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Date: 21 January 2026

Dear Councillor

Council

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the Meeting of the **Council** to be held at **Council Chamber**, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote on **Thursday, 29 January 2026** at **18:00** to transact the business set out on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully,

Monitoring Officer
Executive Director – Law and People

To:- **Labour Group**

Councillor A Archer (Chair) and Councillor A Tilley (Vice-Chair)
Councillors S Bambrick, J Carroll, M Gee, S Harrison, A Haynes, I Hudson, A Jones,
L Mulgrew, M Mulgrew, R Pearson, D Pegg, V Redfern, G Rhind, D Shepherd, L Singh,
K Storey, B Stuart, S Taylor and N Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors N Atkin, D Corbin, M Ford, M Gotheridge K Haines, A Kirke, J Lowe,
S Meghani, D Muller, J Patten and P Watson.

Liberal Democrats

Councillors G Andrew and J Davies.

Independent Group

Councillor A Wheelton.
Councillor G Wood

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

- 1** Apologies.
- 2** To report the election of Councillor Wood at the Seales By-Election held on 06 November 2025
- 3** To confirm the Open Minutes of the following Council Meetings;

04 November 2025 **5 - 8**

30 October 2025 **9 - 16**
- 4** To note any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda
- 5** To receive any announcements from the Chair, Leader and Head of Paid Service.
- 6** To receive any questions by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 10.
- 7** To receive any questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 11.
- 8** APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE **17 - 19**
- 9** POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY **20 - 22**
- 10** To receive and consider the Open Minutes of the following Committee and Area Forum meetings:

Environmental and Development Services - 06 November 2025 **23 - 31**

Development Management - 11 November 2025 **32 - 36**

Housing and Community Services - 13 November 2025	37 - 40
Environmental and Development Services -18 November 2025	41 - 43
Overview and Scrutiny - 19 November 2025	44 - 52
Finance and Management - 20 November 2025	53 - 59
Etwall - 30 September 2025	60 - 66
Repton - 09 October 2025	67 - 73
Swadlincote - 15 October 2025	74 - 80
Newhall - 21 October 2025	81 - 86
Melbourne - 25 October 2025	87 - 93
Linton - 18 November 2025	94 - 100
11 To review the compositions of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels.	
12 To review the compositions of Substitute Panels.	
13 To review representation on Outside Bodies.	
14 To review Member Champions.	

15 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.

16 To confirm the Exempt Minutes of the Council meeting held on 30 October 2025

17 To receive any exempt questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No. 11.

18 To receive and consider the Exempt Minutes of the following Committee meetings:

Environmental and Development Services - 06 November 2025

Housing and Community Services - 13 November 2025

Finance and Management - 20 November 2025

Licensing and Appeals Hearing - 03 December 2025

MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on Tuesday 04 November 2025
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor A Archer (Chair) and Councillor A Tilley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors S Bambrick, J Carroll, M Gee, S Harrison, A Haynes, I Hudson, A Jones, L Mulgrew, M Mulgrew, R Pearson, V Redfern, G Rhind, D Shepherd, L Singh, K Storey, B Stuart, S Taylor and N Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors N Atkin, D Corbin, M Ford, M Gotheridge, K Haines, A Kirke, J Lowe, S Meghani, D Muller, J Patten and P Watson.

Liberal Democrats

Councillors G Andrew and J Davies

Non-Grouped

Councillor A Wheelton

CL/65 **APOLOGIES**

Council was advised that apologies for absence had been received Councillor D Pegg (Labour Group).

CL/66 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

On behalf of all Members, an interest in relation to agenda item 7, Local Government Reorganisation Submission in accordance with Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011. the Monitoring Officer had granted dispensation to all Members in relation to this declaration.

CL/67 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/68 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/69 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION - SUBMISSION**

The Chief Executive addressed the Council providing a detailed summary of the options within the report, as follows.

Option A

- **Northern Unitary Council:** Amber Valley, Derbyshire Dales, High Peak, Chesterfield, Bolsover, North East Derbyshire.
- **Southern Unitary Council:** Derby City, South Derbyshire, Erewash.
- **Key Features:** Uses existing district boundaries, avoids splitting Amber Valley, and creates councils with balanced population and resources. Supported by Amber Valley residents (54% agreement in consultation).

Option A1 (Modification of Option A)

- **Northern Unitary Council:** High Peak, Derbyshire Dales, North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Bolsover, part of Amber Valley.
- **Southern Unitary Council:** Derby City, Erewash, South Derbyshire, part of Amber Valley.
- **Key Features:** Splits Amber Valley at parish level to better align with community ties and functional geography. Offers more balanced population and resources between the two councils. Payback period slightly longer due to disaggregation costs.

Option B

- **Northern Unitary Council:** High Peak, Derbyshire Dales, North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Bolsover.
- **Southern Unitary Council:** South Derbyshire, Erewash, Amber Valley, Derby City.
- **Key Features:** Places Amber Valley in the southern council, aligning with Derby Housing Market Area. Allows Derby City to grow in all directions. Supported by High Peak (55%) and Derby City (49%) residents.

Option B1 (Modification of Option B)

- **Northern Unitary Council:** High Peak, Derbyshire Dales, North East Derbyshire, Chesterfield, Bolsover, part of Amber Valley.
- **Southern Unitary Council:** Derby City, Erewash, South Derbyshire, part of Amber Valley.
- **Key Features:** Splits Amber Valley at parish level, offering a near-perfect balance of population and resources between the two councils. Addresses community ties and functional geography. Payback period slightly longer due to disaggregation costs.

Consultation Results

- **Option A:** Preferred by 36% of respondents overall, with strong support from Amber Valley residents (54%).
- **Option B:** Preferred by 39% of respondents (weighted), with strong support from High Peak (55%) and Derby City (49%) residents.
- **Option C (consulted as Option A1):** Preferred by 21% of respondents overall, with support from Derby City residents (36%). Most respondents opposed splitting Amber Valley.

Councillor R Pearson thanked the Chief Executive for preparing the report and highlighted the significance of stakeholder engagement in considering a single unitary authority, emphasizing the need for an accountable and

sustainable structure to improve service delivery. Councillor R Pearson noted that reorganisation being challenging but necessary for financial sustainability and simplified governance.

Councillor A Wheelton expressed concerns about the national cost of reorganisation, potential delays in housing development, and negative impacts on pensions and service quality. Councillor A Wheelton stressed that 52% of residents opposed the changes and urged members to act in the best interests of the community.

Councillor K Haines described Option D as the “least worst” choice and noted the absence of officer recommendations, which would have provided helpful guidance.

Councillor D Corbin criticised the lack of cross-party collaboration and questioned whether the proposed changes would deliver real savings, citing pension liabilities and community opposition.

Councillor S Meghani reiterated that the process feels imposed rather than collaborative, warning of service disruption, reduced democratic representation, and financial risks. He argued that power was shifting away from local communities toward central government.

Councillor J Patten opposed breaking up Derbyshire, citing fears over council tax harmonization and loss of local identity.

Councillor N Tilley acknowledged the challenges but expressed hope for a smooth transition if changes proceed.

Councillor G Andrew summarised the situation as a government-driven process offering limited choice. He opposed Option B, citing concerns over council tax disparities and the risk of South Derbyshire becoming a “small fish in a big pond.”

It was noted that each option had its strengths and challenges, with varying levels of support across different areas and expressed concerns about costs, community impact, and loss of localism. Option B was viewed as the most balanced option.

As required by the Council’s Procedure Rules a recorded vote was taken.

The Members who voted in favour of Option B were:

Councillors A Archer, S Bambrick, J Carroll, M Gee, S Harrison, A Haynes, I Hudson, A Jones, L Mulgrew, M Mulgrew, R Pearson, V Redfern, G Rhind, D Shepherd, L Singh, K Storey, B Stuart, S Taylor, A Tilley, N Tilley

The Members who voted against were:

Councillors N Atkin, D Corbin, M Ford, M Gotheridge, K Haines, A Kirke, J Lowe, S Meghani, D Muller, J Patten, P Watson, A Wheelton

The Members who abstained from voting were:

Councillors G Andrew and J Davies.

- 1.1 Council considered and approved the Council's Case for Change for Local Government Reorganisation in Derbyshire as detailed at Appendix B, attached to the report.**
- 1.2 Council approved Option B, as the preferred option for Local Government Reorganisation.**
- 1.3 Council agreed the Leader of the Council to submit the Case for Change to Government by the 28 November 2025 deadline.**
- 1.4 Council delegated authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, to make any minor or technical amendments to the proposal prior to its submission by 28 November 2025 deadline.**

CL/70 **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 for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as indicated in the reports of Committees.

CL/71 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

The meeting terminated at 18:45hours.

COUNCILLOR A ARCHER

CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on Thursday 30th October 2025
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor A Archer (Chair) and Councillor A Tilley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors S Bambrick, J Carroll, M Gee, S Harrison, A Haynes, I Hudson, A Jones, L Mulgrew, M Mulgrew, R Pearson, G Rhind, D Shepherd, L Singh, K Storey, B Stuart, S Taylor and N Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors N Atkin, D Corbin, M Ford, M Gotheridge, K Haines, A Kirke, J Lowe, S Meghani, D Muller, J Patten and P Watson.

Liberal Democrats

Councillors G Andrew

Non-Grouped

Councillor A Wheelton

CL/42 **APOLOGIES**

Council was advised that apologies for absence had been received from Councillors S Harrison, D Pegg and Councillor V Redfern (Labour Group) Councillor M Gotheridge (Conservative Group) and Jayne Davies (Liberal Democrats).

CL/43 **TO CONFIRM THE OPEN MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 11 September 2025 (CL/22 – CL/37) confirmed by Council as a true account and signed by the Chair of Council.

CL/44 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Council was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

CL/45 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair thanked Councillor S Meghani for the organising the Diwali celebration and reported on recent civic events, including a church roof project, attendance at cultural fairs, a Royal visit by Princess Anne to Toyota, fundraising activities, and upcoming Remembrance events.

CL/46 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader congratulated members on recent activities, highlighted cultural celebrations, and discussed the town masterplan and leisure centre review.

CL/47 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

Council were informed that apologies has been received by the Head of Paid Service.

CL/48 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/49 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.11 Councillor Andrew has submitted a question to the Leader of the Council”.

Following our question to the Leader on 10th April 2025 expressing concern over the continued use of Glyphosates in our weedkilling activities, to which the Leader responded that he “noted concerns raised which Council was informed that would need to be addressed through a formal process with timescales and the involvement of relevant experts.” (Minute ref CL/136). Myself and Councillor Davies would like to have an update on the formal process described 6 months on.

The Leader addressed Council and thanked Councillor G Andrew for the question and noted that as stated at Council in April the concerns had been raised and a response would be submitted in due course.

“In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.11 Councillor Corbin has submitted a question to the Leader of the Council”.

In recent years, we’ve heard much from the Leader and his administration about their commitment to tackling the climate emergency, protecting our environment, and enhancing biodiversity.

The Leader himself introduced the Council’s declaration of a Climate Emergency, and this Labour administration accepted the Independent Members’ motion on ecology and nature recovery. We’ve also heard regular talk from that side of the chamber about tree planting, protecting green spaces, and standing up for nature.

But fine words are easy, leadership is proven through choices.

Can the Leader therefore set out clearly, in plain terms that residents can understand, what the Labour administration’s actual beliefs and policies are on climate change, the environment, tree cover, biodiversity, and the protection of South Derbyshire’s natural landscape, with how those policies are being put into practice today, not just promised for tomorrow.

The Leader addressed Council and thanked Councillor D Corbin for the opportunity outlined actions taken, including, Climate Strategy with 64 actions, 54.7% reduction in Scope 1 and 2 emissions, Installation of 58 EV charging points, Tree planting schemes, Transition of fleet to low-emission vehicles, Biodiversity measures and Green Flag awards, Support for local businesses

“In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.11 Councillor Corbin has submitted a question to the Leader of the Council”.

We are faced with the prospect of Local Government Reorganisation, a process driven by choices made in Westminster and, it would seem, by the civil service machine behind it. Indeed, we have our own specific meeting on this next week.

I agree with the Leader’s position that we must engage in those discussions; you cannot be outside the tent when the future of local government is being shaped.

However, the Government’s own figures claim that reorganisation would save £2.9 billion over five years. Set against an annual UK budget of around £1.2 trillion (before accounting for year-on-year inflation), that’s less than 0.05 per cent, roughly 50 pence saved for every £1,000 spent.

Since then, it has been revealed that the Government failed its own due diligence, not properly factoring in pension liabilities which, though difficult to calculate, are likely to run into the billions, making any projected savings irrelevant and, I would warrant, ultimately costing taxpayers thousands as a result.

I don’t believe anyone in this chamber, or in our communities, wants to see South Derbyshire District Council disappear, given the quality of the services we deliver and the close link we maintain with our residents. We’ve all seen what happens when councils become too large and unwieldy. Birmingham City Council being the most obvious and recent warning. Bigger is not always better or more efficient.

So, while rightly engaging in the LGR process, and I applaud the Leader for doing so in what are difficult times and difficult discussions, alongside that, what has the Leader done formally to lobby Government and our MP to stop what many of us, and many residents, see as unnecessary, costly and reckless change that risks breaking a council which already works for the people of South Derbyshire, given the recent news and revelations?

The Leader addressed Council and thanked Councillor D Corbin for the question and noted the concerns and confirmed engagement in discussions but noted that no formal resolution had been passed to lobby Government.

CL/50 **NOTICES OF MOTION IN ORDER OF WHICH THEY WERE RECEIVED**

Council was informed that no notices of motion had been received.

CL/51 CAPITAL BUDGET 2025-26

The Head of Finance and Resources addressed Council noting that the link provided within the report was not correct and sought approval of the recommendations.

Councillor N Atkin sought clarification in relation to item 4.2, 'unsupported borrowing' and what it meant in terms of repaying interest.

The Head of Finance and Resources confirmed that the funding was sought through reserves, an internal council resource that did not incur any interest to be repaid.

Councillor D Corbin addressed Council raising concerns in relation to uplifted purchase prices, funding plans, additional costs, hire costs and whether this had been factored into the budget.

The Head of Finance and Resources confirmed that the same strategy had been applied as the previous year, which had proven successful.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council approved the additional Capital Programme expenditure of £142,217.

1.2 Council approved the changes in the Fleet Replacement Programme, for inclusion in the Capital Strategy and Capital Programme as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report.

CL/52 LICENSING ACT 2023 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY

The Licensing Services Manager addressed Council and provided a summary of the report, noting that the Statement of Licensing Policy was approved and recommended for adoption by the Environmental Development Services Committee on 18 September 2025, following an 8-week consultation period.

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council adopted the Licensing Act 2003 Statement of Licensing Policy attached at Appendix 1 of the report.

CL/53 COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – SWADLINCOTE AMD SURROUNDING AREA

The Independent Consultant addressed Council providing an overview of the report, highlighting the areas for review and sought approval of the recommendations.

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council approved a Community Governance Review for the unparished Swadlincote and surrounding area and the parished area of Castle Gresley.

1.2 Council approved the Terms of Reference, as detailed at Appendix 1 to the Report.

CL/54 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

The Executive Director – Law and People addressed Council and sought approval of the recommendations.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Council noted and accepted the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman’s Annual Review Letter 2024-5.

1.2 Council noted and accepted the Housing Ombudsman Landlord Performance Report 2024/5 attached at Appendix A.

1.3 Council noted the summary of complaints made to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and the Housing Ombudsman concerning the Council during 2024/5 as detailed in Annexe A and Annexe B.

CL/55 **COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25**

The Head of Organisational Development addressed Council providing a summary of the report, noting discrepancies on the Total Expenditure reported, which should have been shown as £61.029m and Financing and Investment Expenditure reported, which should have been shown as £0.849m leading to the pie chart subsequently being imbalanced

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members approved, for publication, the Council’s Annual Report for 2024/25, attached Appendix A to the report.

CL/56 **OPEN MINUTES:**

The Council received and considered the Open Minutes of its Committees

Committee	Date	Minute Nos
Overview & Scrutiny	27 August 2025	OS/12- OS/22
Audit & Governance	03 September 2025	AG/22 - AG/36
Finance & Management	04 September 2025	FM/24 - FM/44
Development Management	16 September 2025	DM/52 - DM/62
Environmental & Development Services	18 September 2025	EDS/28 - EDS/38
Etwall Joint Management	24 September 2025	EL/11- EL/16
Housing & Community Services	25 September 2025	HCS/28 - HCS/41

Overview & Scrutiny	01 October 2025	OS/23 – OS/30
Finance & Management	02 October 2025	FM/50 – FM/61
Development Management	14 October 2025	DM/ 63- DM/
Area Forum	Date	Minute Nos
Etwall	14 January 2025	E/A7 – E/A13
Repton	21 January 2025	R/A7 – R/A 13
Melbourne	22 January 2025	M/A7 – M/A13
Swadlincote	29 January 2025	S/A7 – S/A13
Newhall	11 February 2025	N/A8 - N/A14
Linton	12 February 2025	L/A8 – L/A14
D2 Strategic Leadership Board	31 July 2025	10/25 – 17/25

RESOLVED:

That the Open Minutes of the above-mentioned Committees were approved as a true record.

CL/57 **APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS 2025/26**

Members reviewed the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels 2025/26.

RESOLVED:**Development Management Committee**

Councillor L Mulgrew was appointed as Chair and Councillor M Gee was appointed as Vice-Chair.

CL/58 **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

Members reviewed the composition of the Substitute Panels 2025/26.

RESOLVED:

Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/59 **APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES 2025/26**

Members reviewed the Outside Bodies representation list 2025/26.

RESOLVED:

Council was informed that no amendments were to be made.

