(Agenda Item 6)

The Committee considered a report which informed members of the Council's overall performance and financial position for the period ended 31 March 2024 ("Fourth Quarter 2023/24"). Detailed analysis is provided within the appendices to the report.

The Executive Councillor presented the report and provided further information on projected variances as set out in the report. Reference was made to the projected overspend by AES, more information on which was set out in the collaborative arrangements section of the report.

Members were advised that the level of reserves have been reviewed and it is recommended that these be increased to £2.6M as set out in paragraph 3.8 of the report. The reasons for this were explained and include volatility in the recycle market, mitigating for potential price increases price increases, including for the renewal of several contracts, increased insurance costs and the updating of several systems and processes across the Council's service areas. It was confirmed that this is not expected to have a detrimental effect on service delivery and performance.

There are significant pressures on the HRA, particularly significant inflation on revenue costs, and overspends and underspends were set out in paragraphs 7.5 and 7.6 of the report. The outcome of the stock condition survey will help planning for and managing the costs of planned maintenance which will help to limit the extent of responsive repairs.

It was noted that the current procurement procedure rules will be revised to support the key objectives of supporting local, achievable community benefits and the Council's climate change actions. It was confirmed that joint procurement was undertaken across the Alliance where possible and beneficial to do so.

Regarding performance; 57% of measures had been improved upon or maintained since this time last year, and the performance framework has been refreshed. More information and feedback regarding the performance of the planning service was requested, following concerns expressed regarding the timescales for handling of planning applications. The Committee was advised that a full process review for the planning services is being undertaken, which has involved some members, and that the planning service is now fully staffed. The detail of the complaints handling process was also set out for members.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Fourth Quarter 2023/24 financial, procurement and performance positions detailed in Appendices A, B and C and summarised at paragraph 3.3 of the covering report be noted;
2. That the Executive be recommended to approve the proposal of reserve movements in Appendix A (paragraph 3.8) and

3. That the Executive be recommended to approve the proposals to carry forward unspent capital budget as set out in Appendix A (paragraphs 8.5 and 9.3);
4. That the Executive be recommended to approve the write-offs as set out in Appendix D (agenda item 13 within Part II of the agenda refers)

**25/21 HIGH PEAK ANNUAL REPORT 2022 - 2023**  
(Agenda Item 7)

The Committee considered the Council's Annual Report for 2022-23, which compare High Peak's performance and costs with local authorities in the East Midlands region and nationally.

The Chief Executive made a presentation to the Committee which provided a summary of the aims, objectives, priority outcomes, influencing objectives and the priority actions within the Borough Plan; the context and detail of the revised performance framework; and the conclusions of the Annual Report, including key challenges, threats, opportunities and benchmarking analysis.

In respect of the Annual Report, discussion ensued around the volatility of the labour market within High Peak, reasons for the higher than average CO2 emissions, employment and manufacturing issues within High Peak and the economic impact and opportunities of having high commuter levels to nearby cities around the area, which will be addressed by the Growth Strategy.

The Performance Framework has been refreshed to reflect the new Borough Plan and reviewed following recommendations from the Corporate Peer Challenge and External Auditors' Annual Report, this included a rationalisation of the number of performance indicators. Performance measures will be linked to priority outcomes. Members were requested to feed back any comments regarding the proposed performance targets.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the Annual Report 2022/23 be noted;
2. That the main issues, threats and opportunities for the Council as summarised in Section 9 of the report be noted;
3. That the findings of the benchmarking exercised as summarised in Section 10 of the report be noted; and
4. That further work will be undertaken around the Climate Change Action Plan.

**25/22 PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK 2024/25**

(Agenda Item 8)

The Committee scrutinised the draft Performance Framework and associated targets for 2024/25.

RESOLVED:

1. That the changes to the Performance Framework as detailed in Section 9 of the report be noted;
2. That the proposed set of performance indicators and targets as set out in Appendix A be noted, and any comments be forwarded to officers direct;
3. That the details of the performance measures that are linked to the Borough Plan priority outcomes as set out in Appendix B, be noted;
4. That the development of the Oflog performance metrics as detailed in Appendix C be noted; and
5. That the on-going development and an annual delivery plan including the development of milestones of the Borough Plan priority actions as detailed in Appendix D be noted.

**25/23 REVIEW OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS**

(Agenda Item 9)

The Chair advised that this item had been deferred.

**25/24 ANY QUESTIONS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER (MEMBER SERVICES TO BE ADVISED OF ANY QUESTIONS AT LEAST 4 DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING)**

(Agenda Item 10)

There were no questions to the Executive Councillors

**25/25 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

(Agenda Item 11)

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 Part I of Scheduled 12A of the Local Government Act 1972

**25/26 EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

(Agenda Item 12)

RESOLVED:

That the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2024 be approved as a correct record.

**25/27 APPLICATIONS FOR WRITE OFF OF NON-RECOVERABLE DEBTS**  
(Agenda Item 13)

RESOLVED:

That the Executive be recommended to approve the applications for the write off of non-recoverable debts as set out in the report.

**25/28 EFFICIENCY PROGRAMME – ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN (PRESENTATION)**  
(Agenda Item 14)

The Executive Director (Resources) made a presentation around the Efficiency Programme – Asset Management Plan, which was noted.

**25/29 IED - PURCHASE OF NO. 20 NEW BUILD DWELLINGS AT HIGH HILL VIEW, NEW MILLS**  
(Agenda Item 15)

The procedure around the making of the Individual Executive Decision in respect of the purchase of 20 new build dwellings at High Hill View, Hayfield Road, New Mills was discussed.

**25/30 EAST MIDLANDS DOMESTIC RETROFIT SCHEME**  
(Agenda Item 15a)

The Committee considered a draft IED in respect of the East Midlands Domestic Retrofit Scheme.

The meeting concluded at 8.40 pm

**CHAIR**