

FINANCE AND CORPORATE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Finance and Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber on Wednesday, 26th July 2023 at 10:00 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor Lucy King in the Chair

Councillors: David Bennett, Justin Gilbody and Sally Renshaw.

Officers:- Jim Fieldsend (Monitoring Officer), Theresa Fletcher (Section 151 Officer), Joanne Wilson (Scrutiny & Elections Officer) and Hannah Douthwaite (Governance & Civic Officer).

Also in attendance was Councillor Clive Moesby (Portfolio Holder for Resources).

FCO10-23/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Rowan Clarke, Chris Kane, Tom Munro and Jen Wilson.

FCO11-23/24 URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items of business.

FCO12-23/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

FCO13-23/24 LIST OF KEY DECISIONS AND ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE

There were no items on the List of Key Decisions and Items to be Considered in Private document.

FCO14-23/24 MINUTES

Moved by Councillor Justin Gilbody and seconded by Councillor David Bennett **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of a Finance and Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee held on 16th June 2023 be approved as a correct record.

FCO15-23/24 CORPORATE DEBT - 2022/23

The Section 151 Officer presented a summary of the Council's corporate debt position as at 31st March 2023.

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Members were reminded that the main sources of income for the Council's General Fund was business rates, council tax, a small number of government grants and other service-related income. For the Council's Housing Revenue Account, the main source of income was dwelling rent. Table one in the report detailed the income received by the Council, broken down into income areas with a comparison to the equivalent quarter of the previous year.

Table two to the report detailed the level of arrears for Bolsover District Council at 31st March 2023. Arrears had increased in all areas from the previous year. The increase in cost of living and high inflation over the past year had impacted on individuals and businesses being able to pay. This was in addition to the after affects of Covid, and businesses were still recovering financially.

Table four showed a full summary and breakdown of figures for 2022/23.

Moved by Councillor David Bennett and seconded by Councillor Sally Renshaw
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

FCO16-23/24 FINANCE & CORPORATE OVERVIEW SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24 - APPROVAL OF PROGRAMME

Members had received a copy of the current work programme within their agenda pack and were given the opportunity to raise any queries in relation to future meetings.

Moved by Councillor Justin Gilbody and seconded by Councillor Sally Renshaw
RESOLVED that the Finance and Corporate Overview Scrutiny Committee work programme be noted.

The meeting concluded at 10:14 hours.