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Date: 15 April 2024

Dear Councillor,

Housing and Community Services Committee

A Meeting of the **Housing and Community Services Committee** will be held at **Council Chamber**, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote on **Tuesday, 23 April 2024 at 18:00**. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

To:- **Labour Group**

Councillor G Rhind (Chair), Councillor M Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors A Archer, S Harrison, A Haynes, J Jackson, D Pegg, D Shepherd and A Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors D Corbin and J Lowe.

Liberal Democrats

Councillor J Davies.



AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

- 1 Apologies and to note any substitutes appointed for the Meeting.
- 2 To receive and consider the Open Minutes of the following Committee meetings:
01 February 2024 **4 - 9**
07 March 2024 **10 - 13**
- 3 To note any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda
- 4 To receive any questions by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 10.
- 5 To receive any questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 11.
- 6 CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING UPDATE **14 - 19**
- 7 FIELDS IN TRUST DEDICATION UPDATE **20 - 23**
- 8 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME **24 - 29**

Exclusion of the Public and Press:

- 9 The Chairman may therefore move:-
That in accordance with Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.
- 10 To receive and consider the Exempt Minutes of the following Committee meetings:
01 February 2024 X
07 March 2024 X

- 11** To receive any exempt questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 11.
- 12** ARTS MELBOURNE
- 13** LONG TERM LEASE TO ROSLISTON, PARISH COUNCIL
- 14** HOUSING SOLUTIONS STAFFING

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

01 FEBRUARY 2024

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor G Rhind (Chair) and Councillor M Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors, S Harrison, A Haynes, J Jackson, D Pegg, D Shepherd. S Taylor (substitute for Cllr A Archer) and A Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors D Corbin, D Muller (substitute for Cllr Fitzpatrick) and J Lowe.

Liberal Democrats

Councillor J Davies.

In attendance

Councillor S Bambrick
Councillor M Gee
Councillor A Wheelton.

HCS/63 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor A Archer (Labour Group) Councillor M Fitzpatrick (Conservative Group).

HCS/64 OPEN MINUTES

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 07 January 2020, 17 August 2023, 28 September 2023 and 16 November were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair of the Committee.

HCS/65 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee noted that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

HCS/66 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Public had been received.

HCS/67 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**HCS/68 ACTIVE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP (SDASP) POOLS TO SCHOOLS SWIMMING PROGRAMME**

The Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report to the Committee highlighting the key aspects of the report and the benefits for schools.

Members commended the report and noted the fantastic opportunity to get schools involved in the provision of swimming programmes.

Councillor A Tilley sought clarity regarding the impact on Greenbank Leisure Centre.

The Head of Cultural and Community Services informed the Committee that the programme would allow for greater community access to leisure centres and enable leisure centres to work with other schools outside of the District.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That the Committee approved the delivery of the South Derbyshire Active Schools Swimming Programme in partnership with Elite Swimming 'Pools to Schools' programme.**
- 1.2 That the Committee approved the funding of the project through the Active Schools Partnerships earmarked reserves.**
- 1.3 That the Committee approved that the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) had authority to allow purchase of extra swimming pool units through Elite swimming and authority to allow the recruitment of staff to deliver the programme in relation to ongoing service demand.**

HCS/69 BEAT THE STREET

The Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report to the Committee noting the expansion of the programme following the success of last year's event.

Members considered the report and supported the officer's recommendations.

Councillor Corbin sought clarity regarding the inclusion of Shardlow Primary and Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy which were both now part of South Derbyshire.

The Head of Cultural and Community Services confirmed that both schools could be added to the programme.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved the financial contribution from earmarked reserves to fund the 12-month physical activity and active travel intervention project Beat the Street across the whole district.

HCS/70 **REVIEW OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL SURVEILLANCE POLICY**

The Head of Cultural and Community Services addressed the Committee and presented the report noting how it was part of the regular policy review.

