

## **CONTRIBUTORS COMMITTEE**

Meeting: 23 July 2020

At: 10.00 am

### **PRESENT**

Councillor John Taylor (Chair) in the chair; Councillors Anna Charles-Jones, Christine Corris, Mike Hurleston, John McGahan, John Pantall and Matt Wynne.

### **1. MINUTES**

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 30 January 2020 were approved as a correct record.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors and Officers were invited to declare any interest which they may have had in any of the items on the agenda.

No declarations of interest were made.

### **3. URGENT DECISIONS**

No urgent decisions were reported.

### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No public questions were submitted.

### **5. 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RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for publication relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority), the disclosure of which would not be in the public interest,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 6-11.

### **6. TLC'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

The Interim Chief Executive, Totally Local Company, gave a verbal presentation which updated Members on TLC's response to COVID-19.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members were advised that safety was the top priority for TLC and that a number of Welfare Audits had been carried out in conjunction with the workforce.
- Members commented that they were constantly being asked by residents as to when the bin collections were going to get back to normal. Members wished to be kept in the loop regarding where the situation was up to. In response, Members

were advised that the bin collection service was not yet up to pre COVID-19 levels as many staff were still shielding and were due to come back on a phased return.

- As there had been a big increase in mail ordering during the lockdown period, Members enquired whether this had affected volumes. In response, Members were advised that there had been an increase in tonnages and possible changes in the types of waste being collected. Analysis on this would be able to be undertaken during the coming months.
- A short discussion relating to business continuity took place and how prepared TLC had been to deal with the issues caused by the pandemic.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **7. TRANSFER OF FLEET MAINTENANCE OPERATION FROM GO PLANT FLEET SERVICES**

The Interim Chief Executive, Totally Local Company, submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which updated Members on TLC Fleet Services as at July 2020.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members expressed concerns that if the service was at risk, then they really should have known about it. In response, Members were advised that the criticism was noted and would be responded to in due course. It was acknowledged that more should have been done in terms of sharing.
- Members requested that methods of communication be examined to see where improvements could be made
- A short discussion took place regarding the immediate potential risks.
- Members were advised that a strategic review was to be undertaken within the next 12 months.

RESOLVED – (i) That the report be noted.  
(ii) That the in-house transfer be endorsed.

## **8. UPDATE ON ABNEY HALL INCIDENT 30 NOVEMBER 2018**

The Interim Chief Executive Totally Local Company submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which updated Members on the Abney Hall Incident on 30 November 2018.

The following comments were made/issues raised;

- Members expressed that the whole incident was regrettable and that hopefully lessons had been learned for the future.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

## **9. RATIFICATION OF STATUTORY ACCOUNTS FOR TLC LTD TO 31 MARCH 2020**

A representative of the Interim Chief Executive, Totally Local Company, submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which provided Members with details of the Statutory Accounts for TLC Limited for the period up to 31 March 2020.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members were advised that the accounts reflected the period which was unaffected by COVID-19, with the exception of the last two weeks of the financial year.
- Members commented on the clear and concise way that the accounts had been presented and that this helped with their understanding.
- A short discussion took place relating to late payment of debt and the difficulties this created.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

#### **10. FINANCE REPORT FOR TLC LTD TO 31 MAY 2020**

A representative of the Interim Chief Executive, Totally Local Company, submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which provided Members with details of the Finance Report for TLC Limited for the period up to 31 May 2020.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members noted that the majority of Services had continued very well since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the support provided by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council was acknowledged and welcomed.
- Three more schools were due to start using TLC services and there were opportunities to try and recover some revenue during the Autumn period.
- Members acknowledged that there were a number of uncertainties and that events may occur which would be outside TLC's control, however overall, Members were satisfied that the main priorities had been identified and acted upon.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

#### **11. CONFIRMATION IN POST OF INTERIM CEO, DAVID HUGHES**

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

#### **12. APPOINTMENT OF TREVOR REES AS NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

RESOLVED – That the Committee confirm the recommendation of the TLC Board regarding the appointment of Trevor Rees as Non-Executive Director, TLC.

The meeting closed at 11.20 am