CL/60 **APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Members reviewed the Representation of Member Champions.

RESOLVED:

Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/61 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 for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as indicated in the reports of Committees.

EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL

The Exempt Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11 September 2025 (CL/39 - CL/41) were received.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

EXEMPT MINUTES

The Council received the Exempt Minutes of its Committees:

Committee	Date	Minutes Nos
Finance & Management	04 September 2025	FM/45 - FM/49
Environmental & Development Services	18 September 2025	EDS/39 - EDS/41
Housing & Community Services	25 September 2025	HCS/42-HCS/43
Finance & Management	02 October 2025	FM/62 – FM/63

The meeting terminated at 19:05 hours.

COUNCILLOR A ARCHER

CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 8
DATE OF MEETING:	29 JANUARY 2026	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	MONITORING OFFICER	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	ELISABETH PAGE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-LAW & PEOPLE elisabeth.page@southderbyshire.gov.uk	DOC:
SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 To approve the appointment of Vivek Achar and Paul Stone as Independent Members to the Council's Audit and Governance Committee for a period of 3 years.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To recommend to Council the appointment of the Independent Members to the Council's Audit and Governance Committee.

3.0 Detail

3.1 At its Annual Meeting on 15 May 2025 Council approved the deletion of the Audit Sub-Committee and the Standards Committee to be replaced with a newly created Audit and Governance Committee, to undertake all the duties of the deleted Committees.

3.2 Council delegated to the Monitoring Officer, the advertisement of the two non-voting independent co-optee vacancies on the Audit and Governance Committee for appointment by a future meeting of Council. The positions were advertised on the Council's web site and social media platforms. The closing date for the receipt of applications was 31 October 2025.

3.3 The Monitoring Officer and Executive Director- Resources and Transformation carried out the shortlisting and interviews of those applicants who met both the legal eligibility criteria and had the essential skills, knowledge and experience that were assessed from their applications, as identified in the person specification.

3.4 Following the interviews, the Monitoring Officer recommends to Council to appoint Vivek Achar and Paul Stone as Independent Members of the Audit and Governance Committee:

- 3.5 Vivek Achar has over 25 years of experience in project management, risk governance in corporate sector roles, and currently is employed by Rolls Royce as Programme Manager – Non-Asia.

Mr Achar has gained extensive experience in both the private and public sectors, with a particular focus on financial governance and risk management, key areas for ensuring the success of an organisation. His roles as a Risk Facilitator and Assessor have honed his skills in probing, challenging and critically reviewing financial operations to ensure robust management controls.

- 3.6 Paul Stone has worked for local government for 25 years and gained experience in, accounts, finance and is practiced in audit committee functions through his role as an Independent Member at other local authorities. Mr Stone is currently employed as the Director of Resources (S151 Officer) for North West Leicestershire District Council.

Mr Stone's professional background has required him to work closely with both internal and external auditors and lead on financial close-down and year-end reporting, achieving consistently strong ISA260 reports. His experience demonstrates an ability to analyse complex financial information, think strategically, and reach practical decisions that deliver tangible outcomes. His professional expertise, governance experience, and personal integrity makes him well-placed to contribute to the Audit and Governance Committee's effectiveness and would welcome the opportunity to support the Committee in strengthening assurance, promoting accountability, and upholding public confidence in the Council's governance.

4.0 Legal Implications

- 4.1 The proposed appointments are in line with the new Committee Terms of Reference. The Independent Members role is to provide specialist advice and challenge on matters of finance and audit to the Committee. Independent Members are non-voting members of the Committee.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 The successful candidates will be appointed for a period of 3 years and are entitled to the allowance as agreed on 11 September 2025 under the revised Members Allowance Scheme which totals £2,927 for the period 2025/26. Remuneration paid in 2025/26 will be absorbed into the current budget, with future budgets incorporating this payment.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 The dissolving of the Standards Committee and Audit Sub Committee with the functions being undertaken by a new Audit and Governance Committee, including adopting terms of reference for the new Committee and making consequential amendments elsewhere throughout the Constitution

- 6.2 The Audit and Governance Committee undertakes all the duties of the dissolved Standards Committee and Audit Sub-Committee and considers matters in relation to Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) (which was removed from Overview and Scrutiny Committee). This Committee can form sub-committees, as necessary, to consider Member complaint investigations. The Committee supports the Council's financial, audit and governance functions.

7.0 Community Implications

- 7.1 The Audit and Governance Committee plays a vital role in promoting and maintaining the highest standards of conduct by Councillors of South Derbyshire District Council and all the Parishes in its area in addition to ensuring the Council properly undertakes its audit function.

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM:9
DATE OF MEETING:	29 JANUARY 2026	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	MONITORING OFFICER	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	ARDIP SANDHU ardip.sandhu@southderbyshire.gov.uk	DOC:
SUBJECT:	POLITICAL PROPORIONALITY	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Council approves and adopts the amended allocation of seats to the Political Groups for the remainder of the municipal year 2025/26.
- 1.2 That the Council allocates seats between the Political Groups as set out at Annexe 'A' and invites Group Leaders to make nominations to fill the seats.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To consider the Council's political proportionality for the remainder of 2025/26.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Council's duty to determine the allocation of seats is prescribed by Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ("the Act") (specifically subsections (3) to (5) as modified by The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 ("the Regs")). A Political Group is defined as being constituted by at least two Members who have advised the proper officer of the local authority in writing that they wish to be treated as a Political Group.
- 3.2 The political composition of the Council is as follows:-
 - Labour Group 21
 - Conservative Group 11
 - Liberal Democrats 2
 - Independent Group 2
- 3.3 The Council is required to review the representation of the different political groups on Committees and Sub-Committees at, or as soon as practicable after, the Annual Meeting of the Council; or where notice is received of a change in the composition of Political Groups.

3.4 The principles of determination are as follows:-

- (a) All the seats are not allocated to the same Group;
- (b) The majority of the seats go to the Group (if any) which has an overall majority on the Council;
- (c) Subject to the above two principles, that the number of seats on the total of all the ordinary Committees allocated to each Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Full Council.

3.5 The total number of Committee seats on the District Council for allocation is 96. After calculating the proportionality for the four Groups, this gives 56 seats to the Labour Group, 29 seats to the Conservative Group, 5 seats to the Liberal Democrats Group and 6 seats to the Independent Group, as indicated on the schedule attached at Annexe 'A'.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The rules on political balance are covered by Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and by The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 None.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 Local Government and Housing Act 1989
The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990

Annex 'A'

Political Proportionality 2025/26

Committee	Membership	Labour Group	Conservative Group	Liberal Democrats	Independent Group
Finance & Management	13	7 (7.9)	4 (4)	1 (0.7)	1 (0.7)
Environmental & Development Services	13	7 (7.9)	4 (4)	1 (0.7)	1 (0.7)
Housing and Community Services	13	7 (7.9)	4 (4)	1 (0.7)	1 (0.7)
Development Management	13	7 (7.9)	4 (4)	1 (0.7)	1 (0.7)
Audit & Governance	9	6 (5.5)	2 (2.7)	0 (0.5)	1 (0.5)
Licensing & Appeals	15	9 (9.2)	4 (3.9)	1 (0.8)	1 (0.8)
Overview & Scrutiny	8	5 (4.9)	3 (2.4)	0 (0.4)	0 (0.4)
Joint Consultative	5	3 (3.1)	2 (1.5)	0 (0.3)	0 (0.3)
Etwall JMC	3	2 (1.8)	1 (0.9)	0 (0.1)	0 (0.1)
Heritage Grants Sub	4	3 (2.4)	1 (1.2)	0 (0.2)	0 (0.2)
Seats available for allocation	96	56 (56)	29 (29.3)	5 (5.4)	6 (5.4)
Total number of seats on Council	36 (100%)	21 (58.3%)	11 (30.5%)	2 (5.6%)	2 (5.6%)

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

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

11 November 2025

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor L Mulgrew (Chair), Councillors M Gee (Vice-Chair)
I Hudson, A Jones, D Shepherd and K Storey

Conservative Group

Councillors K Haines, A Kirke and D Muller

Non-Grouped

Councillor A Wheelton

Liberal Democrats

Councillor G Andrew

DM/79 **APOLOGIES**

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

DM/80 **TO RECEIVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 September 2025, and 14 October 2025 were received and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

DM/81 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

DM/82 **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

DM/83 THE CONVERSION OF THE GARAGE INTO LIVING ACCOMMODATION AND THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY FRONT EXTENSION - DMPA/2025/1258

The Planning Delivery Team Leader address the Committee and presented the report noting that the Application was before Committee for consideration as the Council was the Applicant.

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

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be approved as per the recommendations in the report of the Executive Director – Place and Prosperity.

DM/84 ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR THE DISPLAY OF 4NO GROUND FIXED BOARDS ON A444/A514 ROUNDABOUT, BURTON ROAD, STANTON, SWADLINCOTE DE11 9EU - DMPA/2025/1084

The Planning Delivery Team Leader address the Committee and presented the report noting that the Application was before Committee for consideration as the Council was the Applicant.

