

## **POLICY AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2021**

Present: Councillor M Radulovic MBE, Chair

Councillors: M Brown (Substitute for P J Owen)  
M J Crow  
S Easom  
T Hallam  
M Hannah  
E Kerry  
G Marshall  
P D Simpson  
I L Tyler (Substitute for S J Carr)  
E Williamson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S J Carr, S A Bagshaw, R I Jackson and P J Owen

### 13 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors S Easom declared a non – pecuniary interest in agenda item 8 due to being a board member of Liberty Leisure. Minute number 19 refers.

Councillors M Radulovic MBE and G Marshall declared a non–pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 as being members on the board for Beeston Town Centre. Minute number 16 refers.

Councillor E Kerry declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 as he was a Nottinghamshire County Councillor. Minute number 17 refers.

### 14 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 July were approved and signed as a correct record.

### 15 **CORPORATE DEBT POLICY**

Members considered the updated Corporate Debt Policy. It was important that the debts were managed and recovered in a consistent manner to ensure fairness and equality for those required to pay the Council for services.

The policy had been updated to include the level of involvement to Legal Services and the referral to Legal with cumulative debts over £1200 when all recovery options had been exhausted.

A query was raised if the Council could be more proactive and if early intervention could help to reduce the debt. However, it was acknowledged that business rates

could take a significant amount of time to recover and this policy would help to target debt as quickly as possible.

**RESOLVED that the implementation of the updated Corporate Debt Policy be approved.**

16 BEESTON TOWN CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT

Members were updated with the progress on the Square Phase 2 in Beeston.

Lettings and leases had been agreed for units 2,3 and 6 all of which were expected to be trading by January 2022. This was a little later than expected due to tenants focussing on rebuilding their existing businesses following COVID-19 restrictions and shortages of key materials across the construction industry.

The Cross party project board had received a presentation of options for refreshing and re-modelling the Argos block that had become vacant. Preferred options would be developed to prepare for a planning application and pre tender costs.

Councillors noted the report and further verbal updates that were provided at the meeting.

**RESOLVED to continue to delegate to the Deputy Chief Executive all key approvals, in consultation with the cross-party project board, and subject to the overall project cost remaining within the financial limits already set or subsequently changed by the Finance and Resources Committee and/or Full Council as appropriate.**

17 DEVOLUTION

Members welcomed a verbal update from the Chief Executive on Devolution.

Nottinghamshire County Council had expressed an interest in being involved in a deal. More detailed work would need to be carried out before a formal report would come to Committee.

Devolution would be a non-structural reform. It would add value to how we would work with each other. Governance would be provided by a framework similar to that of the Economic Prosperity Committee.

Discussions had been amicable across the tiers and were progressing well.

18 UPDATE ON AGREEMENTS FOR A NEW PARK BISTRO AT LONG LANE ATTENBOROUGH

Councillors received an update on the progress of agreements for the conversion of the Attenborough Colts FC changing and storage rooms into a small bistro, with the provision of a new changing room facility for the Colts FC. There was some concern regarding the on-street parking.

19 REVIEW OF CORPORATE PLAN PROGRESS AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

The Committee noted the progress against outcome targets linked to the Corporate Plan priorities and objectives and were updated as to the latest financial performance as measured against the budget.

20 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the work programme.

**RESOLVED** that the work programme be approved with the additional item of Kimberley Leisure Centre to be added.

21 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 paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

22 CHILWELL QUARRY

**RESOLVED** to enter into detailed discussions with ward member and local residents, with the initial priority being the creation of an inspection path to monitor the sides and ensure safety.

23 LAND SALE ADJACENT TO THE CREMATORIUM SITE

**RECOMMENDED** to Full Council that:

1. The surplus land at the Crematorium be sold to the developer as a private treaty disposal in line with the Council's land disposal policy and
2. A delegation be made to Broxtowe's Deputy Chief Executive and s.151 officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Bramcote Bereavement Services Joint Committee, the Chair of Policy and Performance Committee and the Group Leaders, to progress all key approvals relating to the subsequent sale of the land.

24 HOUSING DELIVERY PLAN-LAND PURCHASE OPPORTUNITY

**RESOLVED** that:

1. The purchase of the public house for £410,000 plus Vat be approved.
2. A delegation be made to Broxtowe's Deputy Chief Executive and s.151 officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Housing committee and the Chair of the Policy and Performance Committee, to progress all key approvals relating to the purchase of the site.