The Committee considered the report and supported the officer's recommendation.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee approved the changes made to the South Derbyshire District Council Surveillance Policy, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, as part of the scheduled review of the document.

HCS/71 **REVITALISING ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE UPDATE**

The Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report with an update following on from the consultation feedback.

Members commended the report and the activities that took place at the centre and raised queries regarding the use of the bungalow, the opportunities to engage with men and help promote male mental health awareness.

The Head of Cultural and Community Services informed the Committee that the bungalow was being considered for conversion into an eco-house to demonstrate how to live sustainably. The Head of Cultural and Community Services acknowledged that it would be a good opportunity to promote the site as a good place to help with male mental health and ways to reach that demographic would be considered.

Members discussed the values of the site and noted how it was seen as the jewel in the crown of South Derbyshire.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee approved the current operating model for Rosliston Forestry Centre.

1.2 That the Committee approved the Revitalising Rosliston project plan as outlined within the report.

HCS/72 REVIEW OF TENANCY STRATEGY & TENANCY POLICY

The Interim Head of Housing addressed the Committee and presented the report.

Members considered the report and supported the officer's recommendation.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee approved the draft Tenancy Strategy 2023 and Tenancy Policy 2023 which had been through the consultation process as set out in point 7.0 of the report to Committee on 16 November 2023.

HCS/73 COUNCIL HOUSING RENTS INCREASE 2024/25

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee and sought approval of the proposed rent increase.

Councillor Corbin suggested an alternative rent increase and raised concern regarding the loss of income from voids.

Councillor Taylor noted the Committee's duty to ensure that the Housing Revenue Account was sound and confirmed that the void's situation was in hand and being dealt with via separate reports.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee considered and approved a 7.7% increase in Council housing rents for 2024/25.

HCS/74 TREE SERVICE BUDGET

The Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report to the Committee and noted the importance of an adequate budget to manage the tree stock.

Members considered the report and supported the officer's recommendation.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee approved the budget outlined in the report to ensure good tree management and reduced potential risks to the Council.*

HCS/75 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The work programme was presented to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.*

HCS/76 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

The Chairman may therefore move:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

EXEMPT MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting/s held on 17 August 2023, 29 September 2023 and 16 November 2023 were received.

ANY EXEMPT QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

HOUSING SERVICES – REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE CONTRACT
RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

BEVIN BOYS MINERS MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE
RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

GRANT FROM POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR PATROLS

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

CULTURAL AND COMMUNITIES SERVICE STAFFING BUDGET

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

ROSLISTON FORESTRY CENTRE STAFFING BUDGET

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

HOUSING SOLUTIONS STAFFING

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:15 hours.

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

07 MARCH 2024

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor G Rhind (Chair) and Councillor M Mulgrew (Vice-Chair)
and

Councillors A Archer, S Harrison, J Jackson, D Shepherd, B Stuart
(substituting for Councillor A Haynes) and A Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors D Corbin, M Fitzpatrick and J Lowe.

Liberal Democrats

Councillor J Davies.

In attendance

Councillor A Wheelton.

HCS/85 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor A Haynes (Labour Group).

HCS/86 **OPEN MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 08 January 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair of the Committee.

HCS/87 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee noted that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

HCS/88 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Public had been received.

HCS/89 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**HCS/90 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2023-2024 QUARTER 3 – 1 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee highlighting the seven indicators for this Committee and confirmed that seven were on track. The Committee noted that the indicator for the average time to relet a property was red and the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed Members that improvements had been made since the previous report.

Members discussed the numbers of void properties and the costs of major repairs and the issues affecting the length of time to relet a property.

The Asset and Improvement Manager informed the Committee that the delays in reletting properties was mainly due to a lack of manpower and the high turnover of sub-contract maintenance staff. The Asset and Improvement Manager confirmed that the benchmark figure of £2,500 was used nationally as an estimate for major repairs.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.