Members raised concerns relating to the maintenance and placement of the display boards.

The Planning Delivery Team Leader provided assurance to the Committee that the concerns would be taken into consideration.

The Committee was advised that an additional condition had been recommended as follows:

New Condition 3 - Notwithstanding the submitted information within one month of the date of the permission a plan to show the final design and scale of the proposed signage together with the height of the lettering on the signage shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The signage shall thereafter be installed in accordance with the approved details and thereafter retained as such.

The reason was for the avoidance of doubt in accordance with Policy BNE9 and Policy INF2 of the Adopted Local Plan.

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

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be approved as per the recommendations in the report of the Executive Director – Place and Prosperity.

DM/84 **ITEM 1.3 - ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR THE DISPLAY OF 4NO GROUND FIXED BOARDS ON TETRON POINT ROUNDABOUT, A514 WILLIAM NADIN WAY, SWADLINCOTE, DE11 0WT - DMPA/2025/1077**

The Planning Delivery Team Leader address the Committee and presented the report noting that the Application was before Committee for consideration as the Council was the Applicant.

The Committee was advised that an additional condition had been recommended as follows:

New Condition 3 - Notwithstanding the submitted information within one month of the date of the permission a plan to show the final design and scale of the proposed signage together with the height of the lettering on the signage shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The signage shall thereafter be installed in accordance with the approved details and thereafter retained as such.

The reason was for the avoidance of doubt in accordance with Policy BNE9 and Policy INF2 of the Adopted Local Plan.

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

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be approved as per the recommendations in the report of the Executive Director – Place and Prosperity.

DM/85 **ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR THE DISPLAY OF 4NO GROUND FIXED BOARDS ON CADLEY HILL ROUNDABOUT, CADLEY HILL ROAD, SWADLINCOTE, DE11 0BB - DMPA/2025/1074**

The Planning Policy Officer address the Committee and presented the report noting that the Application was before Committee for consideration as the Council was the Applicant.

The Committee was advised that an additional condition had been recommended as follows:

New Condition 3 - Notwithstanding the submitted information within one month of the date of the permission a plan to show the final design and scale of the proposed signage together with the height of the lettering on the signage shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The signage shall thereafter be installed in accordance with the approved details and thereafter retained as such.

The reason was for the avoidance of doubt in accordance with Policy BNE9 and Policy INF2 of the Adopted Local Plan.

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

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be approved as per the recommendations in the report of the Executive Director – Place and Prosperity.

DM/86 **ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR THE DISPLAY OF 3NO GROUND FIXED BOARDS ON DERBY ROAD/KILN WAY ROUNDABOUT, DERBY ROAD, SWADLINCOTE DE11 8EB - DMPA/2025/1083**

The Planning Policy Officer address the Committee and presented the report noting that the Application was before Committee for consideration as the Council was the Applicant.

The Committee was advised that an additional condition had been recommended as follows:

New Condition 3 - Notwithstanding the submitted information within one month of the date of the permission a plan to show the final design and scale of the proposed signage together with the height of the lettering on the signage shall be approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The signage shall thereafter be installed in accordance with the approved details and thereafter retained as such.

The reason was for the avoidance of doubt in accordance with Policy BNE9 and Policy INF2 of the Adopted Local Plan.

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

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be approved as per the recommendations in the report of the Executive Director – Place and Prosperity.

DM/87 **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.

DM/88 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

The meeting terminated at 18:25 hours.

COUNCILLOR L MULGREW

CHAIR

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
COMMITTEE

13 November 2025

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor G Rhind (Chair), Councillor M Mulgrew (Vice-Chair)
Councillors J Carroll, S Harrison, A Haynes, L Mulgrew, D Pegg and
D Shepherd

Conservative Group

Councillors J Lowe, J Patten and P Watson (substitute for Councillor M Ford)

Liberal Democrats

Councillor J Davies

HCS/44 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor M Ford (Conservative Group).

HCS/45 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 September 2025 were received and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

HCS/46 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

HCS/47 **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/48 **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/49 **COUNCIL PLAN 2024-28 PERFORMANCE REPORT -2025-2026
QUARTER 2 (01 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025)**

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted progress against the performance targets set out in the Council Plan 2025-2026 Performance Dashboard in Appendix A of the report.

1.2 The Committee noted the Council Performance Report: Reporting by Exception and approved the proposed actions highlighted in Appendix B of the report.

HCS/50 **HOUSING SERVICE TRANSFORMATION PLAN**

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

Councillor J Carroll sought clarification on the figures provided within report, commenting that the information needs to be more explicit by way of explanation.

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted the progress against the actions identified in the updated Housing Services Transformation Plan (HSTP) at Appendix 1 of the report.

1.2 The Committee noted the action plan developed to address the Regulator for Social Housings (RSH) and the progress against those actions.

HCS/51 **HIRE OF PARKS AND OPEN SPACES POLICY**

The Executive Director – Environment and Communities presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee adopted The Hire of Parks and Open Spaces Policy at Appendix 1 of the report.

HCS/52 **LEISURE CENTRE AND OFFICE PROJECT**

The Executive Director – Resources and Transformation and The External Project Co-ordinator presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

Councillor J Patten raised concern around the decision for new office space was rushed given the pending Local Government Review and sought clarification on the percentage of staff working within the Civic Offices at any one time and how the space required had been calculated.

The Executive Director – Resources and Transformation confirmed that office space design had considered the pending Local Government Review allowing for flexibility on usage.

The External Project Co-ordinator confirmed that the space required had been determined by swipe data collected over a period time and over various times of the day and days.

Councillor P Watson reiterated the concerns raised by Councillor J Patten relating to the new Civic Offices.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee:

- a) ***Approved the concept site plan and building layout for the new leisure centre and office development at Cadley Park, attached to the report as Appendix A, as the basis for public consultation and submission of a planning application.***

- b) ***Delegated power to the Executive Director – Resources and Transformation (S151 Officer) in consultation with the Chair of Housing and Community Services Committee to agree any design refinements arising from consultation, technical surveys or Planning feedback, provided these remain within the approved scope and budget.***

HCS/53 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted the Housing and Community Services Committee Work Programme.

HCS/54 **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 meeting held on 25 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.

The meeting terminated at 18:20 hours.

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
COMMITTEE (EXTRAORDINARY)**

18 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, K Haines, J Patten and D Corbin (substitute for Councillor
M Gotheridge)

Liberal Democrats

Councillor J Davies (substitute for Councillor G Andrew)

EDS/63 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from
Councillor M Gotheridge (Conservative Group), Councillor A Wheelton
(Non-Grouped) and Councillor G Andrew (Liberal Democrats).

EDS/64 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

EDS/65 **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/66 **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/67 **LOCAL PLAN PART 2 REVIEW ISSUES AND OPTIONS
CONSULTATION AND DRAFT SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL
SCOPING REPORT**

The Head of Planning addressed the Committee and provided a summary of the report. Authorisation was requested for both, the first round of consultation related to the Local Plan Part 2 Review, the Regulation 18 Issues and Options consultation, and its associated statutory draft Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report.

The Committee was informed that the Sustainability Scoping Report would be updated but would not differ materially from the document that had been published with the initial consultation on the Local Plan part one review. The submission deadline for the part two review was confirmed to be December 2026. In readiness for this publication the Committee was informed that non-strategic housing needs and the needs of travellers would be added to the document, and an examination process would be practised.

To conduct part two of the review the Head of Planning informed the Committee that public events took place over a nine-week consultation period. The consultation period had been extended from six to nine weeks to allow a longer opportunity for comments to be submitted. had been proposed that the period be extended to nine weeks. Appendix 1 to the report details the consultation period.

The Chair and Councillor A Tilley commended Officers and the Local plan Working Group on their work.

Councillor K Haines and Councillor D Corbin sought clarification of whether the sustainability report had been reviewed and whether consultation had taken place or was due to. The location included in the Local Plans were requested.

The Head of Planning informed the Committee of the reviewal process that had taken place. The Working Group had scrutinised the report and recent information had been updated. Prior to publication the number of events which have taken place will be added to the document. The Head of Planning also confirmed that the Local Plans includes; Melbourne, Repton, Sharpes Pottery, Shardlow, Rosliston, and Finland Village Hall.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved the Local Plan Part 2 Review Issues and Options document, attached to the report as Appendix 1, for publication in accordance with Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

1.2 The Committee approved the publication of the associated Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report document for

consultation with the ‘Consultation Bodies’ and other appropriate stakeholders.

1.3 The Committee authorised the Head of Planning in consultation with the Chair of the Environmental and Development Services Committee to make any final changes to the Local Plan Part 2 Review Issues and Options document and to the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report prior to publication and consultation.

EDS/68 **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.

EDS/69 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

The meeting terminated at 18:10 hours.

COUNCILLOR S TAYLOR

CHAIR

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

19 November 2025

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor S Bambrick (Chair), Councillor A Jones (Vice-Chair)

Conservative Group

Councillors N Atkin, A Kirke and D Muller

OS/31 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors L Singh and I Hudson (Labour Group).

