

Summary of Issues Raised at Performance Briefings – Quarter 2 2022/23

Performance Briefings between Directors and Members were held to discuss the issues highlighted in the detailed reports attached at Appendices 2 to 4. Issues raised at each briefing are as follows:

Operations

The meeting was attended by Cllrs Richard Good, Cllr John Amsden, Richard Good and William Heslop.

Key issues raised:

1. Confirmation of the pay settlement was sought (Response: £1,925 per member of staff)
2. Comparable (pre covid) figures were requested for car park income (Response: £281,709 at the end of quarter 2 during 2018/19)
3. Further information was sought on arrears figures for other stock retaining Landlords – to be provided as part of quarter 3 update.

Resources

The meeting was attended by Cllrs Angie Dale and John Amsden, and Cllr Paul Cullen (over two briefings).

Key issues raised:

1. The overall financial position was noted, and the impact of the net outflow of staff that is required to be covered by agency staff.
2. The latest position on the discretionary energy scheme was noted and this was now available to apply for.
3. It was noted that the Discretionary Housing Payment funds were almost spent and concern was raised about those suffering hardship over the forthcoming months.
4. Queries were raised in relation to budget setting and council tax equalisation for the new council and also the inflationary increases need to keep up with pay and inflation increases.

Strategy and Regulatory

The meeting was attended by Cllrs Helen Grant, Philip Wicks, John Amsden and Paul Cullen.

Key issues raised:

1. Members noted that the Court had granted leave to consider the Statutory Review of the Inspectors Appeal decision in respect of the proposed development at Ashes Farm. A consent order is being negotiated with the Secretary of State and the second defendants and we will update Members with further information once we have an agreed position.

2. Members noted the Homelessness data relating to the reasons for approach and asked to be kept informed as to whether other authorities were experiencing a similar increase in presentations due to family breakdown and domestic violence.
3. Members noted the ongoing discussions that were taking place with Rolls Royce regarding their shortlisting of Scotch Corner as a potential site for their Heavy Vessel manufacturing plant and that we would await further information regarding the process once they had spoken to all of the shortlisted areas.
4. Members discussed the decision to hold progress on the Local Plan Review following legal advice connected with LGR but that work would continue in respect of key development areas such as Catterick Garrison. Members asked for reassurance that housing applications could continue to be managed through the maintenance of a five-year land supply and the continued use of the Richmondshire Core Strategy.