

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

19th April 2018

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor MacPherson (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs Brown, Mrs Coe (substituting for Councillor Roberts), Mrs Hall and Mrs Patten

Labour Group

Councillors Chahal, Dunn, Rhind (substituting for Councillor Taylor) and Tilley

EDS/108 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Billings, Coe, Roberts, Wheeler (Conservative Group) and Taylor (Labour Group)

EDS/109 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th March 2018 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/110 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

EDS/111 **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.

EDS/112 **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.

EDS/113 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/114 **“TOWARDS A MINERALS LOCAL PLAN” CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to Committee.

The Chairman made reference to the defined sites, in that their names do not necessarily relate to the nearest village, more to their original location before quarry enlargement. Additional reference was made to recent misleading newspaper articles relating to the Egginton quarry, even though this location was no longer a preferred site. Councillor Mrs Brown, local Ward Member for Etwall, commented that this article had caused unnecessary concern amongst residents.

The Vice-Chairman queried the restoration schedules, which the Planning Policy Officer stated were to be determined as part of the consultation. The Chairman commented that generally the period of extraction equated to similar periods of restoration and after-care.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that the comments in italics set out in Section 5 of the report be forwarded to Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council as the Council's response to the consultation exercise.

EDS/115 **LOCAL GREEN SPACES SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Tilley queried the consultation process, especially in relation to unparished areas. The Planning Policy Officer stated that the aim had been to accommodate all areas across the District, with additional information provided by residents. The Vice-Chairman made reference to some areas being subject to covenants and the merit of land being covered by both covenants and green space status. The Planning Policy Officer commented that to have both in place could undermine the creditability of the green space status and could conflict with the terms of the covenants where such were in place.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members agreed the proposed approach for considering local green spaces as summarised in the report.

1.2 Members authorised the publication of the Council's Scoping Report Document for a statutory five week consultation with the 'Consultation Bodies' and other appropriate stakeholders.

EDS/116 **HIGHWAYS ENGLAND A38 DERBY JUNCTIONS SCHEME – STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Tilley queried the consultation timetable and given that the response was required before the Committee met again, queried the opportunity for Committee Members to see its content before submission. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) clarified that the response related to the consultation process, rather than the actual proposed works.

RESOLVED:

Members agreed that authority for determining a Committee resolution in response to the forthcoming Highways England consultation on the A38 Derby Junctions Scheme Statement of Community Consultation be delegated to the Chair and Vice Chair of this Committee. This response would then be presented to a future meeting of this Committee for information.

EDS/117 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to Committee.

Members commented on South Derbyshire's good record in supporting housing development, expressing the view that the objectives, such as speeding up such developments, should be aimed not only at council's, but also at developers, to ensure an adequate supply of affordable / social housing.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members noted the content of the draft National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and related consultation documents summarised in the report.

1.2 Members authorised completion of the Consultation Survey being undertaken by the Ministry of Homes, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG – formerly DCLG) in order that the comments set out in the report can be submitted to the Ministry as this Authority's Response in the appropriate format.

EDS/118 FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID) FOR THE NATIONAL FOREST

The Economic Development Manager presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Mrs Patten queried whether the other Councils would be making like contributions. The Economic Development Manager confirmed that the other District Councils within the Forest area had stated they would be doing so, with the balance being made by the National Forest Company.

RESOLVED:

Members approved a contribution of £2,000 to the National Forest Company towards a Feasibility Study into a Business Improvement District for The National Forest.

EDS/119 SERVICE POLICIES

The Direct Services Manager presented the report to Committee.

Members raised concerns and queries relating to grass cutting, its frequency, the machinery used, operational methods and publicity regarding the information contained within the Council's website. The Direct Services

Manager addressed the points raised, adding, in relation to the publicity query, that the Communication Team were being engaged to assist with publicising the service policies and standards.

The Chairman, in raising the cessation of the Clean Team free telephone number, queried the process that led to this decision. The Direct Services Manager expressed a preference for on-line form submissions, but appreciated the need to maintain a telephone contact line, which was now dealt with by the Council's Customers Services Section. Given the comments raised in relation to this matter, the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that the contact methods would be clarified in detail to Members.

It was acknowledged that the aim of improving standards and the quality of services provided to residents was commendable and warranted support.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 Members endorsed the service policies set out in the appendices to the report.***
- 1.2 Members noted that a similar report was to be considered by the Housing & Community Services Committee on 26th April 2018 in respect of services falling within their terms of reference.***
- 1.3 Members noted that work was ongoing to develop a range of quality standards and benchmarks which will enhance monitoring of performance and enable comparison with other local authorities, for which a further report will be brought to the Committee later in the year.***

EDS/120 **SWADLINCOTE TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND – GRANTS PANEL MEMBERSHIP**

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

RESOLVED:

Members considered and approved the membership of the Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Lottery Fund Grants Panel, replacing Councillor Tipping with Councillor Stanton.

EDS/121 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:

Members considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/122 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985**

RESOLVED:-

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 would be 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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th March 2018 were received.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

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

SWADLINCOTE MARKET (Paragraph 3)

Members approved the recommendation contained in the report.

The meeting terminated at 7.00pm.

COUNCILLOR P WATSON

CHAIRMAN