1.2 The Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.

HCS/91 SOCIAL HOUSING DECARBONISATION FUND WAVE 1

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee confirming that of the 111 properties selected for the scheme 89 had been completed and Wave 2.1 was now underway.

Members sought clarity on the reduction of CO² and were pleased to note the lower fuel bills for residents and asked if there had been any feedback from homeowners.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed to the Committee that the scheme would achieve a Band C for carbon emissions.

The Asset and Improvement Manager informed the Committee that residents had provided positive feedback about the scheme and confirmed that further communications would be sent to residents after twelve months to gather additional data about the scheme.

Members were happy to support the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee noted the completion of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 1 works programme.***
- 1.2 The Committee delegated authority to the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)/S151 Officer to sign the Memorandum of Understanding that detailed the project change requests.***
- 1.3 The Committee approved that the Council's underspend of £81,408 be ringfenced within the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund for further energy efficiency projects within the social housing stock.***

HCS/92 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the work programme to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.***

HCS/93 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)

The Chairman may therefore move:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

ANY EXEMPT QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

ACQUISITION OF TWO BUNGALOWS IN REPTON**RESOLVED:**

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

HOUSING VOIDS UPDATE

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

CARELINE AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICE

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

HOUSING SERVICES REVIEW

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:25hours.

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR

REPORT TO:	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 6
DATE OF MEETING:	23 APRIL 2024	CATEGORY: RECOMMENDED
REPORT FROM:	(STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF SERVICE DELIVERY)	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	SEAN MCBURNEY	DOC:
SUBJECT:	CORPORATE SAFEGUARDING UPDATE	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS7

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That Members note the contents of the report.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

2.1 To provide members with an update regarding safeguarding work undertaken by the District Council over the last 12 months.

3.0 Detail

3.1 "Safeguarding is everyone's business." The council not only has a legislative requirement to embed safeguarding within our roles and services, but also a moral obligation to ensure that adults and children in our District are safe from abuse and harm.

3.2 The Safeguarding Audit Report written by Central Midlands Audit Partnership in early 2023 identified two 'low risk' weaknesses with the Councils response to Safeguarding. One of these weaknesses was that the outcomes from the Councils Safeguarding Group were not being reported to elected members. The recommendation was for a separate annual report to be prepared relating to outcomes from Safeguarding Group meetings and for this to be presented to Members at the relevant Committee or via another method of communication. This report is in response to this recommendation.

3.3 The second 'low risk' weakness identified in the Audit Report was that only 47% of elected members had received recent Safeguarding training. In response to this, two Councillor safeguarding sessions were held in 2023 for elected members, these were attended by 20 Councillors, most of them newly elected. 66% of Councillors have now had safeguarding training in the last three years. A further 'mop up' session will be scheduled for 2024.

