

7th July 2020

Dear Councillor,

Council

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the Virtual Meeting of the **Council** to be held via Microsoft Teams, on **Thursday, 17 September 2020** at **18:00** to transact the business set out on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully,



Chief Executive

To:- **Conservative Group**

Councillor Muller (Chairman), Councillor Atkin (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Angliss, Brady, Ms. Bridgen, Mrs. Brown, Churchill, Corbin, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Ms. Haines, Hewlett, MacPherson, Mrs. Patten, Pegg, Dr. Perry, Roberts, Watson and Ms. Wheelton.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Gee, Ms. Heath, Mulgrew, Dr. Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Singh, Southerd, Mrs. Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

- 1 Apologies.
- 2 To receive any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda
- 3 To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader and Head of Paid Service.
- 4 To receive any questions by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No.10.
- 5 To receive any questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.
- 6 To consider any notices of motion in order of which they have been received.

- 7 SEALED DOCUMENTS **4 - 4**

- 8 ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20 **5 - 16**

- 9 To receive and consider the Open Minutes of the following Committees:

Planning Committee 30th June 2020 **17 - 23**

- 10 To review the compositions of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels for the remainder of the municipal year.
- 11 To review the compositions of Substitute Panels.

12 To review representation on Outside Bodies.

13 To review Member Champions.

Exclusion of the Public and Press:

14 The Chairman may therefore move:-

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 paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

15 To receive any Exempt questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.

16 To receive and consider the Exempt Minutes of the following Committees:

Planning Committee 30th June 2020

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 7
DATE OF MEETING:	17th SEPTEMBER 2020	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES 01283 595848 / 595722	DOC:U:\JAYNE\Commtee\COMM REP\Sealed Docs report 17 Sept 20.docx
SUBJECT:	SEALED DOCUMENTS	REF: JAYNE BEECH
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	VARIOUS	TERMS OF REFERENCE: N/A

1.0 Purpose of Report/Detail/Recommendation

1.1 To authorise the Sealed Documents listed below, which have no specific authority:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Seal</u>	<u>Nature of Document</u>
12.09.19	12369	Transfer – 12 Meadow View Road, Newhall
01.10.19	12384	Transfer – 25 Castle Hill, Findern
02.12.19	12433	Transfer – 79 Trent Avenue, Willington
09.12.19	12445	Transfer – 6 Field Avenue, Hatton
13.12.19	12461	Transfer – 13 Belvoir Crescent, Newhall
07.02.20	12492	Transfer – 15 Meadow Close, Repton
14.02.20	12494	Transfer – 3 Coton Croft, Linton
18.06.20	12542	Transfer – 59 Repton Road, Hartshorne

2.0 Financial Implications

2.1 None.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 None.

4.0 Community Implications

4.1 None.

5.0 Background Papers

5.1 Seal Register

REPORT TO:	FULL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 8
DATE OF MEETING:	17th SEPTEMBER 2020	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	LEADERSHIP TEAM	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	KEVIN STACKHOUSE (01283 595811) Kevin.stackhouse@southderbyshire.gov.uk	DOC:
SUBJECT:	ANNUAL REPORT 2019-20	
WARD (S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Elected Members approve, for publication, the Annual Report for 2019/20. This is attached in Appendix A.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform Council of the Annual Report; this summarises how the Council works, what has been achieved during the financial year and our financial performance.
- 2.2 The Annual Report has been written and designed to appeal to the public, the Council's partners and to businesses in the District. It demonstrates how the Council delivered against its key objectives in 2019/20.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Annual Report presents information for residents and key stakeholders. Each year, revisions to the format and layout are proposed to ensure the report is unique and remains fit for purpose. The style for the previous three years had largely been maintained to reflect continuity of work against the Corporate Plan 2016 – 2021. This year, because the Council adopted a new Corporate Plan in November 2019 the design has been revised to ensure it reflects that of the Corporate Plan 2020-2024.
- 3.2 As the year drew to a close, Covid-19 had just started to impact on the Council, but significant achievements had been delivered throughout the rest of the year and this report concentrates on those.
- 3.3 The Annual Report 2019/20 captures the work done by the Council as well as achievements in partnership with other organisations. Throughout the document it can be seen that:
- The themes of the Corporate Plan 2019-2020 guide and capture all the work that the Council does. This is underlined by including sections for each of the key themes, Our Environment, Our People, Our Future.

- There continues to be a high level of achievement as a result of the Council's ongoing commitment to partnership working with new partnerships created during the year including one with Nottingham City Council to review the carbon footprint of South Derbyshire District Council homes.

