

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

2nd June 2016

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Muller (Vice-Chairman), Atkin (for Councillor Mrs. Brown), Coe, Ford, Mrs Hall, Roberts, and Stanton.

Labour Group

Councillors Rhind (for Cllr. Shepherd), Richards (for Councillor Chahal), Taylor and Tilley.

EDS/1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting was received from Councillor Mrs Brown (Conservative Group), Chahal and Shepherd (Labour Group).

EDS/2 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on the on 3rd March and 14th April 2016 were approved as a true record.

EDS/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Atkin declared a pecuniary interest in Item 12 on the agenda by way of owning land featured in the report and would leave the Chamber whilst item was discussed.

Councillor Ford declared a personal interest in item 12 on the agenda in by way of being a member of the Derby & Derbyshire Mineral's Advisory Board.

EDS/4 **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/5 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

EDS/6 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee was informed that there were no Overview & Scrutiny Committee reports for it to consider.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/7 **CORPORATE PLAN 2009-16: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1 JANUARY – 31 MARCH 2016)**

The Director of Community and Planning Services presented the report to inform Members of the progress made during the final quarter 1 January to 31 March 2016, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009 –2015, and that all targets for relevant projects and performance measures were achieved or were on track, apart from:

- GP03 – Promote inward investment and business development
- GP07 – Progress the South Derbyshire Local Plan
- GM 04 - Percentage of all household waste recycled and composted
- GM09 – Number of quality development schemes delivered
- GM10 – Satisfaction with planning application process.

Members were asked to note that from this point forward the Performance Management Framework for the Corporate Plan 2016-2021 would be used.

Comments and queries raised by Members in relation to; where set targets regarding household waste, originate from and the incorrect use of bins were noted and responded to by the Director of Housing and Environmental Services.

RESOLVED:

That progress against performance targets be considered and approved.

EDS/8 **SERVICE PLANS 2016/17**

The Director of Community & Planning Services and the Director of Housing & Environmental Services gave a brief overview of the most successful development areas in 2015/16, such as The progression of Local Plan 1 and 2, Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Project; the continuation of a sound recycling performance and successful fly-tipping prosecutions.

The Director of Community & Planning highlighted areas, which would be looked at in detail during the next municipal year such as: reviewing the housing needs data including rural housing; a review of the monitoring of Section 106 contributions; the development of Neighborhood Plans and a cultural events plan. The Director of Housing & Environmental Services highlighted areas in his directorate such as: the Safer Neighborhood Wardens, the use of existing tools to take appropriate crime enforcement actions, to protect and help the most vulnerable and the delivery of services to help maintain a clean and healthy district.

Progress reports on the Service Plans for 2016/17 would be made to Elected Members as part of the Performance Management Framework monitoring process.

Positive comments were raised by Members in relation to the review of the Section 106 contributions and the usefulness of Service Plans, where set targets regarding household waste originate from and the incorrect use of bins; were noted and responded to by the Director of Community and Planning Services and Housing and Environmental Services.

Queries regarding the current use and collection of a 'red recycle sack' were raised, the Director of Housing and Environmental Services would ensure an answer would be sought after the meeting and forwarded to Members of the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Service Plans for Community and Planning Services and Housing and Environmental Services be approved as the basis for service delivery over the period 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2017.

EDS/9

STREET TRADING

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report to inform Members that since the Council adoption Schedule 4 in 1991 (that any person trading in these streets would require a consent from the Council) recent changes to Swadlincote Town Centre had highlighted the need to pass a resolution to increase the number of designated consent streets to include all streets within the boundary of the Town Centre.

Members requested that a map showing the original designated consent streets be available in the future, the Senior Licensing Officer responded that she would ensure this would be included in the consultation.

Queries raised by Members in relation to what affect an increase in designated consent streets would have on disabled parking spaces, and town centre events such as the annual Festival of Transport and the Wedding Fair, were noted and responded to by the Senior Licensing Officer.

RESOLVED:

That Members approved the publication of a notice of the Council's intention to increase the number of streets designated as consent streets for street trading purposes.

EDS/10

KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – LICENSING DEPARTMENT

The Senior Licensing Officer provided Members with an update on the Licensing Department Key Performance Indicators for the previous two quarters

A question was raised in relation to what South Derbyshire Licensing Policy states concerning Guide Dogs in Taxis. The Senior Licensing Officer stated that it is a criminal offence for any Private Driver to refuse to carry any assistance dog alongside the passenger, unless a medical certificate of exemption had been issued by a Doctor.

RESOLVED:

That Members noted the performance of the Licensing Department in relation to the Key Performance Indicators.

EDS/11 **AIR QUALITY ANNUAL STATUS REPORT – FINDINGS AND IMPLICATIONS**

The Environmental Health Manager presented the report to provide Members with; new evidence of the health impacts of air pollution and the changing role of local authorities following the release of new statutory guidance; information on latest measured air quality levels and air quality trends over the last 5 years.

Comments and queries were raised by Members in relation to; the improvements measured across most of the monitoring locations; their ongoing concerns regarding the High Street in Woodville; and why Repton was no longer monitored, were noted and responded to by the Environmental Health Manager.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That Members agreed to the issuing of the Annual Status Report (ASR) as the Council's submission to DEFRA outlining the current status of air quality in South Derbyshire.

1.2 That Members agreed to proposals 1 and 2 on page iv of the ASR (section titled Local Priorities and Challenges) and to receive a further report later in 2016/17 on specific proposals arising from this work prior to the development of the 2017-18 Performance Board for the Corporate Plan.

EDS/12 **MINERALS LOCAL PLAN FOR DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE**

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to Committee seeking the approval of the response to the consultation.

That Members agreed with the recommendation that the comments made under the Section 7 of the report "Conclusions", be forwarded to Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council as the Council's response to the consultation exercise.

Councillor Atkin left the meeting whilst this item was discussed.

Councillor Ford abstained from voting on this item.

EDS/13 **WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

The Director of Community and Planning Services presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considers and approves the updated work programme for 2016/17.

EDS/14

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED:-

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

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the on 3rd March 2016 were approved as a true record.

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

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

The meeting terminated at 6.50 p.m.

COUNCILLOR P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN