

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

06 November 2025

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor S Taylor (Chair) and Councillor K Storey (Vice-Chair)
Councillors A Archer, M Mulgrew, V Redfern, B Stuart and A Tilley

Conservative Group

Councillors M Ford, D Corbin (substitute for Councillor M Gotheridge), K Haines
and P Watson (substitute for Councillor J Patten)

Non-Grouped

Councillor A Wheelton

Liberal Democrats

Councillor G Andrew

EDS/42 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from
Councillor J Patten and Councillor Gotheridge (Conservative Group).

EDS/43 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 18 September 2025 were
received and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

EDS/44 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

EDS/45 **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/46 **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

EDS/47 **COUNCIL PLAN 2024-28 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2025-2026 QUARTER 2 – 01 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025)**

The Executive Director – Environmental and Communities Services presented an overview of progress against the Council Plan’s four key priorities.

Councillor K Haines commented that the proposed new structure, with an annual cost of £300,000, does not currently demonstrate clear improvements.

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity confirmed that an update would be provided at the next meeting, with the review scheduled for January 2026 and that the delay was attributed to the onboarding of new staff.

Councillor G Andrew raised concerns about the indicator being marked green, despite overall progress below 50% and commented that the report highlights a lack of specificity and defined timescales in the plan. A more detailed and actionable approach was requested.

The Chair confirmed that a detailed report would be provided at the next Committee.

Councillor A Wheelton commended the improvements and the hard work carried out at the depot but commented on the shortage of drivers noted within the report.

The Head of Operational Services informed the Committee that the shortage of drivers was a national wide challenge and confirmed that positive steps had commenced, including internal driver training and retraining programmes.

Councillor D Corbin echoed the concerns raised by Councill G Andrew, noting the improvement made by other services.

The Chair commended that significant work being undertaken in relation to the local plan.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee noted progress against the performance targets set out in the Council Plan 2025-2026, Performance Dashboard, attached to the report at Appendix A.***

1.2 The Committee noted the Council Performance Report: Reporting by Exception and approves the proposed actions highlighted in Appendix B, attached to the report.

EDS/48 **DRAFT LOCAL PLAN PART 1 REVIEW (REGULATION 19) CONSULTATION**

The Head of Planning addressed the Committee and provided an overview of the report, noting that the main modifications to the Plan would need to be made following the Transport Modelling, plan wide viability and final sustainability appraisal work all of which are anticipated to be available prior to Christmas.

The Committee was advised of the responses received to the Local Plan Part 1 Review consultation and invited to consider the implications for the Local Plan, with officer comments provided in Appendix 1 for Members' consideration.

Members considered the report and commended the work that had been undertaken by the working group and officers.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted the responses received to the Draft Local Plan Part 1 Review (Regulation 19) consultation and noted the potential amendments to the Local Plan as summarised in Appendix 1, attached to the report.

EDS/49 **LOCAL PLAN PART 2 REVIEW ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION AND DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL SCOPING REPORT (updated Appendix)**

The Head of Planning sought approval on deferral of the report, to be presented at an extraordinary meeting with the proposed date of 18 November 2025.

Councillor D Corbin sought clarification on whether there would be a push back consultation dates.

The Head of Planning confirmed that there would be no change to the consultation dates as the proposed date allowed for timelines to be met.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That Committee approved to defer the Local Plan Part 2 Review Issues and Options document.

EDS/50 **INTRODUCTION OF PLANNING PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS**

The Head of Planning provided an overview of the progress on implementing a Pre-application Charging schedule to the Committee and sought approval for the introduction of charging for PPAs.

Councillor A Wheelton sought clarification on applications where BESS and solar are not mentioned, what do they fall under?

The Head of Planning confirmed that details have been included within the attached appendix, highlighting categories of minor, major and complex major, the larger the scheme, the more would be paid.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee recommended to Finance and Management Committee to adopt the Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs) Scheme and the associated fee structure attached at Appendix 1 of the report. The fees to be increased annually by CPI.***
- 1.2 The Committee granted authority to the Head of Planning to produce, finalise and refine supporting guidance, required documentation for submissions, service level agreements and application forms to deliver the Planning Performance Agreement scheme***

EDS/51 **STREET SCENE POLICY**

The Executive Director – Environmental and Development addressed the Committee and sought approval to Section 4.2.1 of the Policy initially approved in August 2025 and had been subsequently amended to remove the reference to annual cleansing of bus shelters detailed at Appendix 2 of the report.

Councillor D Corbin sought clarification regarding responsibilities and whether the county would assume control.

The Executive Director – Environmental and Communities, confirmed that follow-up discussions had not progressed, but the issue remained a high priority.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved the removal of the reference to bus shelter cleansing from the approved Street Scene Policy.***

EDS/52 **WASTE STRATEGY**

The Executive Director - Environmental and Development addressed the committee, summarised the report and highlighted significant

changes to the Council's waste service and associated challenges, and sought approval of the recommendations outlined within the report.

Members discussed the proposal and noted concerns, including cost, timing, communication and the necessity of further reviews.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee approved the direct appointment of Whitespace, via a Framework to undertake a round redesign exercise at a cost of £44,000.***
- 1.2 *The Committee approved the direct appointment of Firth Resource Management, via the ESPO Framework to undertake a strategic review of waste collection options at a cost of £30,000.***
- 1.3 *The Committee approved the cessation of paper annual calendars and that other methods (as outlined in 4.20 and 4.21) be used in the future to communicate collection days.***
- 1.4 *The Committee Recommended to the Finance and Management Committee to approve the financial implications of 1.1 and 1.2.***

EDS/53 **WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACTS**

The Executive Director – Environment and Communities provided a summary of the report and informed the Committee that three waste disposal contracts were in place. Procurement was to be conducted to extend the contracts and potentially use the same provider as Derby County Council. It was noted that credit with the recycling contract would be lost once the contract ceased.

