

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

TRUSTS AND CHARITIES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held remotely via Zoom on 29 July 2020 from 1.02 pm - 3.28 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Anne Peach
Councillor Steve Battlemuch
Councillor Ethan Radford
Councillor Angharad Roberts (Vice Chair)
Councillor Sajid Mohammed (Chair)
Councillor Andrew Rule

Absent

Councillor Samuel Gardiner

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Nancy Barnard	- Governance and Electoral Services Manager
Ian Bretton	- Senior Engineer
Will Cross	- Estates Surveyor
Bevis Mackie	- Principal Surveyor
Dionne Screamon	- Solicitor
Tom Straw	- Senior Accountant (Capital Programmes)

1 MEMBERSHIP CHANGE

Resolved to note that Councillor Azad Choudhry and Councillor Mohammed Saghir are no longer members of the Committee.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Sam Gardiner – Personal Reasons

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

At the end of the meeting, Councillor Steve Battlemuch declared an interest in agenda items 6 and 9 as a member of the Robin Hood Energy Board. He did not consider that this interest required him to leave the meeting during the discussion of the relevant items.

4 MINUTES

Subject to the clarification that Cllr Andrew Rule declared an interest because he works for a firm of insolvency practitioners rather than being an insolvency practitioner himself and the noting of Cllr Peach's apologies the public minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2019 were confirmed as a true record and the Chair signed them.

5 BRIDGE ESTATE POST-AUDIT FINANCIAL OUTTURN 2019/20

Tom Straw, Senior Accountant (Capital Programmes), introduced the report of the Strategic Director of Finance which detailed the final 2019/20 outturn position for the Bridge Estate and analysed variances to the previous year. He informed the Committee that he had last night received the Audit Report for the Bridge Estate Accounts and that this would be brought to the next meeting of the Committee for sign-off. During the discussion of the report Tom Straw confirmed that a lower figure was being forecast due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic. He also confirmed that a higher premises cost had been forecast because of the impact on business rates.

Resolved to:

- (1) note the final outturn position for 2019/20;**
- (2) approve the Chair to sign the audited Financial Statements and the Audit Highlights Memorandum on behalf of the Committee; and**
- (3) note the budget and forecast grant paid to Nottingham City Council.**

6 BRIDGE ESTATE PROPERTY UPDATE REPORT

Bevis Mackie, Principal Surveyor, presented the report of the Director of Strategic Assets and Property, which detailed the latest position in relation to Bridge Estate properties in an exempt appendix.

Resolved to note the report.

7 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of the remaining items in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the basis that, having regard to all the circumstances, the public interest in not disclosing the information by virtue of Paragraphs 3 and 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

8 EXEMPT MINUTES

The exempt minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2019 were confirmed as a true record and the Chair signed them.

9 BRIDGE ESTATE PROPERTY UPDATE REPORT - EXEMPT APPENDICES

Bevis Mackie, Principal Surveyor, Tom Straw, Senior Accountant (Capital Programmes) and Dionne Sreaton, Solicitor, presented the exempt appendix to the report of the Director of Strategic Assets and Property, including additional exempt information circulated at the meeting in relation to various properties and the latest position concerning rent arrears.

Resolved to approve the majority of recommendations as detailed in the exempt minutes.