- 3.4 The Council has identified the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources as the Organisational Safeguarding Lead (OSL), this officer oversees the work of the Corporate Safeguarding Group and Chairs the meetings. All completed Cause for Concern forms are sent to the OSL for quality checking.
- 3.5 The Communities Team Manager acts as Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL). This officer attends the Derbyshire County Safeguarding Lead Officers group and acts as a conduit between the County Group and the Councils Corporate Safeguarding Group. This Officer is also responsible for competing the annual Derbyshire Childrens Safeguarding Partnership Strategic and Organisational Self-Assessment, ensures Safeguarding training is delivered to staff and elected members and ensures that the Council Policy and Procedures documents are regularly reviewed. They are also responsible for ensuring online content is kept updated and relevant and offer advice to officers who have any questions or queries on how to deal with safeguarding matters.
- 3.6 The Councils Corporate Safeguarding Group meets quarterly and has representation from all Council departments. At the meeting an update is provided on the County Safeguarding Leads group, updates are provided on Cause for Concern reports which have been made and general discussions are held about cases that officers have been involved in. There is also an action plan which is reviewed at each meeting (See attached in Appendix 1 for the 2023/24 Action plan).
- 3.7 All Cause for Concern forms are now reported online on the Councils intranet site 'CONNECT', this ensures all reports are automatically saved and logged providing a clear audit trail. These reports can only be viewed by the OSL and the DSL. After each report is made by an officer, it is automatically sent to the line manager and the Councils OSL and the DSL for checking and approving.
- 3.8 Between April 2023 and March 2024, 29x Cause for Concern reports have been completed by Council officers. 26 of these were made by officers from the Housing team, one was made by Environmental Health, one by Customer Services and one by the Communities Team. The majority of these concerns resulted in referrals to DCC via Call Derbyshire or direct contact with existing Social Care workers. Other referrals went direct to the individuals GP or to the Police.
- 3.9 The Councils Safeguarding Policy was reviewed in June 2022, it is scheduled to be reviewed again in June 2025. The County Safeguarding leads group have provided a county wide policy template for all Derbyshire Councils to use. This will be adopted in 2025 by SDDC. The current Council policy has been checked against the new County template to ensure that it contains all required information.
- 3.10 In 2023 an additional intranet page was developed to enable officers to update existing Cause for Concern forms, this is especially useful for Housing Officers who will have further contact with vulnerable tenants or where an update from an agency is required.
- 3.11 In 2022 a new Safeguarding Hub was developed and added to the Councils (CONNECT) Intranet pages. This 'Hub' contains the online Cause for Concern form along with the Councils Policy and Procedure documents, and key contacts within the Council who can help advise on Safeguarding matters. There are also pages specific to Childrens and Adults safeguarding which have further information and contact details of agencies and professionals that can offer support and advice.

This Hub is reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that the information is kept up to date.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Costs associated with providing corporate e-learning safeguarding training and awareness materials are contained within existing revenue budgets.

5.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

- 5.1 There are no employment implications.

Legal Implications

- 5.2 Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 places a duty on local authorities to ensure any direct services they deliver, or any services contracted out to others, are discharged, and have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This is particularly relevant to county councils who provide children's social care services but applies to all local authority services.
- 5.3 The Care Act 2014 places a specific duty on county councils that they must co-operate with each of their relevant partners, and each relevant partner must co-operate with the authority, to make whatever enquiries are necessary to determine if an adult in its area (whether or not ordinarily resident) is experiencing, or is at risk of, abuse or neglect, and as a result of those needs is unable to protect themselves against the abuse or neglect or the risk of such abuse or neglect occurring.

Corporate Plan Implications

- 5.4 This report supports the following priorities and objectives within the new Council Plan 2024-28:

Priority – Support our Communities.

Key Aim - Support the most vulnerable people in our communities.

Risk Impact

- 5.5 As stated in 6.1 and 6.2 above the Council has a legal duty to have suitable measures in place to ensure staff and members recognise safeguarding concerns and know how to report these to the relevant organisations.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 The Council recognises that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and the Police are the lead agencies in the District with regard to the protection of children and adults at risk. However, the Council also recognises that everyone has a responsibility for their protection. The role of the District Council is not to investigate allegations of abuse, but it must ensure all employees, Elected Members, volunteers and contractors take appropriate action when they suspect or recognise that a child, young person or adult at risk may be a victim of harm or

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 SDDC Adult at Risk and Childrens Safeguarding Action plan 2023/24

South Derbyshire District Council Adult at Risk and Childrens Safeguarding Action plan 2023/24

STANDARD 1 – Accountability Structure

No	Action we will take to address areas for development to meet the standard	Required completion date	Update on Action	Lead Officer/s	Rating Red / Amber / Green
1	Provide Annual report to H&CS Committee on work of Safeguarding Group. (This was identified as a recommendation at the 2023 Audit).	Oct 2023	Report due to go to H&CS Committee in April 2024	CS	Amber
2	Provide Safeguarding Training to new and existing members.	Oct 2023	Two sessions Completed in June and Dec 2023, 20 Councillors attended. 66% of Councillors trained.	CS	GREEN
3	Revise SDDC Link Officers/ Corporate Safeguarding members and ensure there is reps for each of the key service areas; Customer services, (Housing, EH, Planning, Depot, Communities Team, Active Health and Wellbeing, Careline).	Oct 2023	Reviewed at May Meeting and new Officers invited to attend. Now have all depts represented	CS	GREEN

