

INCOME GENERATION SUB-COMMITTEE

30th July 2020

- Present:** Councillor Jabba Riaz in the Chair
Councillors Agar, Bayliss and Mackay (Vice-Chairman)
- Officers:** Mark Baldwin, Head of Finance
Shane Flynn, Corporate Director – Finance and Resources
- Apologies:** Councillor Mitchell

1 Appointment of Substitutes

None.

2 Declarations of Interest

None.

3 Public Participation

None.

4 Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

5 Annual and Quarter 4 Performance Report for Income Generation for 2019/20

The Sub-Committee received a report on the Council's Annual and Quarter 4 performance for Income Generation for 2019/20. The Corporate Director – Finance and Resources explained that the Quarter 4 2019/20 reports for all committees had been reported to the Policy and Resources Committee on the 26th May 2020 and he would therefore jointly present both this report and the Quarter 1 2020/21 Performance report (see next item).

6 Quarter 1 Performance Report for 2020/21

The Sub-Committee received a report on the Quarter 1 Performance for 2020/21. The Corporate Director – Finance and Resources presented the report. The Scorecard has been refreshed for 2020/21 with projects completed in the last financial year replaced with new projects as previously agreed by this Sub-Committee.

The Corporate Director highlighted a number of projects, as follows:

- In respect of the Hockey Facility, security for the financing has been a key issue, this has progressed well and the financing arrangements and are now close to completion. It is anticipated that the facility will be available for September 2021;
- It had been intended to report to Policy and Resources Committee on the Futsal Facility and All-Weather Pitch in the Spring, this will now be done in Autumn 2021.
- Boat Moorings on the Riverside – much of this work is now included in the Riverside Improvements project. There has been a delay as River Safety Association staff have been furloughed. They have now returned and a response is expected next month.

The Head of Finance highlighted a number of points, including the impact of lockdown on Riverside and Guildhall income, the reduction in trade waste activity and additional take-up of the garden waste collection facility. The most significant shortfall had been in respect of car park income during lockdown. Whilst the Covid-19 pandemic had increased activity in Bereavement Services, the crematorium services have been shorter and the fees reduced accordingly. The lockdown has seen a reduction of income in all areas of the Development Management service.

The Head of Finance responded to questions on the report.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee note:

- 1. the Council's Annual and Quarter 4 performance for Income Generation for 2019/20; and**
- 2. the Council's Quarter 1 performance for 2020/21.**

7 Worcester Community Lottery

The Sub-Committee received a report on progress made by the Community Lottery in its first year of operation. The Head of Finance presented the report and highlighted the main points, including the number of tickets sold, the total proceeds from ticket sales and the amounts paid over to good causes.

The Head of Finance responded to questions from Sub-Committee Members. In the ensuing discussion, the following main points were made:

- It is evident that those good causes which have promoted the sale of tickets have benefitted the most;
- Overall, the number of ticket sales throughout the year has remained constant;
- Many Councillors are involved with local charities and good causes, and Officers were asked if a note can be sent to all Members highlighting how organisations can benefit from joining the Community Lottery.

RESOLVED: That the Sub-Committee note the progress made by the Community Lottery in its first year of operation.

8 Any Other Business

None.

9 Items Involving the Disclosure of Exempt Information

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act.

10 Minutes (Exempt Items)

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11 Development Fund Update

The Corporate Director – Finance and Resources gave an oral update on progress with investigations into the potential investment in a property within the Development Fund. From the information provided, the Sub-Committee concluded that this proposal should not be pursued any further.

Duration of the meeting: 7.00p.m. – 7.32p.m.

Chairman at the meeting on
5th November 2020