

CONTRIBUTORS COMMITTEE

Meeting: 30 January 2020

At: 10.00 am

PRESENT

Councillor John Taylor (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Christine Corris, John McGahan, Wendy Meikle, Alanna Vine and Matt Wynne.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 28 November 2019 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Following a request at the last meeting, the Committee was updated on the situation regarding the security system. TLC and Council Officers had met and agreed not to invest further in the current system. Alternative arrangements were being looked at and would be brought to the Committee at the appropriate time.

2. STEPHEN MORRIS, FORMER CHIEF EXECUTIVE TLC

Members expressed appreciation of the work carried out by the former Chief Executive of Totally Local Company, Stephen Morris, who had now left the company.

RESOLVED – That Stephen Morris be thanked for his work on behalf of Totally Local Company and Solutions SK and offered the Committee's best wishes for the future.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

4. URGENT DECISIONS

No urgent decisions were reported.

5. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

No public questions were submitted.

6. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for publication relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority), the disclosure of which would not be in the public interest, would not be fair and would be in breach of Data Protection principles, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda items 6-8 (see Minutes 7-9 below).

7. TLC FINANCE REPORT - CURRENT YEAR TO 31 DECEMBER 2019

A representative of the Chief Executive, Totally Local Company submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the Financial and Performance Report of TLC as of 31 December 2019.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- A Member expressed concern about the decision of the Greater Manchester Combined Authority to restrict the number of times people were able to visit householder waste recycling centres during the year and the effect that this would have on the amount of refuse presented by Stockport residents. TLC operated a trade waste business which focussed on the hire of larger-sized skips. Skip hire was a very competitive market and it would not be cost effective for TLC to operate the hire of smaller skips.
- An issue was raised under highways reactive maintenance about trial digs. As soon as it became apparent that it was an United Utilities issue, TLC would withdraw from the dig. The quality of the reinstatement work by the utility companies was discussed.
- The school meals service had been performing well and attracting new customers.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

8. TLC FORECAST FOR FULL YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2020

A representative of the Chief Executive, Totally Local Company submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) setting out the TLC forecast for the full year to 31 March 2020.

The following comments were made/issues raised:-

- Concern was expressed that TLC was pooled with the Council for pension purposes and so the Pension Payments figure referred to was outside the control of the company.
- The deficit was considerably smaller than the deficit inherited by the former Chief Executive and appreciation was expressed to the Finance Director and the former Chief Executive for the work they had carried out.

RESOLVED – That the forecast be noted.

9. APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID HUGHES AS INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE, TLC

RESOLVED – That the Committee confirm the recommendation of the TLC Board regarding the appointment of David Hughes as Interim Chief Executive, TLC.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED – That future meetings of the Board be held as follows:-

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- Thursday 26 March 2020 at 10.00am
- Thursday 23 July 2020 at 10.00am
- Thursday 26 November 2020 at 10.00am

The meeting closed at 10.57 am