March 2024 update

4	Complete and return the annual Derbyshire Strategic and Organisational Self-Assessment Section 11 Audit Tool.	Feb 2024	Audit completed and returned in March 2024	CS	Green
5	Annual review and update of SDDC Safeguarding Hub Intranet Pages. Intranet site to be reviewed and updated on annual basis to ensure it is kept up to date.	June 2024	Last completed in 2023. Not required until June 2024	CS	GREY
6	Ensure representation at County Safeguarding Leads Group, and feedback to Corporate Safeguarding group relevant information, including findings from Serious Case Reviews.	Ongoing	Communities Team manager attends and feedbacks at Corporate Safeguarding Group Meetings. 2024 Corporate group meetings arranged to take place after County leads group meetings	CS	Green
7	Ensure appropriate Safeguarding training is delivered regularly to all staff. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review Mandatory Training delivered to staff to ensure fit for purpose. Annually review uptake on training with HR. Ensure Staff with no internet access are provided with face-to-face sessions. 	Ongoing	NH has put on 2x Safeguarding sessions at the Depot for staff, 53 attended, further session also done for 3x cleaning staff. As at 13 th March 2024, 79% of all SDDC staff had completed safeguarding training within the last three years.	NH/ CS	Green

REPORT TO:	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
DATE OF MEETING:	23 APRIL 2024	CATEGORY:
		RECOMMENDED
REPORT FROM:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (SERVICE DELIVERY)	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	SEAN MCBURNEY – HEAD of CULTURAL & COMMUNITY SERVICES	DOC:
SUBJECT:	FIELDS IN TRUST DEDICATION UPDATE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS

1.0 Recommendation

1.1 That members note that progress on the previous dedication of sites with Fields in Trust (FIT) and that the Committee considers the protection of further green spaces with a Fields in Trust deed of dedication designation.

2.0 Purpose of the report

2.1 The report updates members on the progress on the previous dedication of sites with Fields in Trust (FIT) and that the Committee considers the protection of further green spaces with a Fields in Trust deed of dedication.

3.0 Executive Summary

3.1 This report updates on the previous dedication of sites with Fields in Trust (FIT) and asks that committee consider the protection of further green spaces with a Fields in Trust deed of dedication as part of our response to the declaration of a climate and ecological emergencies.

4.0 Detail

4.1 Fields in Trust was founded by King George V in 1925 as the National Playing Fields Association (NPFA) and has been operating as Fields in Trust since 2007. The aim is to safeguard all kinds of outdoor recreational spaces including parks, playgrounds, playing fields, green spaces nature reserves and country parks, in perpetuity, to benefit both local communities now and future generations.

4.2 HC&S Committee have already approved the protection of Eureka Park, Swadlincote Woodlands and Cadley Park. The first 2 have progressed to the legal declaration stage whilst

we are still waiting the deed pack for Cadley Park from Harworths before we can complete the declaration. Newhall Park was protected in 2012.

4.3 The formal protection of public green spaces aligns with our corporate priorities and the declaration of both climate and ecological emergencies.

4.4 Fields in Trust aims to protect outdoor recreational spaces and facilities for communities now and for generations to come whilst providing a focal point for physical wellbeing and community cohesion. It is not a direct grant aid programme though some funding will be available and Fields in Trust will ensure that it is distributed according to the wishes of the donors.

The main benefits of protection with Fields in Trust are:

- Making an express and recognisable commitment to local people to safeguard land, facilities and opportunities for sport, play and outdoor recreation both now and forever
- Protecting public access to outdoor space
- Proven to help secure external funding
- Providing reassurance to our residents that we value the contribution that green spaces bring to our communities.
- Raising awareness of the importance of such facilities in the context of quality of life, health, the environment and general amenity.

