

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

15th November 2018

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor MacPherson (Chairman), Councillor Roberts (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Brown, Mrs Coe, Mrs Patten, Pegg and Watson

Labour Group

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

Independent/ Non-Grouped Member

Councillor Coe

EDS/58 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chahal and Taylor (Labour Group)

EDS/59 MINUTES

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th September 2018 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

EDS/61 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/62 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/63 REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**EDS/64 CORPORATE PLAN 2016-21: PERFORMANCE REPORT (1 JULY – 30 SEPT 2018)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the quarterly report to Committee detailing targets and achievements.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee considered progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan.

1.2 The Risk Register and Action Plan for the Committee's services were reviewed.

EDS/65 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – LICENSING DEPARTMENT

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report outlining the performance of the Licensing Department, which was welcomed by the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee noted the performance of the Licensing Department in relation to the Key Performance Indicators

EDS/66 GYPSY AND TRAVELLER SITE ALLOCATIONS DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee explaining that the document would assist in future site allocations.

Members raised comment in relation to the importance of this document and sought clarification on the allocation of sites within the District questioning the criteria involved in the selection of sites. The Planning Policy Manager responded with the pitch requirement for the current Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment in South Derbyshire, noting that the need for the first five-year period is determined through a detailed methodology, whilst that of future five-year periods is derived from projections based on survey data. Members were advised that government guidance acknowledges that accurate projections of future needs (beyond the first five years) are likely to be more difficult due to how the circumstances of travellers change.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved commencement on the Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for the Gypsy and Traveller Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

EDS/67 SWADLINCOTE TOWN CENTRE VISION – PROGRESS REVIEW

The Economic Development Manager presented the report to Committee updating Members on progress on the implementation of the Swadlincote

Town Centre Vision and Strategy. The Economic Development Manager highlighted outstanding actions and identified priorities for the remaining period.

Councillor Mrs Coe welcomed the update and referred to the increase in footfall in the Town Centre on market days noting that the appearance and appeal of the market required addressing.

Councillor Tilley, as the local Ward Member, whilst welcoming the report, identified the following areas of concern; the vitality of the town centre, the need for another more current survey be completed, the need for a Town Centre Manager, the condition of the street scene, the paving on the Delph and the need for CCTV to assist with prevention of anti-social behaviour. The Economic Development Manager responded to the concerns raised.

Councillor Coe, as the other Ward Member sought clarification on the strategy being used in order to encourage new residents to visit the Town Centre. Committee was informed that new residents receive leaflets and publicising upcoming events such as the Christmas Lights also assists in increasing footfall.

RESOLVED:

The Committee noted progress to date in the implementation of the Swadlincote Town Centre Vision and Strategy.

Councillor Pegg left the Meeting at 6.50pm

EDS/68 **GRIT BIN PROVISION POLICY**

The Direct Services Manager presented the report to Committee explaining the proposed Policy and criteria for dealing with requests within the District to provide additional grit bins. The Direct Services Manager outlined the process in identifying suitable locations and the involvement of Derbyshire County Council for subsequent provision.

Members welcomed the report, particularly the focus on provision in unparished areas of the District, and sought clarification on associated cost and impact on current provision, which were addressed by the Strategic Director.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the adoption of the Grit Bin Policy (Appendix 1) for the future provision of grit bins in South Derbyshire.

EDS/69 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/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 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 27th September 2018 were received.

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

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

The meeting terminated at 7.05pm

COUNCILLOR A MACPHERSON

CHAIRMAN