

STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

13 June 2017

7.00 pm – 9.40 pm
 Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership:

Councillor Steve Lydon(Chair)	P	Councillor Steve Robinson	P
Councillor Doina Cornell (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Mattie Ross	P
Councillor Nigel Cooper	P	Councillor Tom Skinner	P
Councillor Stephen Davies	P	Councillor Ken Tucker	P
Councillor Nick Hurst	P	Councillor Martin Whiteside	P
Councillor Keith Pearson	P	Councillor Debbie Young	P
Councillor Simon Pickering	P		

P = Present A = Absent

Officers Present:

Chief Executive	Apprentice, Legal Services
Principal Accountant	Head of ICT
Accountant	Head of Asset Management
Public Spaces Manager	Business Development Manager
Head of Housing Contracts	Policy Implementation Manager
Asset Manager	Democratic Services Officer
Strategic Head of Customer Services	Community and Facilities Manager

SRC.001

APOLOGIES

There were none.

SRC.002

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

SRC.003

MINUTES

RESOLVED

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2017.

SRC.004

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

SRC.005 **SUBSCRIPTION ROOMS PETITION**

The Chair introduced this item and explained that the Council had received a petition entitled "Support our subs (SOS)". In accordance with the Council's Constitution the lead petitioner was given 3 minutes to present the petition.

Julie Wickham, the lead petitioner, spoke and explained that she was now Secretary of a group which had been formed, called the Subs Community Association. She explained some background to the Subscription Rooms and outlined the key requests of the group which she asked the Council to consider.

The Chair explained that this Committee and Community Services and Licensing Committee would receive regular updates throughout the year, although there was a cross party Task and Finish Group working on all issues surrounding the project. A special meeting of this committee may need to be held later in the Civic Year to consider the options.

SRC.006 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The work programme for 2017/18 was discussed. The Chair reminded Committee that items could be added throughout the year and asked Members to engage with the programme to put items forward if needed.

RESOLVED **To AGREE the Committee's Work Programme 2017/18.**

SRC.007 **APPOINTMENTS**

- (a) Performance Monitoring Representatives – Councillors Cooper and Pearson
- (b) Investment and Development Panel - Councillors Cooper, Cornell, Edmunds, Hurst, Lydon, Mossman, Pearson, Ross, Townley, Tucker and Whiteside.

SRC.008 **MEMBER REPORTS**

- (a) **Performance Monitoring**
There had not been a recent meeting, a report would be given to the meeting in July.
- (b) **Investment and Development Panel**
A meeting was held recently and dates had been arranged for the Panel for the rest of the Civic Year.
- (c) **Subscription Rooms Task and Finish Group**
This had been discussed at minute no. SRC.005.

SRC.009 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORTS****(a) HRA outturn report for 2016/17 – Summary of Variations**

The Principal Accountant outlined the report and explained that there were no big areas of concern in the report. This would be discussed at Housing Committee later in the month.

Members asked questions arising from the report which were answered by officers.

- RESOLVED**
- a) To note the HRA revenue and capital outturn for 2016/17, as shown in Table 1 and Table 4;
 - b) to approve the revenue reserve transfers and capital slippage, as set out in Table 2 and Table 5;
 - c) to approve the reprofiling of the 2017/18 New Build Programme budget, as set out in Table 6;
 - d) to approve additional budget of £700,000 for housing acquisitions in the 2017/18 capital programme.

(b) General Fund revenue outturn report for 2016/17

The Accountant outlined the report. Questions were asked relating to business rates, planning appeals, waste and recycling and ICT.

- RESOLVED**
- a) to note the General Fund Revenue Outturn for 2016/17, as shown in Table 1 and Table 2.
 - b) to approve the transfers to and from earmarked reserves for the year, as set out in Appendix A.
 - c) to approve the budgets to be carried forward to 2017/18, as set out in Table 3.

(c) Capital outturn report for 2016/17

The Principal Accountant outlined the report and summarised the key issues. Members asked various questions which included canal funding and registered providers.

- RESOLVED**
- a) that the capital expenditure outturn statement for 2016/2017 is approved;
 - b) that carry forward budgets identified in Appendix A, together with the sources of finance, are approved and added to the 2017/18 capital programme;
 - c) the revised capital programme and funding for 2017/18 is agreed.

SRC.010 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING

(a) Business Units, Littlcombe, Dursley

This item was the subject of a report later on the agenda and was discussed at that point.

(b) Brimscombe Port Redevelopment

The Head of Asset Management updated Committee on progress and explained that an Information Sheet had been published. Members thanked officers for the work being carried out on this programme.

(c) Homes for Rent

This item was the subject of a report later on the agenda and was discussed at that point.

(d) ICT Investment Plan

The Head of ICT outlined concerns relating to cyber attacks. ICT are looking at systems and ways for the Council to deliver the service to the residents of the district without reducing the quality of service given.

RESOLVED To note the report.

SRC.011 **BUSINESS UNITS, LITTLECOMBE, DURSLEY**

The Head of Asset Management explained that planning permission had been granted for the Design and Build units at Littlecombe, with Marketing Agents and an Employer's Agent appointed to monitor the project on behalf of the Council. Members supported the revised scheme.

RESOLVED a) to delegate authority to the Head of Asset Management to enter into a contract with St. Modwen to construct a phase of business units at Littlecombe, Dursley and acquire the freehold interest in those units, as set out in this report and
b) to approve the revised budget of £1.93m.

SRC.012 **HOMES FOR RENT**

The Chief Executive, Business Development Manager and Policy Implementation Manager outlined the report and explained the possible options to provide more affordable housing in the district. The Council would work in partnership with registered providers. Discussions had taken place with the HCA and a tour of the sites would take place at the end of June.

RESOLVED To approve the activity programme set out at 4.1 in the report and to consider a further report on the nature and scale of a delivery programme for Homes for Rent at its meeting in October.

SRC.013 **CORPORATE DELIVERY PLAN 2017-21**

The Chief Executive outlined the report and explained that, following consultation with Members, the priorities and key actions had been agreed for the next 4 years. They would be reviewed each year. The plan will be published on the Council's website and a suggestion was made to make it interactive rather than just a 'pdf' document.

RESOLVED To approve the Corporate Delivery Plan 2017-21.

SRC.014 **MERRYWALKS, STROUD**

The Chief Executive gave a verbal update to Members regarding the shopping centre. The Council, together with GFirstLEP had met Dransfield Properties Ltd who were interested in the site and talks are ongoing. If the developer took over the site there would be a different mix of retail and they would manage the car park.

SRC.015 **MEMBER QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

Chair