OS/32 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 27 August 2025 and 01 October 2025 were received and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

OS/33 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

OS/34 **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.

OS/35 **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

OS/36 **EAST MIDLANDS AIRPORT UPDATE**

The Chair introduced and welcomed the representatives from East Midlands Airport.

The representatives addressed the Committee and presented an update as follows:

Airport Business Update

East Midlands Airport has refurbished its security hall. Next-generation scanning equipment has been installed enabling security officers to view items within the bags using 3D technology. The process will be sped up by allowing customers to leave electrical items and eventually 100ml liquids inside their cabin baggage.

The Rapid Drop-Off area has undergone a redesign to improve traffic flow and provide wider pavements and clearer crossing areas for pedestrians. Barrierless technology has also been introduced.

A new airline, Sun Express, will be operating a route to Antalya three times a week. Jet2 have announced seven new routes for 2026. The new routes on sale for next summer are Agadir, Costa de Almeria, Preveza, Thessaloniki and Chania, and Pula and Split. In October, Aer Lingus Regional, operated by Emerald Airlines, increased their flights to Belfast from three to seven days a week. Blue Island ceased trading which impacts the Channel Islands offering.

Cargo volumes between May and October 2025 reached almost 240,000 tonnes, a 11.4% increase since 2024. Seven new cargo airlines have been welcomed: Central Airlines, Atlas Air, Ethiopian Cargo, Saudia Cargo, Etihad Cargo, SF Express and Hong Kong Cargo. Analysis concluded that cargo growth could support up to £1.8 billion in additional Gross Value Added and 12,600 extra jobs by 2030, and up to £3.9 billion additional Gross Value Added and 21,300 jobs by 2043.

Land around the runway is being made available for development which will create more than 20,000 jobs. Four sites on the airfield, totalling more than 50 hectares, have been earmarked.

Freeport Update

In January 2025, Manchester Airport Group announced a partnership with Prologis, a global logistics property owner, developer and investor, to take forward the Freeport development on its land south of the airport. This development is due to bring new jobs locally, and a training centre for logistics jobs to be delivered by Prologis.

The application for planning permission is progressing with Northwest Leicestershire District Council. Revised plans for the development of East Midlands Airport's land have been lodged for consideration by the planning authority, with additional material submitted in November 2025.

Employment and Transport

An Employment Survey was conducted for the first time since 2019. The survey indicated a total of 8,700 employees across the site, which increased to 10,000 in the summer high-peak period.

A working group have been appointed to increase use of the Airways 9 Bus Service. A staff discount scheme is offered to encourage use from employees. Support from the Council to encourage use was invited.

2020-2025 Corporate Social Report Strategy Report

The key aspects of the report were as follows:

Local Voices:

- The Noise Action Plan was developed in consultation with local communities.
- Volunteering opportunities were taken up by 31% of all airport staff, including every manager, totalling in 3,798 hours.
- Youth Forums were established at each airport with annual Manchester Airport Group Youth Summit meetings.
- East Midlands Airport Community Fund has provided over £2.8million to more than 3,000 community groups since the fund opened in 2002.

Zero Carbon Airports:

- Target to be net zero carbon by 2038.
- Investment in electric vehicles and charging points.
- East Midlands Airport is a member of the East Midland Hydrogen Cluster.
- East Midlands Airport is supporting increased use of sustainable aviation fuel.

Opportunity for All:

- The Aerozone education centre was established in 2010, having almost 33,000 attendees since opening.
- Airport Academy delivers a free, two-week, industry-recognised 'Introduction to Aviation Industry' accredited qualification.
- A dozen cadets have been taken on in the summer holidays each year from Loughborough, Derby and Nottingham Colleges who study Aviation and Travel and Tourism courses.
- Annual jobs fair and 'Meet the Buyers' events have been delivered, generating £1.8 million of business for small and medium firms.

New 2025-2030 Sustainability Strategy

Manchester Airport Group will carry out the new five-year Sustainability Strategy. Aspects which have been so far positive will continue, for example; local voices, opportunity for all, community fund. The strategy will also focus on protecting nature, responsible resources, Conservation Strategy.

East Midlands Airport Community Fund

A total of £282,158 has been awarded to 115 local groups in the financial year of 2025, with £61,081 specifically going to 19 local groups in South Derbyshire, supporting a total of 34,000 beneficiaries in the district.

Noise Monitoring

The Noise Action Plan includes 40 actions to be completed between 2024-28.

New technology has been installed to monitor when aircrafts fly, aiding in identifying themes and patterns in line with incoming complaints. Six fixed noise monitors have been placed around the airport boundaries to collect data. Reports from all noise monitors are shared on the East Midlands Airport's website and with operators, covering; track keeping, continuous descent approach, continuous climb operations and noise events.

In 2024 noise at night decreased despite increased movement.

Noise Action Plan Update

Priorities relating to the Noise Action Plan have been as follows in 2025:

- A review of the noisy aircraft penalty scheme is ongoing.
- Opportunities for an independent review have been established for fixed noise monitoring sites, starting with Kegworth and Weston-on-Trent in 2025.
- The updated noise complaints policy has been published.
- The online noise portal 'Insightful' was established.
- A suite of informational videos are now published within 'Insightful'.

Future Airspace Update

UK airspace is outdated and inefficient as has not changed since the 1950's.

Airspace Modernisation Strategy forms part of the Government's Jet Zero Strategy. As part of the Airspace Modernisation Strategy, all main UK

airports are required to redesign their airspace under 7,000ft with National Air Traffic Services modernising the network above.

The following have been the actions to follow the Civil Aviation Authority's CAP1616 process for airspace change:

- Stage 1, completed in 2020 – Statement of Need and design principles created through stakeholder engagement.
- Stage 2, completed in November 2023 – development options informed by two rounds of stakeholder engagement and refined to a shortlist.
- Stage 3 will include public consultation on the refined options.

The Civil Aviation Authority's is currently consulting on changes to CAP1616 to enable the UK Airspace Design Service's sponsored proposals and simplify the process for all Audio Control Panels.

Sustainable Development Plan

The Council was thanked for their feedback on the plan. The key areas of the plan were as follows:

- Economy: Strengthening East Midlands Airport's route network for passenger and cargo services and generating Gross Value Added and increased employment.
- Land: Making the best and most efficient use of land in the Operational Area, and prioritising uses that support the East Midlands Airport.
- Surface Access: Encouraging a greater use of public transport and a shift to next-generation fuel and power. Sustainable Transport Fund to support public transport services and sustainable access.
- Environment: Minimise environmental impact and adopt best environmental management practice, in particular, air quality, nature and biodiversity.
- Community: Opportunity for all, and local voices.

Councillor D Muller commended the presentation and updates shared. Resident complaints were noted concerning the rapid drop-off and collection point, which has a very short time window available before charging for use, it was questioned whether the window could be lengthened.

The East Midlands Airport Representative explained that the charges for use of the point were necessary to control behaviour, reduce chances of accidents and for commercial reasons. A free one hour stay car park is available for customers use as an alternative option slightly further away from the airport.

Councillor N Atkin sought clarification regarding a refurbishment of the passenger terminals was due and noted that four passenger terminals had been taken over for cargo use.

The East Midlands Airport Representative reported to the Committee that terminal capacity was now at five-million per year, indicating an almost full recovery from Covid. Efforts were going towards introducing bigger airlines, but as East Midlands Airport is regional, large passenger numbers were not predicted, this is why terminals have been given taken over for cargo use. East Midlands Airport is the largest cargo airport in the country, closely followed by Heathrow airport.

Councillor N Atkin queried whether noise complaints had been received from residents of the Barrow and Stenson wards concerning the larger cargo aircrafts which fly at a lower height and usually early in the mornings.

The East Midlands Airport Representative informed the Committee that the cargo aircrafts must fly lower due to their weight, however as they are bigger, optically they may appear lower than they are. Any correlation with complaints from the Barrow and Stenson wards will be looked into.

Councillor N Atkin shared that the press had written that a new control tower was to be built, confirmation was requested.

The East Midlands Airport Representative confirmed to the Committee that they were not aware of any plans, a new tower was unlikely as £22 million had recently been invested to update the tower's technology.

Councillor B Stuart commented that as the Airway 9 bus route does not go through Burton and that travellers may want a more express route to and from the airport may be use of the service may be affected.

The East Midlands Airport Representative agreed with Councillor Stuart's comment and confirmed that the working group is reviewing the route of the service.

Councillor A Wheelton sought clarity of how the apprenticeships offered by East Midlands Airport are promoted and how funds for charities are generated.

The East Midlands Airport Representative informed the Committee that candidates were targeted rather than the apprenticeship posts being promoted as they are expensive to offer. An assistant role is advertised widely; candidates are approached from these roles. It was confirmed that fines collected from noise complaints are put towards charity funds, these do decrease as operations improve.

