

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
COMMITTEE

29 February 2024

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor S Taylor (Chair) and
Councillors S Harrison (substituting for Councillor J Jackson), I Hudson, V Redfern, D Shepherd (substituting for Councillor A Archer), B Stuart, A Tilley and N Tilley (substituting for Councillor K Storey).

Conservative Group

Councillors K Haines, J Lowe and P Watson.

Liberal Democrats

Councillor G Andrew

Non-Grouped

Councillor A Wheelton

In Attendance

EDS/80 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors K Storey, A Archer and J Jackson (Labour Group).

EDS/81 **MINUTES**

The Committee received the Open Minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2024 and were signed by the Chair as a true record.

EDS/82 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

EDS/83 **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/84 **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/85 **CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2023-24 QUARTER 3 – 1 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee highlighting that 11 of the 17 indicators for this Committee were on track and that Appendix B of the report referred to actions required for the six indicators that were not on track. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed to the Committee that there were three updates to the Risk Register.

Members discussed the accuracy and calculations for the statistics provided for waste per household, raised concerns about XL bullies and requested clarity on the planning application figures.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed the Committee that the Office of National Statistics data had been used to calculate the tonnage of waste per household and that their response to the reduction of population was attributed to deaths due to Covid. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed to the Committee that the statistics would improve with an increase in population from new housing or from a decrease in tonnage of waste per household and that measures were being looked and the New Plan would include new targets.

The Head of Environmental Services informed the Committee that issues with XL bullies would be actioned by the Police and that there had been no significant issues with this type of dog.

The Head of Planning provided clarity around the numbers of planning applications that had been determined within the statutory determination period and that a separate spreadsheet would be distributed to Members with the details of applications determined with an extension of time.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee approved progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.***
- 1.2 *The Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.***

EDS/86 **DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing presented the report to the Committee highlighting that the new statement included changes to National policy and current legal requirements and that a consultation period was due to begin later in the year with responses brought to Committee before the Local Plan was consultation.

Members discussed signage for planning applications, notification of applications to Parish Councils, the list of consultees that would be contacted and if an explanation of the consultation would be provided to Parish Councils.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing informed the Committee that Parish Councils are given three weeks notice to respond to planning applications and that additional time can be given for a response if the planning application can still be determined within the eight week period. The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing confirmed that the Local Plan database included Parish Councils and statutory consultees for example Environmental Health.

The Chair requested that planning application notices be displayed appropriately.

Councillor Harrison supported the report and noted that schools would be consulted which would engage young people. Councillor Harrison offered to support the Planning team during the consultation period.

Councillor Hudson commended the report and noted that the Statement of Community Involvement would benefit Parish Councils and should be widely circulated.

Councillor Watson proposed that the consultation period be extended from six to eight weeks. The Committee approved the extension of the consultation period.

Councillor Andrew welcomed that the Head of Planning had provided a target date for the next stage of the Local Plan to be presented in September 2024, as he was keen that we record such targets and hold the organisation accountable to them.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) at Appendix 1 of the report for consultation and an eight-week consultation period which would follow.

1.2 The Committee noted that following the consultation a report would be compiled to include: the comments made in response

to the consultation and the Council's response and proposed amendments to the Statement of Community Involvement.

EDS/87 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

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

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme, attached as Annexe A to the report.***

EDS/88 **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 noted and approved the Open Minutes of the meetings held on 25 January 2024 that were signed by the Chair as a true record.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY 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 18:40hours.

COUNCILLOR S TAYLOR

CHAIR