

The Executive – 6 September 2017

Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **6 September 2017** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr T G Cutmore
Vice Chairman: Cllr M J Steptoe

Cllr Mrs C E Roe
Cllr S P Smith
Cllr D J Sperring

Cllr I H Ward
Cllr M J Webb

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr G J Ioannou

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Scrutton - Managing Director
J Bostock - Assistant Director, Democratic Services

182 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2017 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

183 QUARTER 1 2017/18 FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Cllr SP Smith, presented the Quarter 1 2017/18 Financial Management Report. There was a positive overall variance and all headings were closely monitored on an ongoing basis.

Members recognised the importance of 22 South Street, Rochford and Francis Cottee Lodge, Rayleigh in helping address the worrying situation in relation to homelessness, the extent of which was something outside of the Council's control. The introduction of District Council facilities helped reduce situations where a homeless family was accommodated away from the District, family and friends. Members concurred with the Portfolio Holder for Community, Cllr MJ Webb, that the Council's Assistant Director Community and Housing and team should be thanked for all the work involved in the introduction of District facilities.

Further to discussion at the last meeting the Executive agreed a motion, moved by Cllr Mrs C E Roe and seconded by Cllr IH Ward, in relation to suspending car parking charges on Saturdays during December 2017. It was observed that such a decision was not easy in the current financial climate and that appropriate publicity should be given.

Responding to a question, the Portfolio Holder for Finance advised that current indications were that the next quarter would see a small surplus, with the Council on target over the course of the year.

Resolved

- (1) That the Quarter 1 2017/18 revenue budget and capital position contained in paragraphs 3 and 4 and as shown in Appendix 1 and 2 of the officer's report, be noted.
- (2) That the Quarter 1 2017/18 Capital Monitoring Report in Appendix 2 of the officer's report, be noted and agreed.
- (3) That the current financial performance on key revenue financial indicators, as shown in Appendix 3 and 4 of the officers' report, be noted.
- (4) That the car parking charges in all Council car parks be suspended on the Saturdays during December 2017 prior to Christmas – the dates are 2, 9, 16 and 23 December 2017. (S151O)

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

184 BUSINESS RATES WRITE OFF

The Portfolio Holder for Finance, Cllr S P Smith, presented the exempt report on the writing off of a business rates sum.

The intention that a media release be issued in relation to this case demonstrating that the Council and the courts take such matters seriously was endorsed.

Resolved

That the sum of £16,418.03 in relation to the business rates case identified in the exempt report be written off. (S151O)

The meeting closed at 7.44 p.m.

Chairman

Date

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