

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

16th November 2017

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Muller (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs Brown, Coe, Mrs Hall, Mrs Patten, Roberts, Tipping and Wheeler

Labour Group

Councillors Southerd (substituting for Councillor Dunn) Taylor and Tilley

In attendance

Councillor Mrs Coe (Conservative Group)

EDS/50 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman noted the recent passing away of former Councillor William Dunn and conveyed condolences to his son Councillor Paul Dunn and family. The Committee stood and observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

The Chairman made reference to the recent Burton Mail Business Awards and led Members in congratulating the successful South Derbyshire companies who received awards, the main Business of the Year Award going to Willshee's Waste and Recycling.

EDS/51 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor Dunn (Labour Group).

EDS/52 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th September 2017 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/53 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

EDS/54 **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/55 **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/56 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/57 **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – LICENSING DEPARTMENT**

The Licensing Officer presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:

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

EDS/58 **CORPORATE PLAN 2016-21: PERFORMANCE REPORT (1 JULY-30 SEPTEMBER 2017)**

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

RESOLVED:

Members noted progress against performance targets.

EDS/59 **THE WASTE (ENGLAND AND WALES) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2012**

The Direct Services Manager presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the process for procurement of a new recycling contract ensuring that The Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 are complied with.

EDS/60 **REFUSE COLLECTION RESOURCES**

The Direct Services Manager presented the report to Committee, highlighting the addition of a fourth recommendation relating to the submission of the matter to the Finance and Management Committee.

Councillor Southerd queried the post title of 'clinical driver', the matter addressed by the Direct Services Manager. Councillor Wheeler welcomed the expansion of the refuse collection service, necessitated by the

continuing growth in the district and the savings that would be achieved through less use of agency resources.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members approved the establishment of one additional refuse driver / chargehand post, three additional refuse loader posts and two clinical driver posts.

1.2 Members agreed to increase the Council's vehicle fleet by one additional 26t refuse collection vehicle and one 7.5t refuse collection vehicle, to be covered by retaining one current vehicle and hiring an appropriate vehicle until new replacements can be purchased in 2019/20.

1.3 Members agreed that the Council continue to provide the bulky waste collections and bin deliveries services in-house.

1.4 Members agreed to refer the report to the Finance and Management Committee for consideration.

EDS/61 **ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT**

The Environmental Health Manager presented the report to Committee.

Members welcomed the successes as reported, referenced concerns regarding maintaining raised public expectations, the potential need for additional neighbourhood wardens due to the continuing development growth, action taken against traveller's on waste, tipping, health and hygiene grounds, as well as the outcome of the case where a vehicle had been seized by court order and made part of a compensation package. The Environmental Health Manager responded to each matter.

With regard to the call for additional neighbourhood wardens, the Chairman undertook to discuss the matter further with the Interim Strategic Director and the Environmental Health Manager.

RESOLVED:

Members were satisfied that on the basis of the report the Council is using its regulatory powers in a way proportionate to the demands for all regulatory services it provides.

EDS/62 **ADOPTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Southerd referred to the last Planning Committee and the Inspector's interpretation of the Local Plan's content in this respect, satisfied that this report served to close a loophole, if indeed one existed.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the adoption of the South Derbyshire Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document, as set out in Appendix A to the report, replacing the 2008 Affordable Housing Guidance.

EDS/63 **ADOPTION OF DESIGN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

The Design Excellence Officer presented the report to Committee, pointing out an error in the recommendation wording, emphasising that the matter was being submitted for adoption, not consultation. The Officer also pointed out that this Design Supplementary Planning Document replaces four former design related guidance documents.

Councillor Southerd raised concerns regarding road width on new developments, considering them too narrow, querying whether this fell within the remit of the Council or County Council. The Planning Services Manager confirmed that the Council is obliged to follow County Council Highways advice on the matter to ensure their adoption, but assured Committee that they would continue to lobby on the matter.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the adoption of the South Derbyshire Design Supplementary Planning Document, as set out in Annex 1 to the report.

EDS/64 **BEYOND THE HORIZON – THE FUTURE OF UK AVIATION**

The Planning Services Manager presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the response submitted to the Department for Transport, included at Annexe A to the report.

EDS/65 **'WELCOME TO AN ACTIVE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE' PROJECT**

The Planning Services Manager presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Southerd queried whether the outstanding sum related to the Swadlincote Woodlands project was accommodated by this project. The Director of Community and Planning Services stated that this was a separate matter, for which a Landfill Levy grant was being applied for.

RESOLVED:

Members gave approval to support in principle the National Forest Company's Stage 2 bid to the Sport England Core Market Fund for the 'Welcome to an Active South Derbyshire Project' and to receive a future report on the outcome of the bid.

EDS/66 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME****RESOLVED:**

Members considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/67 **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 28th September 2017 were received.

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 FUTURE OF BUILDING CONTROL IN SOUTH DERBYSHIRE (Paragraph 3)

Members approved the recommendation contained in the report.

The meeting terminated at 7.10pm.

COUNCILLOR P WATSON

CHAIRMAN