4.3 During the consultation for the improvements of Oversetts Recreation Ground 86% wanted to see the recreation ground protected as green space for evermore. Therefore, committee consider the following green spaces are protected with fields in Trust over the next few years to ensure future generations can benefit from such spaces for evermore.

Oversetts Recreation Ground, Newhall
Sandholes Local Nature Reserve
Maurice Lea Memorial Park, Church Gresley
Station Street Recreation Ground, Church Gresley
Dunsmore Park (Salsbury Drive), Hartshorne
Woodhouse Recreation Ground
Granville Recreation Ground
Church Street, Coton in the Elms.
Coton Road Recreation area, Walton on Trent.
Hillside, Findern
Coton Park Local Nature Reserve, Coton.
Pilgrims Way and Fox Close playing fields, Stenson Fields

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications for the Council seeking protection with Fields in Trust although having a protected designation has proved to be an advantage when seeking external funding opportunities.

6.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

6.1 Not applicable.

Legal Implications

6.2 Once completed the restriction within the Deed is registered with the Land Registry, meaning any check that is made on the land will highlight the protection that is on it and prevent disposal, generally meaning sale or lease, without the consent of Fields in Trust. A Deed can either be charitable or non-charitable. If it is the former then both Fields in Trust and charity law will ensure the protection, whilst if it is the latter then Fields in Trust will ensure the protection.

Corporate Plan Implications

6.3 The legal designations contribute to all the priority areas in the Council's Corporate Plan, contributing to Our Environment, Our People and Our Future through protecting and supporting investment, independent living, leisure, and cultural activity and focus on the community as residents and customers.

7.0 Community Impact

Consultations

7.1 Consultations have been carried out with internal identified stakeholders who have no objections.

Equality and Diversity Impact

7.2 Green Spaces support community cohesion and the improvements and the Fields in Trust protection allows access for all members of our community.

Social Value Impact

7.3 Green spaces are used by all members of our communities and are a key element of supporting healthy, sustainable and liveable communities.

Environmental Sustainability

7.4 The protection of green spaces supports the climate and ecological emergency declarations.

8.0 Conclusions

8.1 That the Committee note that progress on the previous dedication of sites with Fields in Trust (FIT) and that the Committee considers the protection of further green spaces identified within this report with a Fields in Trust deed of dedication designation.

None

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REPORT TO:	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 08
DATE OF MEETING:	23 APRIL 2024	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (SERVICE DELIVERY)	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES 01283 59 5889/5722 democraticservices@southderbyshire.gov.uk	DOC:
SUBJECT:	COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: G

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Committee considers and approves the updated work programme.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the updated work programme.

3.0 Detail

3.1 Attached at Annexe 'A' is an updated work programme document. The Committee is asked to consider and review the content of this document.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None arising directly from this report.

5.0 Background Papers

5.1 Work Programme.

Housing and Community Services Committee – 23 April 2024 Work Programme

Work Programme Area	Date of Committee meetings	Contact Officer (Contact details)
Reports Previously Considered By Last 5 Committees		
Budget Setting Approach 2024-25	28 September 2023	Charlotte Jackson (Head of Finance) 07770 085452
Update to Parks and Green Spaces Service Standards Policy	28 September 2023	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust (Exempt)	28 September 2023	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Long Term Lease of Shardlow Allotments to Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council (Exempt)	28 September 2023	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Corporate Plan 2020-24: Performance Report (2023-2024 Quarter 2 – (1 July to 30 September)	16 November 2023	Heidi McDougall Strategic Director (Service Delivery) 01283 595775
Transfer of Sports Pavilion to Willington Parish Council – Exempt	16 November 2023	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Long Term Lease of Philip Richardson Memorial Field to Netherseal Parish Council – Exempt	16 November 2023	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy	16 November 2023	Heidi McDougall Strategic Director (Service Delivery) 01283 595775

