

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES

Committee: Council

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| <p>1. RESOURCES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – 28 JANUARY 2019</p> <p><u>2019/20 Annual Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (AIS)</u></p> <p>The Committee considered a report containing the 2019/20 Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy (AIS). The Finance Manager and Section 151 Officer, Ian Smith, explained the background and rationale to the strategies.</p> <p>Mr Smith confirmed that external borrowing probably would be required in the current year and definitely in the forthcoming year and also highlighted receipt of an updated Brexit timetable from Link Asset Services, asking Committee’s approval to include the most up to date version in the paper to go onto full Council.</p> <p>It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>That Council approve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2019/20 Treasury Management Strategy; • The Annual Investment Strategy; • The Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement; • The Prudential and Treasury Indicators; set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report, as amended to include an updated Brexit Timetable and Process. | <p>Report T188 (attached at Appendix A) Appendices amended to reflect comments/ recommendations from Resources & Finance Committee</p> |

Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules

The Committee considered a report containing draft Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules for inclusion in the Council's Constitution. The Finance Manager and Section 151 Officer reported that there was reference in the Constitution to detailed Financial Procedures being produced and these documents were to meet that requirement and codified current corporate practice. The draft Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules had been endorsed by Corporate Management Team and Internal Audit.

In response to a question by Councillor Dupré, the Finance Manager confirmed that there were no other outstanding documents for inclusion in the Constitution.

The Chairman suggested that the Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules should refer to the 'relevant Committee', in view of the number of changes to the name of this Committee in recent years.

It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:

That Council approve the adoption of the new Financial Regulations and Financial Procedure Rules attached to the submitted report for inclusion within the Constitution, subject to amendment throughout of reference to 'the relevant Committee' to avoid the requirement to change the Constitution each time the name of that Committee changes.

2. SHAREHOLDER COMMITTEE – 11 FEBRUARY 2019

Draft Minute:

East Cambs Street Scene Business Plan

The Committee considered a report, reference T202, previously circulated, that detailed the East Cambs Street Scene (ECSS) Annual Business Plan.

The Director Operations reminded the Committee that ECSS had only been in operation for 10 months since last April. During its first year it had concentrated on improving performance with special emphasis on clearing fly tips and graffiti. There had been significant improvements made including clearing 40 tons of fly tips, customer service

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processes enhanced and a focus on 'first time fixes'. The Company had worked closely with Environmental Health to prosecute or fine offenders and a lot of publicity had been undertaken. Although the service was not at 100% yet what had been achieved was very pleasing. All the work had been within set budgets and the conditions and training for the workers had improved. Street cleansing was being undertaken on a 6 week process throughout the district and it was hoped this could be reduced as things improved.

The Company was now looking at the future to consider what it should do next. This could include generating income, for example by commencing trade waste collections. Any future work would be risk assessed and a Red Amber Green risk rating would be applied as required.

Councillor Mike Bradley acknowledged the good job that had been done and how the waste team had responded. Bringing the waste service in-house had proved beneficial and had saved the Council money. It was now a good efficient service and had delivered more than had been expected. If more money was needed to further enhance the service then the Company should look to the Council to provide it.

Councillor Steve Cheetham was very pleased with the outcome from this massive project. He would have liked to see the previous year's figures to give a comparison of how things had been previously.

Councillor Richard Hobbs disclosed that the public now rated the service as good and the staff improvements were welcomed. Although the service in the towns was good he thought that the situation between them needed to be looked at.

Councillor David Chaplin considered it a remarkable performance and would also liked to have seen a comparison. He was delighted with the training and development programme for the staff. He queried the depot costs which were impacted by the refurbishment costs.

The Director Operations explained that the Company had wanted to share the risks with the Council, so the Council had responsibility for the vehicles and depot whilst the Company dealt with the staff. Money had been put aside for the depot, as it had not had any maintenance for many

years. Another company was working to resolve the issues, including the outside area which was not compliant at the moment. The Council would be passing on the costs to the Company.

Councillor David Chaplin then asked to what extent a claim for dilapidation from the previous contractor could be made. This important work had to be completed for safety reasons.

Councillor Alan Sharp considered it a superb service, particularly its bulky waste collections. However, it would be a challenge to meet its budget and it was hoped that the collection round changes would help.

The Director Operations agreed that the collections rounds would be looked at. This had not been done initially as the first year was about stabilising the service. Consideration would be given to whether the number of rounds for green waste collections were needed during the winter months. The future service was about being more efficient, making savings and generating income. If extra funding would be needed to achieve this then the Company would make a bid for more money. This might be required to meet the latest regulations issuing from the Government with regards recycling or for maintenance of the fleet.

Councillor Lorna Dupre asked whether the Company was thinking about reducing the use of single-use plastics. The risk register did not indicate that the Company was anticipating legislation or Government changes about plastics but would it be proactive in tackling that issue? How much recyclable plastic collected had actually been recycled?

Councillor Richard Hobbs left the meeting at this point.

The Director Operations had not got exact figures for recycled plastics, but would obtain them from the Recycling in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Partnership at the end of the year. The Company was very mindful of plastics and the black sacks used had less plastic in them. The new Government strategy was to get consistency when recycling plastics and money was attached to help improve recycling rates and this could be used to re-configure the collection vehicles. Provision of a third bin had been considered previously but the finances did not stack up. However a bid could be made for funding to provide these. The Company

had encouraged more recycling through its markets initiative, to use no plastics, and the Michael Recycle programme. Although recycling rates were not much different to the previous year, the Council still had one of the highest recycling rates in the county.

It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL:

That Council approve the ECSS Annual Business Plan 2019/20.