

## **EXECUTIVE**

**19 MAY 2020**

**Present:**

Councillors G Hook (Leader), Dewhirst (Deputy Leader), Connett, Jeffries (part of meeting), MacGregor, J Hook, Taylor and Wrigley

**Members in Attendance:**

Councillors Bullivant, Daws, Hocking and Purser

**Officers in Attendance:**

Phil Shears, Managing Director

Martin Flitcroft, The Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services

Lorraine Montgomery, Head of Operations

David Eaton, Environmental Protection Manager

William Elliott, Climate Change Officer

Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer

Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer

### **32. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10 March, 2020 were approved and signed as a correct record.

### **33. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **34. EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN**

Member question and response attached.

Non-Executive Members asked what plans there were in place for the Council going forward to address the impact of COVID 19, and commented on the need for scrutiny of decision making and for the Council to be agile.

The Portfolio Holder for Corporate Resources clarified that the councils' future plans would need to take account of the impact of the loss of income as a result of COVID 19.

The Leader stated that the Forward Plan would be kept up to date and there would be involvement from all members.

Members thanked the Council's Officers for all their hard work during these difficult times.

**RESOLVED** that the Forward Plan be noted.

### **35. ENERGY SUPPLY CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Member's questions and responses attached.

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Coastal Protection and Flooding presented the report to provide an overview of the options available for the supply of gas and electricity to Teignbridge District Council.

The Climate Change Officer outlined the options for renewing the energy deal and the reasons why the framework was being recommended.

The Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, Coastal Protection and Flooding commented that nothing had changed with regards to the Council being Carbon Neutral by 2025. The work to date on this included discussing what lessons could be learnt from the lockdown and looking into reducing gas consumption at Forde House.

In response Members' questions, the Climate Change officer clarified that savings were based on a tariff provided for the Council's half hourly metered sites only and represented a snap-shot in time when the prices were provided. A cost saving of £8,000 yielded a saving of £32,000 over four years on electricity and a cost saving of £43,400 yielded a saving of £173,600 over four years on gas. The long-term savings on wholesale gas and electricity prices indicated a saving of 8% saving on electricity and 5% on gas over the past four years.

**RESOLVED** that the following be approved:-

- (1) Provide the Environmental Protection Manager, in consultation with the relevant portfolio holder(s), the authority to renew the LASER energy framework covering the purchase of gas and electricity between 01/10/2020 and 30/09/2024 with the following additional conditions:
  1. That the proportion of renewable energy delivered through the framework is monitored and reported to Teignbridge Council on an annual basis;
  1. That we work with our contract partners to encourage LASER to commit to increasing the proportion of renewable energy over time, ahead of the national grid average proportion; and
  2. That at least 12 months before the end of this new contract, the council will fully review the energy supply market and report

through Overview and Scrutiny and the Executive on the most effective options for supporting renewable energy and decarbonising energy supply, to ensure we meet the District Council's carbon neutral commitments; and

- (2) Provide the Environmental Protection Manager with the authority to submit a letter of intent to participate in the Devon Energy Collective.

(The vote was unanimous – Cllr Nina Jefferies left the meeting before the vote was taken)

### **36. BAKERS PARK IMPROVEMENTS, NEWTON ABBOT**

Member questions and response attached.

The Portfolio Holder for Sport, Recreation and Culture presented the report to request additional capital expenditure up to £225K, funded from Section 106 contributions for the Bakers Park improvements scheme.

In response to Members, the Portfolio Holder for Sport, Recreation and Culture clarified the position with regards the allocation of Section 106 monies for specific sporting projects and that there was no identifiable impact on short to medium term projects.

**RESOLVED** that additional capital expenditure up to £225K, funded from Section 106 contributions for the Bakers Park Improvements scheme be approved.

(The vote was unanimous)

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 11.09 am.

Chairman