

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1<sup>st</sup> February 2018

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillors Atkin (substituting for Councillor Hewlett), Coe, Mrs Coyle, Grant, MacPherson and Stanton (substituting for Councillor Smith)

**Labour Group**

Councillors Rhind, Shepherd, Southerd (substituting for Councillor Richards) and Taylor

HCS/70 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Members were asked for nominations for Chairman. Proposals naming Councillor Mrs Coyle and Councillor Rhind were received. The proposal that Councillor Rhind be Chairman of the Meeting was not supported by Committee.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That Councillor Mrs Coyle be Chairman of the Meeting.***

Abstentions: Councillors Rhind, Shepherd, Southerd and Taylor

HCS/71 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hewlett, Murray, Smith, Mrs Wyatt (Conservative Group) and Richards (Labour Group)

HCS/72 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/73 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Stanton declared a personal interest in Item 12 Service Assistant (Events) by virtue of his working relationship with the Events Team in the position of Chairman of the Council.

HCS/74 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

HCS/75 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

HCS/76 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

HCS/77 **RATIFICATION OF THE ADOPTED AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The Strategic Housing Manager presented the report to Committee.

Members commended the report, in particular the aim of achieving a 30% affordable housing element, but drew attention to the fact that the actual percentage achieved to date was less. The Strategic Housing Manager assured Members that the aim was always 30% when negotiating with developers, the methodology involved and the other options available, depending on the type and/or location of the site in question.

Members also raised queries relating to retrospective development of low cost homes. The Strategic Housing Manager confirmed that a mixture of restrictive covenants, the freehold ownership status and the planning permission process effectively self-policed this area. The ability to meet the anticipated housing needs in the 20 year plan was also queried, but it was reported that, whilst challenging, the Council was currently on track to exceed the quota.

**RESOLVED:-**

***1.1 Members approved the adopted South Derbyshire Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), as set out in Appendix A to the report, replacing the 2008 Affordable Housing Guidance.***

***1.2 Members noted the content of the Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document, as appended to the report.***

HCS/78 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor Rhind raised concern relating to the Community Partnership Grant Scheme item listed for the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Meeting, given that the £250k sum had already been announced at Area Forum Meetings, prior to committee approval. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) confirmed that whilst references had been made to the above sum, it was still subject to approval by the Finance and Management Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 and the criteria and procedures, to be applied to the allocation of funds, were still to be approved by the Committee at its Meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**RESOLVED:-**

*Members considered and approved the updated work programme.*

HCS/79 **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 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 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 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 were received.*

**TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

**SERVICE ASSISTANT (EVENTS) (Paragraph 1)**

*Members approved the recommendations in the report.*

The Meeting terminated at 6.30pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS H COYLE

CHAIRMAN