Housing Compliance in Conjunction with New Regulator Consumer Standards	16 November 2023	Heidi McDougall Strategic Director (Service Delivery) 01283 595775
Regulator of Social Housing Proposed Consumer Standards	16 November 2023	Heidi McDougall Strategic Director (Service Delivery) 01283 595775
Fisher Close Social Housing Development - Exempt	16 November 2023	Heidi McDougall Strategic Director (Service Delivery) 01283 595775
Housing Services Review – Exempt	16 November 2023	Heidi McDougall Strategic Director (Service Delivery) 01283 595775
Service Base Budget 2024-25	08 January 2024	Charlotte Jackson Head of Finance 07770 085452
Housing Revenue Account Budget 2024-25	08 January 2024	Charlotte Jackson Head of Finance 07770 085452
Active Schools Partnership – School Swimming Partnership	01 February 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Bevin Boys Miners Memorial	01 February 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Beat the Street Update	01 February 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Review of the South Derbyshire District Council Surveillance Policy	01 February 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Revitalising Rosliston Forestry Centre Update	01 February 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050

Police and Crime Commissioner Funding	01 February 2024	Matt Holford Head of Environmental Services 07891 072081
Housing Repairs and Maintenance Service	01 February 2024	John Comber Interim Head of Housing
Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy Consultation	01 February 2024	John Comber Interim Head of Housing
Tree Management	01 February 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Cultural and Communities Services Staffing	01 February 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Corporate Plan 2020-24: Performance Report (2023-2024 Quarter 3 – (1 October to 31 December)	07 March 2024	Heidi McDougall Strategic Director (Service Delivery) 01283 595775
SHDF Wave 1	07 March 2024	Heidi McDougall Strategic Director (Service Delivery) 01283 595775
Voids and Relet Update (exempt)	07 March 2024	Heidi McDougall Strategic Director (Service Delivery) 01283 595775
Careline Service (Exempt)	07 March 2024	John Comber Interim Head of Housing
Housing Services Update (Exempt)	07 March 2024	John Comber Interim Head of Housing

Provisional Programme of Reports To Be Considered by Committee		
Arts Melbourne (Exempt)	23 April 2024	Mike Roylance Head of Economic Development Mike.roylance@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Fields of Trust Update	23 April 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Safeguarding Group Update	23 April 2024	Chris Smith Chris.smith@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Health and Housing Strategy 2021-23	June 2024	Heidi McDougall Strategic Director (Service Delivery) 01283 595775
Policy on Access to Allotments	June 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Housing Service Structure	June 2024	Jason Dhesi Asset and Improvement Manager Jason.dhesi@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Tenant Satisfaction Survey Results	June 2024	Sally Damms Sally.damms@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Arts Strategy	June 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Marston Cemetery Extension	June 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Strategic Housing development including Fisher Close	August 2024	Eileen Jackson Strategic Housing Manager Eileen.jackson@southderbyshire.gov.uk

Foundation/Adaptations Policy Review	August 2024	Jason Dhesi Asset and Improvement Manager Jason.dhesi@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Empty Homes Policy & Strategy	August 2024	Matt Holford Head of Environmental Services Matt.holford@southderbyshire.gov.uk
SHDF Wave 2.1	September 2024	Craig Lodey Craig.lodey@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Revitalising Rosliston Update	September 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Stock Condition Survey Update/Asset Management Strategy	September 2024	Jason Dhesi Asset and Improvement Manager Jason.dhesi@southderbyshire.gov.uk
HRA Business Plan	November 2024	Jason Dhesi Asset and Improvement Manager Jason.dhesi@southderbyshire.gov.uk
Beat the Street Outcome Report	November 2024	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Sports Strategy	TBC	Sean McBurney Head of Cultural & Community Services 07435 935050
Minewater Heat Recovery	TBC	Matt Holford Head of Environmental Services Matt.holford@southderbyshire.gov.uk