

Overview and Scrutiny Committee
22 MARCH 2021

Present: Councillors: Tony Bevis (Chairman), Brian Donnelly (Vice-Chairman), Matthew Allen, Roy Cornell, Michael Croker, Billy Greening, Frances Haigh, Nigel Jupp, Tim Lloyd, Roger Noel, Josh Potts, Jack Saheid, David Skipp, Ian Stannard and James Wright

SO/56 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2021 were approved by the Committee and would be signed by the Chairman at a later date.

SO/57 **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

SO/58 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman announced that items 7 and 8 on the agenda would swap positions as item 7 would likely need to be discussed in exempt session.

SO/59 **CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES FINANCE & PERFORMANCE REPORT Q3**

The Director of Corporate Resources provided an overview of the Corporate Plan Priorities Finance and Performance report.

64% of performance indicators were within target with 13% close to target and 23% below target. Many performance indicators that were below target were due to the impact of COVID-19, especially targets relating to Leisure and Culture, and Parking.

It was reported that there was a forecast of a year-end revenue deficit of £5.4m. Income had been reduced due to the impact of COVID-19. Parking and contractual expenditure obligations in leisure services made up roughly three quarters of the forecasted overspend.

One-off grants provided by central government to help cover the additional expenditure during the COVID-19 pandemic together with actions taken by officers to reduce expenditure meant the overall funding position of HDC would be on course to be a small surplus for 2020/21.

Work had continued for key tracked projects and Corporate Plan actions. 14 Corporate Plan actions were on hold due to the impact of COVID-19 but 7 of these had since been completed.

The Green Agenda was reported to have been making good progress with five grants being awarded in November 2002 to local groups.

Members noted the contents of the report.

SO/60 **SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL TASK & FINISH GROUP**

It was agreed that the Membership of the Sustainable Travel Task & Finish group would be:

Cllr Bob Platt
Cllr Gordon Lindsay
Cllr Michael Croker
Cllr Ruth Fletcher
Cllr Tim Lloyd
Cllr Tony Hogben

The first meeting of the Group would be organised in the following weeks.

SO/61 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Work Programme Suggestion form that had been received was deferred until the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to allow Members to receive Legal Advice regarding the subject matter.

SO/62 **HDC PROPERTY INVESTMENTS**

RESOLVED

To exclude the press and public under section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 from this item of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Paragraph 3 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).

SO/63 **CABINET FORWARD PLAN**

The Committee noted the content of the Forward Plan.

SO/64 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 7.16 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN