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### **MINUTES**

Meeting: Audit Resources & Performance Committee

Date: Friday 18 January 2019 at 10.00 am

Venue: The Board Room, Aldern House, Baslow Road, Bakewell

Chair: Mr Z Hamid

Present: Mr J W Berresford, Mrs P Anderson, Cllr A R Favell, Cllr C Furness,

Cllr B Lewis, Cllr A McCloy, Cllr C McLaren, Cllr Mrs L C Roberts,

Cllr R Walker and Cllr B Woods

Mr P Ancell and Cllr D Chapman

attended to observe and speak but not vote.

Apologies for absence: Cllr Mrs G Heath, Cllr J Perkins and Cllr F J Walton.

# 1/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF 2 NOVEMBER 2018

The minutes of the last meeting of the Audit, Resources and Performance Committee held on 2 November 2018 were approved as a correct record.

### 2/19 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item 6

Cllr Robert Walker declared a personal interest as the Chair of the Upper Holme and Colne Valley Natural Flood Management Delivery Group.

### 3/19 MOORS FOR THE FUTURE OPERATIONAL PLAN 2019/2020 (SD)

Chris Dean, Head of Programme Delivery - Moors for the Future, and Sharon Davison, Programme Office Manager, Moors for the Future, introduced the report and presented the seventh Operational Plan for the Moors for the Future Partnership. The report requested the Committee to recommend the Operational Plan to the Partnership's Strategic Management Group. The Head of Programme Delivery thanked Members for their support of the Partnership over the past 12 months.

It was noted that the wildfires last summer had affected areas that the Partnership had funding to work on and as the work would contribute to make the moors more fire resistant over time the work had continued. Lessons had been learnt from the wildfires regarding resilience and mitigation and this included developing long term management plans and fire risk plans with partners and land owners and managers.

The recommendation to support and recommend the Operational Plan to the Partnership's Strategic Management Group was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To support the Moors for the Future Operational Plan and recommend it to the Moors for the Future Partnership's Strategic Management Group.

## 4/19 FLEET MANAGEMENT - VEHICLE PROCUREMENT (PN)

Philip Naylor, the Head of Finance, introduced the report which requested approval for the replacement of Authority vehicles due in 2019.

In response to Members' queries it was stated that all possibilities will be considered including electric vehicles and leasing.

The recommendation to approve the replacement of obsolete vehicles was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To approve the replacement of obsolete vehicles up to a maximum cost of £450,000 financed from borrowing with the vehicle mix and type of vehicles to be delegated to the Director of Commercial Development & Engagement and the Chief Finance Officer.

The meeting adjourned for a short break at 11.08 and reconvened at 11.15.

## 5/19 2018/19 QUARTER 3 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT (A91941/HW)

Holly Waterman, Senior Strategy Officer – Research, introduced the report which gave monitoring information for the end of Quarter 3 2018/19 (October-December 2018) for review of performance against the third and final year of our Corporate Strategy; monitoring of the corporate risk register; monitoring of Freedom of Information/Environmental Information Regulations requests and monitoring of complaints.

Members considered the report section by section with responses to queries as follows:

Directional Shift 1: With regard to Priority Action 1 concerning birds of prey it was noted that the Authority was doing all it could, including working with all parties concerned and reviewing progress. This was a national problem and any suggestions of ways forward were welcome. The Chair of the Authority reported that he had raised issues regarding birds of prey at a recent meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire.

Directional Shift 3: With regard to Priority Action 10 to develop a draft Supplementary Planning Document for Recreation Hubs it was recognised that this was still a necessary document and some work had already commenced, but was a low priority.

Directional Shift 4: It was noted in response to a request for information on the percentage increase in sales at the Castleton visitor centre that the information wasn't available at the meeting but would be communicated to Members as soon as it was available.

Cornerstone 1: Clir Tony Favell, Member Representative for Asset Management thanked all officers involved in asset management for their work, particularly Emma Stone, Head of Visitor Experience Development, and Chris Manby, Corporate Property Officer.

Cornerstone 2: With regard to Corporate Indicator 7 it was noted that a summary of appeals dealt with in the past 12 months had been sent to Members today.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- 1. That the Quarter 3 Corporate Performance Return given in Appendix 1 of the report is reviewed and any actions to address issues agreed.
- 2. That the Corporate Risk Register summary given in Appendix 2 of the report is reviewed and status of risks accepted.
- 3. That the status of Complaints, Freedom of Information and Environmental Information Regulations requests given in Appendix 3 of the report is noted.

## 6/19 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT BLOCK 1, 2018/19 (A1362/7/PN)

Ian Morton, internal auditor from Veritau, introduced the report which gave details of the internal auditors' recommendations for the first block of the 2018/19 audit and the agreed actions for consideration.

It was noted that the Authority was looking at ways of changing paper intensive processes to become more electronic and this may include Members mileage claim forms in the future.

The recommendation as set out in the report was moved, seconded, put to the vote and carried.

### **RESOLVED:**

To receive the internal audit reports for the two areas covered under Block 1 for 2018/19 (in Appendices 1 - 2 of the report) and to note the agreed actions.

## 7/19 EXEMPT INFORMATION S100 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

#### **RESOLVED:**

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item No. 11 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4)

Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 7 "information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime" and Agenda Item No. 12 to avoid the disclosure of Exempt Information under S100 (A) (4) Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Paragraph 3 "information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)".

#### **PART B**

SUMMARY:

8/16 Internal Audit Report Block 1, 2018/19 (A1362/7/PN) 9/16 Future Options for the Legacy of Lower Green House Farm, Calton (CBM/TS)

The meeting ended at 12.58 pm