

CONTRIBUTORS COMMITTEE

Meeting: 28 January 2021

At: 10.00 am

PRESENT

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

1. MINUTES

The Minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 26 November 2020 were approved as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations 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RESOLVED – That in order to prevent the disclosure of information which was not for publication relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority), the disclosure of which would not be in the public interest,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. COVID-19 UPDATE

The Chief Executive Officer, Totally Local Company provided a verbal presentation which updated Members on Covid-19.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- A short discussion took place relating to the workforce and how staff were covering for those who were absent in order to ensure minimum disruption to services.
- Members asked whether TLC were satisfied with the wellbeing of the workforce, i.e. general moral and mental health. What support was available to staff? In response, Members were advised that extensive work had been done with occupational health and the uptake had been very good. Mental health support was available online and the feedback on this had been good. There had been an

increase in mental health issues which staff were being supported with but much of this related to issues at home.

- Members felt it was vital that there was good communication relating to possible disruption of services and the managing of expectations.

RESOLVED – That the verbal presentation be noted.

7. THE WAY FORWARD - UPDATE

The Chief Executive Officer, Totally Local Company provided a verbal presentation which updated Members on the way forward.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members asked whether their understanding could be consolidated with written reports so that progress could be followed.
- A short discussion took place relating to the procurement process and how this worked in practice.

RESOLVED – That the verbal presentation be noted.

8. TRANSFER OF SECURITY TO STOCKPORT HOMES GROUP - UPDATE ON FINANCIAL MECHANISM

The Chief Executive Officer, Totally Local Company provided a verbal presentation which updated Members on the financial mechanism relating to the transfer of security to Stockport Homes Group.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members acknowledged that the business case and subsequent discussions were progressing well and commented that it was imperative that Totally Local Company were not made worse off as a result.

RESOLVED – That the verbal presentation be noted.

9. FINANCIAL REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Finance & Commercial Director, Totally Local Company submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which updated Members on the Financial Report to 31 December 2020.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members commented that this was an extremely comprehensive report.
- Was there a way of naming and shaming the schools who had not paid the outstanding invoices from the PPN2 supplier relief initiative or would this prove counterproductive?
- Members asked if there was a pattern among those who had not paid e.g. academies and other schools, or primaries and secondaries? In response,

Members were advised that there was no pattern and that officers remained confident that the issue could be resolved.

- A short discussion took place on how gulley cleansing was integrated with street sweeping. Members asked if it would be helpful to use cones in order to enable gulley cleansing work to take place.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

10. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF TLC'S FINANCIAL FORECAST TO 31 MARCH 2021

The Finance & Commercial Director, Totally Local Company submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which asked Members to review and approve TLC's Financial Forecast to 31 March 2021.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- Members asked what the positives and negatives of the current situation were and how the situation relating to Abney Hall had impacted.
- Were the lower wage costs simply down to a lack of overtime?
- Members commented that every public park has had overflowing bins, what was the plan to catch up on this? In response, Members were advised that this was a recognised pressure point and that there was no easy solution. It came down to a balancing of limited resources. There was also a weather dependent fluctuation with this type of issue.
- Members thanked all employees of Totally Local Company for their hard work during this difficult time.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted, and that TLC's financial forecast to 31 March 2021 be approved.

11. DIRECTORS OF THE TOTALLY LOCAL COMPANY BOARD

RESOLVED – That the Committee confirm the recommendation of the TLC Board as follows:

- (a) Susan Webster, non-Executive Director, retiring by rotation, offering herself for re-election as a Director.**
- (b) Steve Jallands, Finance Director, retiring by rotation, offering himself for re-election as a Director.**

The meeting closed at 11.15 am