

RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2016

Forum members Present: James Cole (Substitute) (In place of Dave Goff), Lee Dillon, Emma Webster (Chairman) and Laszlo Zverko (Vice-Chairman)

Also Present: Gabrielle Esplin (Finance Manager (Capital and Treasury Management)) and Andy Walker (Head of Finance), Charlene Hurd (Democratic Services Officer) and David Lowe (Scrutiny & Partnerships Manager)

Apologies for inability to attend the meeting: Councillor Dave Goff

PART I

4 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

5 Resource Select Committee Work Programme

Councillor Lee Dillon referred to earlier discussions regarding a review of income generation projects; he asked whether progress had been made to consider the subject formally through the Committee. David Lowe stated that some discussions had taken place with Officers which identified that Officers were unable to participate at this time due to current work pressures. However, David Lowe would revisit the topic with the Officers in due course.

Councillor Dillon stated that the purpose of the review would be to consider taking a holistic view of the income streams available to the Council with the intention of maximising opportunities.

Councillor Emma Webster supported the suggested topic for scrutiny and stated that it would be advantageous to consider how other Local Authorities had taken steps to maximise their income generation opportunities. Councillor Webster advised that she had started the work to compare Local Authorities and felt that the Committee would be best placed to analysis the data; the information could also provide alternative ideas/methods which officers had not considered.

The Committee agreed that it would be useful to consider the examples from other Local Authorities at the meeting in January 2017. Members agreed that it would be ideal if their comments fed into the next budget proposals but it was realistic to consider that any proposals would need to be reviewed/ approved before they could be taken forward. Therefore, the group would aim to present their proposals for the 2018/19 budget setting discussions.

Councillor Laszlo Zverko asked whether the Risk Management Group received information regarding efforts undertaken by the Council to address fraud. He was aware of examples where the Council had successfully dealt with fraud cases and it would be useful to know about the types of fraud which could impact the Council.

Andy Walker advised that he would check whether the information was passed to the Risk Management Group and report back to the Committee.

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Resolved that:

1. Andy Walker would confirm whether fraud information was issued to the Risk Management Group.
2. The Committee would consider the examples where other Local Authorities had introduced projects to maximise income generation.

6 Items Called-in following the Executive on 8th September 2016

There were no items Called-In for consideration.

7 Consideration of Urgent Items

There were no Urgent Items for consideration.

8 Councillor Call for Action

There were no Councillor Calls for Action to be considered.

9 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the under-mentioned items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as contained in Paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006.

10 Strategy for Use of Capital Receipts

Members considered the report detailing the strategy for use of Capital Receipts under PART II.

(The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and closed at 7.18 pm)

CHAIRMAN

Date of Signature