Councillor G Andrew sought clarity of whether the procurement rules would differ when the Council is part of a Unitary and queried the proposal to extend the current contracts with Local Government Reorganisation due.

The Executive Director – Environment and Communities confirmed to the Committee that the contract extension would be until October 2026 and that the market had been tested.

Councillors sought clarification regarding the risk of the contract period being extended past October 2026.

The Executive Director – Environment and Communities shared with the Committee that the timeline of October 2026, aligned with the procurement procedures of Derby County Council.

Councillor A Wheelton enquired via freedom of information why the commencement date was 01 April 2026, when the contract commenced on 07 October 2026. In terms of enforcement would this be a breach of contract.

The Assistant Director – Law and People and Head of Legal and Democratic Services confirmed that the date signed is the commencement date.

Councillor A Wheelton raised concerns that this was in breach as contracts should be approved six months in advance. Clarity was sought regarding who checks for environmental breaches.

The Chair requested that the potential breaches to be looked into.

The Assistant Director – Environment and Communities confirmed that the Environmental Service check the contracts via contract management meetings.

Councillor A Wheelton requested the date of the last contract management meeting.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee approved the extension of the contract with Willshee’s Waste and Recycling Limited for waste transfer facilities for the period 16 November 2025 to 06 October 2026.***
- 1.2 *The Committee approved the extension of the contract with Smurfit Westrock UK Limited for paper and card for the period 16 November 2025 to 06 October 2026.***
- 1.3 *The Committee approved the extension of the contract with HW Martin Waste Limited for dry mixed recycling for the period 16 November 2025 to 06 October 2026.***
- 1.4 *The Committee noted that the County Council, as Waste Disposal Authority, has a medium-term plan to procure waste disposal arrangements directly which will impact on the recycling credits currently paid to this Council over the next two years.***

EDS/54 **REVIEW OF ANIMAL WELFARE LICENSING POLICY**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

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

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee approved the revised Animal Welfare Licensing Policy attached at Appendix 1 of the report.***

EDS/55 **LICENSING CONSULTATIONS**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

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

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee approved the draft response attached at Appendix 1, to the Call for Evidence on Tobacco and Vapes and authorised the Executive Director- Law and People to submit the response on behalf of the Council.***
- 1.2 *The Committee noted the response attached at Appendix 2 of the report, to the Call for Evidence on Reforming the Licensing Framework submitted by the Executive Director- Law and People on behalf of the Council.***

EDS/56 **EV INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION TO SUPPORT ELECTRIFICATION/ DECARBONISATION OF COUNCIL FLEET**

The Executive Director – Environment and Communities provided an update on the fleet replacement programme, noting that the fleet was replaced in January 2024, with further updates issued in August 2025. It was advised that the transition had been supported effectively, with an estimated 250,000 surveys completed to date. Future changes to charging points were planned to be actioned as the project progresses.

It was reported to the Committee that a contingency of just over £200,000 had been identified. The proposal has implications for finance and management, with funding expected to be drawn from reserves as part of the February budget process. A grant application of £60,000 had been submitted, which, if successful, would help secure the project.

Councillor G Andrew raised concerns regarding the timing of the proposal, depot-related issues, and the relatively high costs involved. It was queried whether the use of public money represented value for money over time and clarity was sought concerning potential savings.

The Chair confirmed that these matters had been considered.

The Executive Director – Environment and Communities explained that the site investment would continue to be utilised. While the intention was to vacate the current building and move to a new site, the infrastructure investment would not be wasted. It was added that the vacated site would remain attractive to businesses and that EV charging points could be relocated.

Councillor G Andrew requested further information on usage levels and duration.

The Chair advised that assurances on these points had previously been sought and received.

Councillor A Tilley enquired whether the location would be at the rear of the fire station.

The Executive Director – Environment and Communities responded that the Council's car park currently, utilised by the Housing Service would be used, with a portion of the civic car park removed.

Councillor K. Haines expressed concern that the change felt rushed, particularly given the pace of technological change and that continued investment without longer-term certainty could result in wasted expenditure.

The Chair noted these comments and acknowledged the concerns raised.

RESOLVED

1.1 The Committee approved the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging points and infrastructure at:

- **Boardman depot Unit 1**
- **Boardman depot Unit 4B**

1.2 The Committee approved the installation of a meter at Rowley Court and up to five chargers within the allocated budget.

1.3 The Committee recommended to Finance and Management Committee the use of capital receipt reserves of £100,000 for the installation of charging points and a meter at the above sites.

EDS/57 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Executive Director – Environment and Communities presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

1.1 *The Committee noted the Environmental and Development Services Committee Work Programme.*

EDS/58

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.

EXEMPT MINUTES

The Committee received the Exempt Minutes of the meetings held on 18 September 2025.

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

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions had been received.

OPERATIONAL SERVICES ESTABLISHMENT CHANGES - FOOD WASTE

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations of the report.

WASTE OPERATIONS - STAFFING STRUCTURE

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations of the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:45 hours.

COUNCILLOR S TAYLOR

CHAIR