

FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 13 DECEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor P D Simpson, Chair

Councillors: T P Brindley (Vice-Chair)
S J Carr
E Cubley
S Easom
G Marshall
R I Jackson
P J Owen
A W G A Stockwell
M Radulovic MBE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S A Bagshaw and P Lally

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

42 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 11 October 2018 were confirmed and signed.

43 REFERENCES

43.1 Community Safety Committee 15 November 2018 Dog Control Policy

The Committee considered the recommendation from the Community Safety Committee regarding the extension of the administration fee from instances where dogs were taken into kennels to all instances, including those where dogs had strayed and were returned directly to their owners. The fee was set at £35 in line with the report considered by the Community Safety Committee on 15 November 2018.

RESOLVED that the charging of a fee where dogs are collected as strays and returned to owners without the involvement of kennels be approved.

43.2 Leisure and Environment Committee
14 November 2018
Garden Waste Subscription Charges for 2019/20

Approval was sought from the Committee for the 2019/20 garden waste subscription fees, as recommended by the Leisure and Environment Committee. Members debated whether the charges should be increased for 2019/20 and it was stated that a gentle, incremental increase in charges was considered to be preferable to maintaining the status quo and then opting to introduce a more substantial increase in future years.

RESOLVED that:

- 1. The price for the first bin for 2019/20 be increased to £33.**
- 2. The price for additional bins for 2019/20 be increased to £16.**

44 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2019/20 - 2021/22

The Medium Term Financial Strategy, which detailed the financial implications of the Corporate Plan over a three-year period and informed decision-making to optimise the balance between the Council's financial resources and the delivery of its priorities, was considered.

Members expressed disappointment that Nottinghamshire had not been selected for the pilot which would have introduced 75% retention of business rates from 2019/20. It was further suggested that the impact of Universal Credit would be detrimental to the Council.

RESOLVED that the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy in appendix 2 of the report be approved.

45 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 UPDATE

Consideration was given to the Capital Programme which set out the capital expenditure incurred in the financial year 2018/19 up to 31 October 2018 along with the planned financing of the rest of the Capital Programme. Approval was sought for a number of capital budget variations in the current financial year. It was stated that it was necessary to leave the Town Hall site because of the net gain available for the Council over the next five years.

RESOLVED that the capital budget variations for 2018/19 as set out in appendix 3 of the report be approved.

46 REVENUE BUDGET AMENDMENTS 2018/19

The Committee noted that detailed monitoring had identified a number of General Fund and Housing Revenue Account (HRA) 2018/19 revenue budgets that need to be amended. Members requested clarification on the level of Individual Elector Registration grant received from the government. Officers responded that written information would be received.

RESOLVED that the amendments to the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account 2018/19 revenue budgets as set out in the appendix to the report be approved.

47 TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2018/19 - MID-YEAR REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

The Committee noted treasury management activity and the prudential indicators for 2018/19 up to 30 September 2018.

(Councillor G Marshall left the meeting following the conclusion of the item.)

48 CAPITAL GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The Committee considered a request for capital grant aid from the Trent Vale Community Sports Association in accordance with the provisions of the Council's grant aid policy.

RESOLVED that an award of £2,500 be made subject to the organisation receiving funding from Sport England.

49 DISCRETIONARY HOUSING PAYMENTS SCHEME

The Committee considered revisions to the Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) scheme to allow for the implementation of Universal Credit. The revised scheme still allowed for claimants to appeal a decision before a panel of elected members. The number and value of awards made under the current scheme was noted.

RESOLVED that the implementation of the revised DHP scheme in appendix 2 of the report be approved.

50 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - SUPPORT SERVICE AREAS

The Committee noted the progress made in achieving the Business Plans for Resources, Revenues, Benefits and Customer Services, ICT and Business Transformation against Key Performance Indicators for 2018/19.

Members received an update on the situation regarding tram compensation and asked for further information on sickness figures. Concern was expressed over statistics on call answering and officers stated that the length of the message relating to GDPR information would be shortened to a more suitable length.

51 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Work Programme and agreed that a report on Beeston Phase 2 – Residential Offer be considered at a future meeting.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.

52 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

53 CAVENDISH LODGE, BEESTON - DISPOSAL

RESOLVED that the highest unconditional cash offer of £470,000 be accepted.

54 BRAMCOTE LEISURE CENTRE CONDITION SURVEY - AWARD OF CONTRACT

RESOLVED that the contract for the condition survey at Bramcote Leisure Centre be awarded to Sanderson Wetherall for £27,875.