- The Council is responsive to the needs and expectations of local communities. This is demonstrated by consultations carried out which included an eight-week Parish Survey in which Parish Councils were asked what facilities were in their Parish, and consultation for a new Public Spaces Protection Order on Lowes Lane, Swarkestone to deal with fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour.

- The Council's work is enabling South Derbyshire to keep pace with its status as being one of the fastest growing Districts in the country. This included delivering new Council housing - six two-bedroom semi-detached properties were built in Overseal and the Council took handover of seven new homes in Aston-on-Trent.

219 affordable homes as the result of working closely with partners.

- South Derbyshire is 'a great place to invest'; scores of people attended a business breakfast at Toyota (UK)'s plant which invited visitors to find out **how to recruit** and retain staff. Speakers included the Council's Health Partnership Manager who spoke about the importance of staff well-being and a business advice marketplace was set up.

3.4 It is important for the Council to continue to inform the community, businesses and partners of the work that has been completed, as well as its plans for the future. The Annual Report provides another vehicle to explain and receive feedback on the Council's vision of 'making South Derbyshire a great place to live, visit and invest'.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The Annual Report has been produced in-house by the Communications team. The cost has been met from the current budget.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 This Annual Report is built around the themes of the Corporate Plan 2020-2024 – Our Environment, Our People, our Future. It includes a summary of the Council's draft financial performance for 2019/20.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 This report enables a better understanding of what the Council delivers, what has been achieved, what the Council provides in partnership and how it spends its money. This promotes the work of the Council and enhances its reputation.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The Annual Report is built on the strong outcomes that have been achieved during 2019/20. All services have contributed to this Annual Report through their actions in delivering customer-focused services for the community.

7.2 The draft Annual Report is available for viewing at Appendix A.



Annual Report

2019/20



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Introduction to our Annual Report

The Council is delighted to have played a significant role in the delivery of services and actions that have seen the District continue to thrive over the past year.

It is important in looking back that we remember the very many positive achievements that were delivered during 2019/20, before the end of the financial year when the entire world was forced to make dramatic changes to its daily life.

The year saw important updates for the Council, not least of which was the adoption of a new Corporate Plan, the document in which we set out our aims for the next four years and which is broken down into themes - **Our Environment, Our People, Our Future.**



For the period 2020 – 2024, we have set out three key aims. The first of these is **“Keeping a clean, green District for future generations”**; the second **“Working with communities and meeting the future needs of the District”** and the third **“Growing our District and our skills base”**.

Work to deliver some of these aims was already underway, while for others it started in 2019/20.

One of the most significant of these was that we declared a Climate Emergency in June 2019. This has brought sharply into focus that we all need to make the change to a low carbon future to secure the benefits we've enjoyed in the past.

We adopted a Climate and Environment Strategy and actions large and small have started to follow. We have committed to striving to make South Derbyshire District Council carbon neutral by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before the Government target of 2050.

We worked hard to promote Environment Week 2019, an electric car charging point has been installed in one of our car parks in Swadlincote and planting wildflowers on the verges of several areas around the District has taken place.

We have continued to listen to and engage with our residents and businesses on this and all other aspects of our service delivery, not just at the regular Area Forum meetings but through consultation exercises and surveys, as well as on a daily basis via our increasingly popular social media platforms.

The Council is enormously proud of its many achievements in 2019/20, examples of which are provided on the pages that follow.

For many years, the District has been the fastest growing in Derbyshire and is, in fact, still one of the fastest growing areas in England.

This reflects the fact that it offers a high quality of life and is a place people want to live and work. Despite recent events, we are confident this will continue to be the case.



Frank McArdle
Chief Executive



Cllr Martyn Ford
Leader

The Council's Corporate Plan 2020-2024

The Corporate Plan 2020-2024 sets out our values and vision for South Derbyshire and defines our priorities for delivering services.



It was adopted by Councillors in October 2019 and a new vision and values were also agreed.

We have identified our three key priorities as: Our Environment, Our People, Our Future. Our plan seeks to ensure that our District remains a great place to live, visit and invest.

This Annual Report demonstrates how work and activities under the Our Environment, Our People, Our Future themes contributed to that in 2019/20.

The Council's Vision

“ Our Vision is: To make South Derbyshire a great place to live, visit and invest. ”

The Council's Values

Together we will -

Take pride in our place

We will promote responsible behaviour and are committed to creating a more sustainable, cleaner, greener district.

Have respect for everyone

We will listen, be honest, open and act with integrity at all times.

Achieve excellence in all we do

We will take pride in our District, working in modern, fit for purpose ways and always striving for continuous improvement.



What the Council does ...

Manages and maintains more than **3,000** Council homes and offers a homelessness prevention service to **those in need**.

