

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

24th January 2019

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

Councillors Rhind (substituting for Cllr Chahal), Richards (substituting for Cllr Dunn), Southerd (substituting for Cllr Tilley) and Taylor.

EDS/80 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Chahal Dunn and Tilley (Labour Group) and Councillor Coe (Independent Non-Grouped Member).

EDS/81 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

EDS/82 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/83 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/84 REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/85 GRANT APPLICATIONS & COMMISSIONS - ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROJECT TEAM 2018-20

The Environmental Development Manager presented the report to the Committee seeking guidance from Members on continuing with existing

operations linking to environmental education as well as the raising aspirations initiative. The importance and appreciation of external funding was noted by the Committee. The Chairman congratulated the Environmental Development Manager and her team on the raising of funds and delivery of projects.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved the programme of funding applications that included an application to the National Lottery 'Reaching the Communities' Fund, to support the work of the Council's Environmental Education Project (EEP) as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.***
- 1.2 The Committee endorsed liaising with the National Lottery to secure grant funding of £150k from its 'Reaching Communities' Fund to support and extend the work of the EEP team for the next five years.***
- 1.3 The Committee supported further research into ways of extending Swadlincote Heritage Trail without commitment of match funding by the Council.***
- 1.4 That subject to the continuation of funding arrangements, fixed-term contracts for staff are extended to the end of the next funding period.***
- 1.5 In the event that funding is not available or not to the level that can sustain the existing staffing resource that the employment procedures used by the Council for permanent members of staff are followed that will include full consultation with employees and their representatives where appropriate.***

EDS/86 **LOCAL GREEN SPACES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – REGULATION 19 PROPOSED SUBMISSION**

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to the Committee and informed of the process involved in the submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

Clarification was sought on the consultation which was provided by the Planning Policy Officer where it was specified that the consultation would be of a technical nature to outline protected sites.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved the Local Green Spaces Development Plan Document (Appendix A to the report) for the Regulation 19 consultation and submission to the Planning Inspectorate.***

EDS/87 **SERVICE STANDARDS - SUPPORTING PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

The Direct Services Manager presented the report to Committee outlining the key areas of concern and actions taken to address these. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) advised Committee of a forthcoming mapping project which will assist in this service provision.

Councillor Watson welcomed involvement from local businesses and volunteers on tackling litter. The Direct Services Manager added that joining the Keep Britain Tidy organisation would assist in further community engagement.

Although concerns were raised in relation to problems with litter in local wards, Members agreed that raising awareness, promoting a collaborative approach

to tackling litter and further educating residents through the Keep Britain Tidy campaign would potentially assist in addressing such matters.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved the Council becoming a member of Keep Britain Tidy at the expert level of membership.***
- 1.2 The Committee approved a set of performance measures to support the delivery of Service Standards by the Direct Services Team as detailed in the report.***
- 1.3 The Committee approved an annual Local Environmental Quality Survey be undertaken by Keep Britain Tidy.***

EDS/88 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:

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

EDS/89 **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 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.

SWADLINCOTE TOWN CENTRE ENFORCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

The Committee approved the recommendation contained in the report.

SWADLINCOTE MARKET

The Committee approved the recommendation contained in the report.

The meeting terminated at 6.50pm

COUNCILLOR A MACPHERSON

CHAIRMAN