OS/37 **APPROACH TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FEES**

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity provided a summary of the report to the Committee. It was noted that Item 3.4 detailed within the report was approached externally by South Derbyshire’s Member of Parliament.

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity referred the Committee Item 3.9 and explained how other local authorities were looking to approach concerns over property management fees, to protect residents from increased cost.

Councillor N Atkin sought clarification relating to Item 3.9, and whether Parish Councils had been liaised with, and still be able to apply for funding from South Derbyshire District Council.

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity confirmed that legislation would be reviewed to assess whether a proposal should be formed to align responsibilities either to Parish Councils, District Councils or developers.

Councillor D Muller raised concerns that Parish Councils were already funding repairs to facilities and faced the possibility of additional responsibilities following the Local Government Reorganisation.

Councillor A Jones echoed the concerns raised by Councillor D Muller and commented that residents would have no practical control or ability to change agreements with the Management Companies.

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity explained that Severn Trent were better placed to be the managing agent outlined in Item 3.3 of the report, whereas responsibilities laid out in Item 3.5 of the report concerning open spaces were better suited to lie with the Council, specifically for play equipment due to the high risks involved.

Councillor A Wheelton sought clarification relating to Item 3.6 and whether the Policy could be strengthened to safeguard the residents against double taxation.

The Chair confirmed that this would need to be discussed at the Environmental and Development Services Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee considered and supported the Council’s wider approach to residential management companies within developments across the District and request that the Environmental and Development Services Committee makes national representation.***

OS/38 **HOUSING SERVICE TRANSFORMATION**

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity provided an overview of the report to the Committee, noting the steps taken to ensure compliancy, governance and engagement with residents.

Members were referred to Item 3.4 of the report which outlined the key achievements of the Housing Service.

Councillor D Muller sought clarification on whether a date for a C3 inspection had been scheduled, as it would be ideal to have a renewed rating.

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity confirmed that the regulator was aware that the Council was keen to have the inspection soon.

Councillor A Wheelton sought clarification regarding communication with residents who did not access to online information and whether they were being contacted and informed about paying in advance.

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity confirmed that newsletters would be circulated to residents. Customer Services were also able to aid residents with paperwork.

Councillor A Tilley sought clarification surrounding the recent resignation of the new Health and Safety Officer.

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity confirmed that that the Officer's resignation was due to commuting times.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee noted the progress against the actions identified in the updated Housing Services Transformation Plan (HSTP) at Appendix 1 of the report, under background papers.***
- 1.2 The Committee noted the action plan developed to address the Regulator for Social Housings (RSH) and the progress against those actions.***

OS/39 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Executive Director – Place and Prosperity presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

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

OS/40 **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 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

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

The meeting terminated at 19:30 hours.

COUNCILLOR S BAMBRICK

CHAIR

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE

20 November 2025

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor S Harrison (Chair),
Councillors A Archer, R Pearson, D Pegg (substitute for Cllr A Haynes), G Rhind,
B Stuart, S Taylor and N Tilley

Conservative Group

Councillors D Corbin, J Lowe, S Meghani and P Watson

Liberal Democrats

Councillor G Andrew

In Attendance

Councillor A Wheelton
Councillor A Tilley

FM/64 **APOLOGIES**

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

FM/65 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 04 September 2025, and 02 October 2025 were received and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

FM/66 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

FM/67 **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.

FM/68 **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.

FM/69 **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee was informed that no Report of Overview and Committee had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

FM/67 **COUNCIL PLAN 2024-28 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2025-2026 QUARTER 2 – 1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2025)**

The Head of Finance and Performance presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

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

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 as Appendix A

FM/68 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2025/26**

The Head of Finance and Performance presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted the latest Quarter 2 updates in respect of Treasury Management, attached to the report as Appendix 1, Prudential Indicators and Limits attached to the report as Appendix 2 and Counterparty List for investments and bank deposits attached to the report as Appendix 3.

FM/69 **QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING 2025-26**

The Head of Finance and Performance presented the report including, Efficiency East Midlands Donation, Investment income, HRA Budget Capital forecast and sought approval of the recommendations.

Councillor A Wheelton sought clarification relating to the overspend shown on page 55 of the report.

The Head of Finance and Resources confirmed that the spend related to agency staff to cover sickness and holidays within the depot.

The Chief Executive advised that sickness absence is under active review by a steering group overseen by the Executive Director - Law and People, with a focus on identifying effective interventions and efficiency improvements.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1** *That the Committee noted the position and provided any comments it had on the latest revenue and capital financial position for the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account for 2025/26.*
- 1.2** *That the Committee noted acceptance of the Efficiency East Midlands Community Donation of £10,044, approved by Executive Director – Resources and Transformation under delegation.*
- 1.3** *That the Committee noted the end of the Shared Prosperity and Rural England Prosperity Fund as detailed at paragraph 3.35 of the report.*

FM/70

COMPLAINT AND FEEDBACK REPORT – QUARTER 2

The Head of Finance and Performance presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

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

RESOLVED:

- 1.1** *The Committee noted the compliments and complaints received by the Council for the period 1 July 2025 – 30 September 2025.*

FM/71

CONSOLIDATED DRAFT BUDGET REPORT 2026/27 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN TO 2030/31

The Head of Finance and Performance presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

The Executive Director – Resources and Transformation addressed the Committee and provided a verbal update, as follows.

Local Government Finance Policy Statement

- This afternoon, we received the Local Government Finance Policy Statement alongside the Government's response to the Fair Funding Review consultation 2.0 held over the summer.
- We have now started the analysis of the publications to understand their implications ahead of the settlement and I expect a briefing note can be shared with Members once this analysis is complete.

Food Waste Funding

- As part of the publication of these documents, is confirmation that there will be no additional new burdens funding for food waste as previously expected.
- Government has stated that this funding is already included within MHCLG's Departmental Expenditure Limit (DEL) set out in the Spending Review.
- This could be material, given the anticipated costs of introducing food waste which is set out in agenda item 20 and close to £1.2m

Budget Position

- As a result, this latest information indicates the budget position is the worst-case scenario as set out in the report before you.
- To address this, formal budget intervention is required, and we must take decisive action to stabilise our financial position.

Next Steps

- Throughout December, Leadership Team with ADs and HoS will be undertaking a budget intervention via a Budget Optimisation Board, to review all budget areas in detail.
- Our task is identified and develop savings proposals to offset areas where increased budget allocations are unavoidable.
- The timetable is aligned with the reporting schedule for policy committees, ensuring that the service development proposals presented in this evening's report (scheduled for consideration by individual policy committees in January) are reviewed alongside any new proposals intended to provide offsets.
- As S151 Officer, I have therefore determined that the item 21 will be deferred from this evening's business on the basis of affordability. The decision will be presented alongside the budget, and after receipt of the provisional local government finance settlement when we will have a clearer picture around funding.

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

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee noted the draft budget and associated information attached to the report as Appendices 1 to 8***

- 1.2** *The Committee approved the draft budget for consultation with the Council's relevant Committees, rate payers and the public.*
- 1.3** *That the Committee noted the proposals considered material.*
- 1.4** *That the Committee noted the Indicative Assurance Statement provided by the Section 151 Officer.*

FM/72 **POLICY COMMITTEE APPROVALS OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Head of Finance and Performance presented the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

Councillor D Corbin echoed the concerns raised by Councillor K Haines along with the information received within the previous agenda item and sought clarification on whether any thought had been given to defer the new office project.

The Section 151 Officer confirmed that all information and options had been considered, and the decision was made not to defer the project.

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

RESOLVED:

- 1.1** *That the Committee approved the financial implications of the Warm Home Local Grant and the surrender of the lease at Broomhill's and Overseal Pavilion as considered at the Housing and Community Services Committee on 25 September 2025.*
- 1.2** *That the Committee approved the financial implication of the Waste Strategy, and the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Installation to support Electrification – Decarbonising of Council Fleet as considered at the Environmental and Development Service Committee on 06 November 2025.*

FM/73 **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY 2025-2028**

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 That the Committee approved the Public Engagement Strategy 2025 – 2028 attached to the report at Appendix 1.

FM/74 **TRANSFORMATION UPDATE QUARTER 2 2025/26**

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

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

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee noted and considered the Transformation update report for Quarter 2, 2025/26, attached to the report as Appendix 1.

FM/75 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Executive Director – Resources and Transformation presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted the Finance and Management Committee Work Programme.

FM/76 **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 04 September 2025 and 03 October 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.

TRANSFORMATION UPDATE QUARTER 2 2025/26

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations of the report.

POLICY COMMITTEE APPROVALS OF FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations of the report.

PROPOSED NEW OPERATIONAL DEPOT

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations of the report.

REVIEW OF LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations of the report.

The meeting terminated at 18:55 hours.

COUNCILLOR S HARRISON

CHAIR

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

ETWALL – AREA 1

Meeting Minutes – September 30, 2025, at
6:30pm

Etwall Frank Wickham Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor David Muller (Chair), Councillor Grahame Andrew, Councillor Julie Jackson, Councillor Andrew Kirke, Tracy Bingham, Claire Rawlins, Paige Robinson.

