

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Date: 07 January 2019

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: Richard Lewis (Chairman)
Glenvil Greenwood-Smith (Vice Chairman)
David Jenney (Deputy Leader of the Council)

David Brackenbury Dudley Hughes JP
John Farrar Andy Mercer
Roger Glithero JP Phillip Stearn
Helen Harrison

336. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Boto, Val Carter, Steven North, Sarah Peacock and Rupert Reichhold.

337. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

338. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

339. QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.3

No questions were submitted under Procedure Rule 10.3.

340. MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

a) Finance and Performance Sub-Committee – 17 December 2018

The minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Performance Sub-Committee held on 17 December 2018 were received (see pages 341 to 348).

Budget Monitoring to 31 October 2018

R.20 RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

That the total increase in the capital programme of £28.5k, £21.3k to be funded from the revenue budget in relation the Revenue and Benefits Electronic Document and

Record Management System and wheeled bins, and £7.2k from capital reserves for a number of small variances be approved.

(Reason: In order to fund existing schemes within the capital programme.)

341. GROUNDWORK NORTHAMPTONSHIRE – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

The Community Partnerships Manager presented a report which sought approval of a revised Service Level Agreement for Groundwork Northamptonshire to commence on 1 April 2019.

Groundwork Northamptonshire was established in 2005 and had supported ENC with community development and youth-based initiatives. The current SLA was approved in November 2016 and was due to end on 31 March 2020 and was supported by £10k of funding to part-fund two “JAM in the Hood” projects. JAM was Groundwork’s award-winning youth programme that helped young people to understand the consequences of their behaviours.

Officers felt that with our multi-agency hub working approach there was now an opportunity to embed Groundwork’s activities into that arrangement. This would enable a Groundwork officer to work alongside others, including ENC and the police, to help shape targeted support for young people and their families. The proposal was for an 18.5 hour per week post, employed directly by Groundwork, to support our early interventions for young people and their families through supporting the Team Around the Family approach, outreach and project delivery in East Northamptonshire and identifying and developing further opportunities. To support these proposals, an additional £5k would be required to meet all employment and travel costs associated with the new post and therefore the financial contribution to Groundwork had been increased to £15k in the draft 2019/2020 budget proposals.

The main changes to the SLA would comprise of the removal of the requirements to undertake JAM projects and in East Northamptonshire delivery through the multi-agency hub. The revised SLA would be operational from 1 April 2019.

During discussion on the item, Members commended the work of “JAM in the Hood” and fully supported the need for targeted support for young people and their families.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the proposals and amendments required to Groundwork’s Service Level Agreement be approved; and
- (ii) That the provision of £15k for Groundwork’s revised Service Level Agreement in the draft 2019/2020 budget proposals be noted.

(Reason: To align Groundwork’s activities to the work of the multi-agency hub for early help and targeted support for children and their families.)

342. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business because exempt information, as defined under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 may be disclosed, by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

343. WASTE SERVICE UPDATE

The Waste Manager presented a report which provided an update with regards to activities relating to the waste service which covered procurement of disposal facilities, performance of the new contract and an update from the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership.

Members congratulated the Waste Team on the successful introduction of the new Waste Contract and efficiency of the service being provided.

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the initial Equalities Impact Assessment be noted.
- (ii) That the updates on the activities of the Waste Team in relation to work defined by the Waste Project Board be noted.
- (iii) That the updated Northamptonshire Waste Partnership Memorandum of Understanding and the ongoing membership for East Northamptonshire Council be approved.

(Reason: To give consistency with previous decisions.)

- (iv) That authority is delegated to the Head of Environmental Services, after consultation with the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, to agree minor modifications to the Northamptonshire Waste Partnership Memorandum of Understanding.

(Reason: The recommended course of action is the most cost effective.)

Chairman