Deals with planning applications, building regulations, tree preservation orders, listed buildings and heritage.

Manages the **Electoral Register** and organises elections.

Carries out **street cleaning, pest control** and work to prevent pollution.

Collects Council Tax and Business Rates, **pay** Housing Benefits.

Collects household waste and works to encourage recycling.

Promotes and develops economic growth, tourism, sport and leisure.

Employs Safer Neighbourhood Wardens to make communities cleaner and safer.

Deals with **licensing applications** and complaints including for taxis and alcohol.

Manages and maintains **parks and open spaces**.

Supports voluntary groups, cultural activities and crime prevention work.

Works with partners on a wide variety of **community projects**.

Works to ensure that the **food and drink** served in South Derbyshire's restaurants, cafes and pubs are safe to consume.

Provides a **24-hour, 365-days-a-year** emergency Careline service.

Our Environment

Keeping a clean, green District for future generations

Our first Climate and Environment Strategy was approved in January 2020 and our Travel Plan was adopted in late 2019, setting targets to reduce our fuel and travel.



In June 2019, South Derbyshire District Council declared a **Climate Emergency**. The Declaration means the Council will strive to make the District Council carbon neutral by 2030 and work with partners to make the District as a whole Carbon Neutral before the Government's target of 2050.

A new **electric vehicle charging point** at Swadlincote Bus Station car park on Civic Way supplied by the Council was installed. The Council successfully bid for the facility from a Government fund to help promote the uptake of electric vehicles.

South Derbyshire residents, schools, community groups and organisations were invited to apply for trees from the **Free Tree scheme**. More than 1,000 were handed out to help the District bloom and blossom in the heart of The National Forest.

The Council completed a consultation for a new Public Spaces Protection Order on Lowes Lane, Swarkestone to deal with **fly-tipping** and anti-social behaviour. The Order was approved in early 2020 and as a result a section of Lowes Lane has now been closed for access to unauthorised vehicles.

A **Biodiversity Working Group** was set up to create biodiversity opportunities. One of the first elements of its "Action Plan for Nature" for the District was running a wildflower planting pilot scheme on four large highway verges and on some Council owned land.

Church Gresley's Maurice Lea Memorial Park and Swadlincote's Eureka Park were awarded coveted **Green Flag Award** status for 2019/20. The scheme recognises and rewards well-managed parks and green spaces.

A new operator took over **Swadlincote market** and organised a fun day with fun and entertainment to mark the occasion.

46 per cent of waste collected by the Council was recycled or **composted**.

A week of activities was organised around **World Environment Day** including a Sustainable Travel day on the Delph in Swadlincote which gave people a chance to see bicycles and electric bicycles as well as electric vehicles.

New Council homes built in Overseal and handed over in 2019/20 have been constructed to high environmental standards to ensure they are **energy-efficient**, helping to keep tenants' energy bills down as well as creating a minimal carbon footprint.

Businesses and residents of Swadlincote were invited to grab a pair of gloves, don a hi-vis, pick up a picker and take part in a **World Clean-up Day** litter pick organised by The Town Team with the support of the Council.



The Council retained accreditation to International **Environmental Management System** (EMS) ISO 14001 which demonstrates that it has identified and assessed all the areas of its work which can have an impact on the environment and put in measures to address them.

The Environmental Education team at Rosliston Forestry Centre celebrated its 25th birthday and introduced Climate Change activities for all ages as part of a project commissioned by the Woodland Trust.

The Council reassured residents that all materials collected through its **recycling scheme**, apart from textiles, which go to the Salvation Army, are processed into new products here in the UK. None are exported. Plastics are turned into flakes and made into new bottles.



Our People

Working with communities and meeting the future needs of the District



A new multi-agency group to provide a joined-up approach to young people involved in **anti-social behaviour** (ASB) or crime was set up by the Council's ASB Officer. It involves schools, Police, Social Care, Derbyshire County Council Early Help Team and the Youth Offending Team.

Results of the **Survey of Tenants and Residents** (STAR) survey were published. They showed 89 per cent of the Council's tenants are satisfied with services provided, 87 per cent are satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live and 87 per cent are satisfied with the value for money their rent provides.

During the year, the Council set up a service level agreement with SignLive, which provides online **video interpreting services** to give deaf customers full accessibility.

Over 250 people attended **Liberation Day** and could find out about everything from national campaign Strictly No Falling to local initiatives including learning a new skill and accessing a social driving scheme.

The Council became a member of the Hidden Disabilities **Sunflower Lanyard Scheme** to help staff recognise customers with a hidden disability and become confident to provide them with additional help or assistance.