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Martyn Ford.

Derbyshire Police Representatives

PCSO Megan Taylor.

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Anne Muller, David Neal, Judi M, Frances Smith, and Ursula Towne.

Members of the Public

Ian Bennett and Angela Jennes.

E/A 7. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies

Apologies received from Councillor Sundip Meghani.

c) Chair's Announcements

Employability Programmes

Using UK Shared Prosperity Funding, the Council has supported two new employability programmes which will provide free support for unemployed residents to get back into work. The two programmes are '**Beyond Barriers**' which will be delivered by Groundwork Five Counties, and which provides long term one-to-one support for job seekers and '**Active Futures**' which will be run by the Councils Active



Communities and Health team, which provides short-term support based on increasing activity levels.

Rosliston Forestry Centre

Rosliston Forestry Centre are getting into the Christmas spirit and are lining up their Christmas Market for the holiday period.

The market will consist of 30+ stalls, and it will run across two weekends (29th-30th November and 6th-7th December from 10am to 4pm), giving you plenty of chances to fit in some last-minute Christmas shopping!

Entry is free but don't forget to bring along some spending money!

Arts Strategy

The Council is currently working on developing its first Arts Strategy, so if you're an artist, musician or someone who enjoys creative experiences, we are keen to have your input.

Public input is vital in helping shape its direction and priorities, so an online Survey has been developed to capture local opinion to ensure that the strategy reflects the needs, aspirations, and creativity of the local community.

The survey can be accessed via the Council's Website, a QR code taking you direct to the survey is also on the leaflets available tonight.

Information on this and the employability programmes can be found on leaflets at the Signing in table

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

All received as a true and accurate record.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

Councillor Andrew requested for the Area Forum minutes to be circulated sooner after the meeting has taken place.

E/A 8. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

Derbyshire Police updated that, since that last meeting, priorities have been set in each area. Tackling Speeding, anti-social vehicles and vehicle theft are priorities in the area. Patrols have been carried out in Hilton and Mickleover area in uniform and plain clothes, both in the day and at night, with police carrying out stop searches during these patrols. Two men were arrested in the area for stealing fuel from HGVs, with barrels of fuel being found in their homes.



Crime prevention events have also been held within the community to raise awareness on how to prevent crimes such as vehicle theft. Police are also attending local community and youth groups.

In more rural areas of South Derbyshire, there is work being done to set Farm watch back up.

Q&A

An issue regarding parking and speeding issues in Etwall was raised. Police informed that parking issues are dealt with by Derbyshire County Council’s enforcement officers, so they should be contacted regarding parking matters. However, police are carrying out speed checks in Etwall, the Etwall Speed watch has currently stopped due to lack of volunteers, but if the community is interested in setting the scheme back up, it can be arranged.

Another concern raised was regarding motorised vehicles for food delivery companies. The vehicles are dangerous as they are going on paths with no lights. Police informed that many of those types of vehicles have been seized since increased the powers were given to Police. Some of the vehicles are insured so they cannot be ceased in the same way.

E/A 9. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood

Grants Update

Community Safety Partnership update

Since the last meeting, our new Community Safety Officer, Karen Haywood, has been out across South Derbyshire to work with the community. Work done in the community includes working local pubs via the Pubwatch scheme to promote ‘Ask Angela’ as well as providing the pubs involved with free anti-spiking devices in order to tackle violence against women and girls, with the Domestic Abuse Hotline also being promoted in each area across South Derbyshire. Details for contact regarding community issues can be found in the ‘useful contacts’ section of the circulated agenda pack.

Safer Neighbourhoods Funding

The following application has been received for Safer Neighbourhood Funding this financial year, so funding is still available for community projects for the 2024/2025 financial year. Anyone with any projects should contact Chris or Paige. Leaflets are available containing more information about the funding.

2025-26 Safer Neighbourhoods Funding					
Project Name	Ref	Organisation	Amount Applied for	Total Project Cost	Amount Granted
Speed Indicator Devices	A1.01	Hatton Parish Council	£ 2,500.00	£ 7,200.00	£ 2,500.00



ASB Figures

A CPNW was issued to adult Hilton resident who was causing ASB issues to neighbours.

E/A 10. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

The 2025 CVS update has been attached with the minutes.

E/A 11. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

1. Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Update – September 2025

At the end of 2024, the Government asked councils across Derbyshire to submit ideas for how local councils could be reorganised to better serve residents. The deadline for final proposals is Friday 28 November 2025.

South Derbyshire District Council has been working closely with the other District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire, as well as Derby City Council, to develop a joint plan. This group effort is called “**One Derbyshire, Two Councils**” and suggests creating two new councils—one for the north and one for the south of the county.

To help shape our final plan, we carried out a public consultation over summer 2025. Over 7,000 people took part, sharing their views through surveys and community engagement. This valuable feedback is now being reviewed, along with other evidence, to help finalise our proposal.

The final version will be considered by all involved councils before being sent to the Government by the end of November.

What Happens Next?

- The Government will look at all proposals for Derbyshire.
- A national consultation is expected to start in early 2026.
- A decision is likely by July 2026.
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A concern was raised regarding the reorganisation of local councils and if smaller areas will be forgotten as a result of councils being responsible for a larger area and population. Tracy Bingham informed that the government is looking to reorganise councils to balance the population with each new council being expected to cover around 500,000 people. The government has been clear that the community should have a voice in the decision-making process. Details are being worked out but parish councils will still exist under the reorganisation and local decision making will remain.

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A question was raised about what would happen regarding elections with the councils reorganisation. Councillor Ford informed that the SDDC elections are expected to be postponed, giving councillors a 5-year term and then a shadow election will take place.

Councillor Patten asked where the hub would be in South Derbyshire when the new councils come into place. Tracy Bingham informed that it has not yet been decided and the decision will most likely come from the elected shadow council.

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A question about SDDC's policy regarding attaching posters to railings. Councillor Muller updated that the issue was mentioned at the local Parish Council meetings and there has been an issue with signage being put up on the sides of the road and the parishes don't want to encourage the issue.

An attendee asked about the situation with the Ash tree dye back. Tracy Bingham offered to take the situation back so an update can be provided at the next meeting.

ACTION: Tracy Bingham to provide an update on the Ash Tree dieback situation.

E/A 12. Summary of Agreed Actions

ACTIONS



- 1. Parks and Green Spaces team to provide an update on the Ash tree dye back situation.**

E/A 13. Close and Date of Next Meeting

January/February 2026

Councillor David Muller
CHAIR
The meeting terminated at 7:21pm



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

REPTON – AREA 2

**(DRAFT) Meeting Minutes – October 9th, 2025 at
6:30pm**

Milton Village Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Ian Hudson (Chair), Councillor Kerry Haines, Councillor Lakhvinder Pal Singh, Councillor David Shepherd, Heidi McDougall, Chris Smith, and Paige Robinson.

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Matt Benfield.

Derbyshire Police Representatives

PCSO David Marley.

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

David Dickson, Tony Bates, Steve Hardwick, Steve Toone, and Helen Adcock.

Members of the Public

Brian Dodson and Lynne Clay.

R/A 7. Open Meeting

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b) Apologies

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R/A 8. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Marley updated that, since that last meeting, priorities have been set in each area. Tackling Speeding and Anti-social vehicles and acquisitive crime are the priorities for Area 2. Patrols have been carried out in each area, both high vis and plain



clothes at both day and night, with police carrying out stop searches during these patrols.

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New powers given to police now mean that E-bikes/E-scooters can be seized and destroyed so that has been done when reports of the electronic vehicles are received.

Q&A

A question was raised regarding rural crime and if Smisby in particular is targeted. PCSO Marley updated that Smisby is no more targeted than other areas for rural crime but when high value items are stolen from rural areas, the crime is referred to the Rural Crime Team so they can take the lead on it.

Another attendee raised an issue with Smisby having missing signs with no further action being taken on the issue despite being reported to DCC. Councillor Benfield offered to take the case number to try and get a response as the waiting time for a response can be slow.

ACTION: Councillor Benfield to provide an update on the situation regarding missing signs in Smisby.

R/A 9. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood

Grants Update

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Q&A

A question was raised in regard to why South Derbyshire District Council isn't working with Derbyshire District Council for their reorganisation consultation. Heidi McDougall updated that DCC were invited to the Derbyshire Working Group but decided to submit their own proposal. Four different boundary split proposals have been submitted to central Government by One Derbyshire Two Councils all suggesting two new unitary councils (south and north Derbyshire).

Another question was raised regarding trouble with bin collections and asked if the information about bin collections is on the SDDC website and if the workers have an information system about which bins they have emptied. Heidi McDougall informed that the information is on the website when the bins are not able to be emptied and as well as putting the information on SDDC's social media. Ward members can also be included in the information of bin collection delays going forward.

ACTION: Heidi McDougall to put in a request for ward members to be copied in when there is a local bin collection delay.

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ACTION: Councillor Benfield to provide an update at the next meeting regarding the crossing on Twyford Road, Willington.

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CHAIR

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

SWADLINCOTE – AREA 4

Meeting Minutes – October 15th 2025 Oakland Village

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Mick Mulgrew (Chair), Councillor Angela Archer, Councillor Malcolm Gee, Councillor Alan Haynes, Councillor Vonnie Redfern, Councillor Ben Stuart, Dr Justin Ives, Karen Haywood, and Paige Robinson

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Frank McArdle, M Shepherd, R Thomas, M Shepherd, Judy Wilkins, and Richard Wilkins.

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Q&A

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Councillor Stephen Taylor asked to what extent is it a problem if people are taking photos of vehicles before they break into them. Police updated that it is a serious issue and to report it. A lot of crime prevention work has been done regarding vehicle theft and people have been urged to remove valuable items from their car. When vehicle theft is reported, police will search the area before going to the address to try and catch them before they try to leave the county. Steering locks are advised on vehicles.

Kim Coe raised an issue that took place on Goseley Estate since there was a case of vandalism where the wooden fence was taken down and asked if there was an update as no feedback was received. Police informed that the area would continue to be patrolled for visibility but if any crimes do happen again, to keep reporting them.

Councillor Alan Haynes raised an issue of ongoing concerns with HGVs being in areas they shouldn't be even though signs are visible. A resident also raised an issue with HGVs on Coppice Side. Police informed that HGVs are allowed access if they need to get to businesses on Coppice Side, but any extra road signage would be an issue for DCC to handle.

The school crossing on Belmont Street was raised as having an issue with vehicles. Police informed that police do go by there when there is chance and talks have been done at the school, but patrols can't always be done outside of schools at school time. The issue could be discussed with DCC's Civil Enforcement officers.

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ACTION: SDDC to provide an update regarding the tree issue in Swadlincote.

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S/A 12. Summary of Agreed Actions

ACTIONS

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S/A 13. Close and Date of Next Meeting

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Councillor Mick Mulgrew
CHAIR

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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

NEWHALL – AREA 5

Meeting Minutes – October 21st, 2025

St John's Church

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

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PCSO Jo Saddington.

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Another issue was raised with e-scooters being on the A44 and gaining access through the shooting range. Police informed that the bollards are back in place to try and prevent them from getting through but if the situation continues to occur, keep reporting it to police.

Sand Cliffe Road was raised due to having issues with people on bukes being inconsiderate and peddling into people and there are no PCSOs in that area. Police informed that bikes on pavements are not something that can be enforced by police, that is enforced by DCC. However, police can deal with anti-social biking if reported.

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Q&A

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A resident asked what the latest update is regarding Walton Bridge. Councillors informed that Derbyshire has agreed to allow access from their side but there is a now a wait until Staffordshire agree to access on their side.

N/A 13. Summary of Agreed Actions

No actions raised.

N/A 14. Close and Date of Next Meeting

January/February 2026.

Councillor Sarah Harrison
CHAIR
The meeting terminated at 19:16pm



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE COMMUNITY MEETING

MELBOURNE – AREA 3

Meeting Minutes – October 25, 2025 at 6:30pm

Barrow on Trent Village Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Matthew Gotheridge (Chair), Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Jane Carroll, Alison Bennett, Karen Haywood, and Paige Robinson.

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

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Derbyshire Police Representatives

PCSO Alex Boniface.

Parish Council

Terry Summerlin, Joanne Carlier, Chris Scott, Catherine Blackmore, Jean Longley, Alison Hicklin, Toni Kent-Chapman, Andy Dawson, David Smith, Julie Collett.

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M/A 8. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

Derbyshire Police updated that, since that last meeting, priorities have been set in each area. In Area 3, the priorities are highway obstruction, speeding, and Nuisance vehicles. Patrols have been carried out, both high vis and plain clothes, during the day and at night. Police have also been carrying out stop searches during these patrols which has helped to pick up drug activity including three men in Melbourne who were



detained after officers in plain clothes searched them and they were sentenced to community service.

Crime prevention events have also been held within the community to raise awareness on how to prevent crimes such as vehicle theft.

ASB was an issue on Lowes Lane, so work is being done with South Derbyshire District Council to solve the issues taking place. Discussions have taken place regarding how to deter off-road bikes from cutting through Infinity Park and around Lowes Lane.

There has also been a rise in vehicle crime, so officers have been out on duty at night to deter offenders. A man who had been breaking into vehicles was sentenced in Leicester Crown Court and received a 21-month prison sentence.

Q&A

Councillor Neil Atkin asked if Waste Carriers are included in stopped vehicles. PCSO Boniface updated that Water Carriers can be stopped to check their licenses and they are stopped when reports are received as someone will be dispatched to check the vehicle.

Adrian Burkes raised a concern of potential drug dealers in Shardlow using the path network as it is in a rural area and not well lit. PCSO Boniface informed that reports had been received of that area prior and PCSOs are aware of it, but if there is any activity seen in that area, it can be reported to police via 101 or online.

A question was raised regarding the latest stance police have on E-Scooters. PCSO Boniface informed that that police are now able to seize the vehicles as they require a license and insurance. Any scooters seized will be crushed.

Concerns were raised over children in the area aggressively knocking on people's doors. PCSO Boniface informed that victims of this have been spoken to as it can be quite frightening and if someone is on duty, police can be sent but if they cannot attend, officers will look at doorbell footage where possible. When the children are identified, the Youth Engagement Team will be sent to speak with the parents regarding the issue.

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Q&A

Councillor Alan Graves raised that parish councils would like to know how they would fair under Local Government reorganisation. Alison Bennett updated that government guidance is being followed and parish councils are being consulted but more details can be provided regarding parish councils and their place in LGR in the report back.

ACTION: Alison Bennett to provide a report regarding how Parish Councils will be impacted by Local Government Reorganisation.

A question was raised regarding what will happen if councils disagree on how to handle Local Government Reorganisation. Alison Bennett informed that all councils would submit their suggestions to be voted on, any disagreements will be deferred to the minister for a decision to be made.

David Smith raised concern on how merging with Derby City will impact planning in South Derbyshire. Alison Bennett informed that there will be local plan adopted for South Derbyshire that will last until 2028 and will have a focus on longevity and eventually a larger local plan will be delivered but it is a big consideration of planning authorities.

A question was raised asking if planned infrastructure development will go ahead or if there will be threats like not meeting targets under Local Government Reorganisation. Alison Bennett updated that infrastructure would continue as there is still a number of homes to be built to meet a criteria set.

Another question was raised regarding the cost of LGR. Alison Bennett informed that a report can be put in the report back which will provide figures for the expected costs. Councillor Graves added that whilst there will be some upfront costs, the idea is to save money in the long-term.



ACTION: Alison Bennett to provide a report for the financial costs of Local Government Reorganisation.

An attendee asked if the District Council would do work to publicise the topic of Local Government Reorganisation more as most people aren't aware of what it is and the impact of it. Alison Bennett updated that she would take the feedback and work with SDDC's Communications team to publicise the issue.

A Parish Councillor asked if police could commit to attending one parish council meeting a year. Karen Haywood agreed to discuss the matter with police and provide an update in the report back.

ACTION: Police to provide an update on if they can attend a parish council meeting each year.

M/A 12. Summary of Agreed Actions

ACTIONS
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CHAIR
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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

LINTON – AREA 6

Meeting Minutes – November 18th, 2025
Overseal Village Hall at 6.30pm

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Dan Pegg (Chair), Councillor Alistair Tilley, Councillor Graham Wood, Dr Justin Ives, Ardip Sandhu, Chris Smith, and Paige Robinson.

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Another resident asked how the councillors will be appointed if the unitary councils go ahead. Dr Justin Ives informed that elections will still take place to appoint members. Elections for a shadow council will happen in 2027 ready for the new authority in 2028.

A question was raised regarding when Local Government Reorganisation takes place, will assets such as play areas be transferred to parishes instead of going to a unitary council which covers more areas. Dr Justin Ives updated that it is something that can be considered if parish council are interested but it will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Residents brought forward concerns of a traveller site located in Overseal, causing issues such as obstructing the public right of way and burying rubbish. Ardip Sandhu informed that a stopping order was issued, however, it was ignored. A King's Council was commissioned to give advice. Their advice has been forthcoming, and actions have been taken in accordance with their advice. The advice given cannot be shared publicly as it is covered by Legal Privilege. The process to deal with the situation may span over multiple months. Derbyshire County Council is dealing with Civil Law and Right of Way issues, but no further information can currently be provided at this time. Any issues regarding driving without tax or insurance or threatening behaviour should be reported to the police for them to deal with. Environmental Health have visited the site to document any visible environmental health issues.

L/A 13. Summary of Agreed Actions

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L/A 14. Close and Date of Next Meeting

TBC.

Councillor Dan Pegg
CHAIR
The meeting terminated at 19:45hours