Nominations were invited for a new set of awards designed to highlight unsung community and **sporting heroes** from across South Derbyshire. The South Derbyshire Awards are the result of combining the Active South Derbyshire Awards and the South Derbyshire Community Awards.

A new sculpture created to help promote cycling as a **healthy family activity** and to mark a range of cycling-related initiatives in South Derbyshire was launched at Green Bank Leisure Centre in Swadlincote.

South Derbyshire's fifth annual **Homeless Conference** took place, with over 40 delegates from different organisations attending. As well as sharing best practise, the event saw consultation with partner agencies about the Council's Homelessness and Rough Sleeper strategy.

Four new temporary **Better Care Fund** posts were created including an Occupational Therapist and a SAIL (Staying Active and Independent for Longer) Coordinator who helps elderly residents at risk of isolation and promote independent living through a scheme of physical activities.



The South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership took "**Prison Me No Way**" sessions into the District's four secondary schools. These cover a variety of topics including knife crime, County Lines and ASB.

Work was done by the Council in 2019/20 to increase awareness of **Disabled Facilities Grants** (DFGs). Website content was revised, a publicity leaflet was produced, and a briefing note was sent to partnership meetings.

The Welfare Reform Group created by the Council to manage the rollout of Universal Credit has gone from strength to strength and now has 28 organisations as members. Actions in 2019/20 included running a **drop-in advice** and support session event in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions and the housing charity Trident Reach.



Our Future

Growing our District and our skills base



South Derbyshire District Council is one of the few councils to be building and acquiring **new Council housing** and delivered more new homes in 2019/20. Six two-bedroom semi-detached properties were built in Overseal and the Council took handover of seven new homes in Aston-on-Trent.

The Council granted planning permission for the remaining section of the **Woodville Regeneration Route**. The regeneration area will provide much-needed commercial space and 300 new homes, creating 3,100 jobs (plus construction jobs).

Through its membership of the East Midlands Enterprise Gateway Access to Work Group, the Council helped influence Midland Classic to revise a bus service linking Burton on Trent through South Derbyshire with East Midlands

Airport **improving access** to the huge numbers of jobs available from companies at the Airport and other locations along the route.

Having provided evidence of successes in encouraging young people to embrace STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths), the Council's Environmental Education Project was selected to receive one of only eight trees in the world grown from the pips from Isaac Newton's apple tree and which were blasted into space with British Astronaut Tim Peake.

The Council's independent South Derbyshire **Business Advice** Service offered advice and support to scores of existing businesses and those looking into establishing a business of their own.

The very latest card reader payment machines were installed at the Civic Offices in Swadlincote by the Council, making paying quick, easy and safe and bringing the Council in line with new regulations covering **updated security standards**.

In November 2019, the Council welcomed news that Derbyshire County Council was raising funds for a **new crossing** over the River Trent to replace Swarkestone Bridge, the regularly gridlocked causeway, to help boost the local economy and tourism in the District.

Young people attending this year's South Derbyshire Skills and Careers Event had a chance to try hands-on job-related skills across a huge range of careers. The event also gave them a chance to find out about **job opportunities** in the area and to meet local employers.

A **new community centre** at Stenson Fields was opened. The centre has two rooms available for hire, and is an ideal venue for holding exercise classes, meetings, exhibitions, fairs, seminars, training and private gatherings.

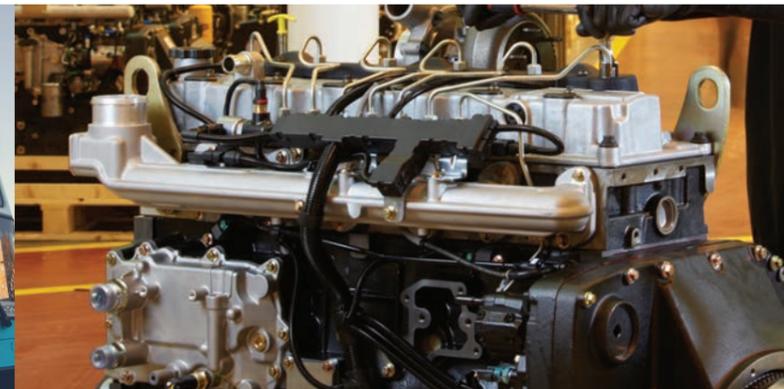
South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership (CSP) launched its Partnership **Plan for 2020-2023**. This Plan highlights the priorities that have been identified as most important to focus on over the next three years - Anti-Social Behaviour, Protecting those Most at Risk and Organised Crime.



Business enthusiasts seeking a new challenge attended a Thinking of Starting a Business event in Hilton which focused on topics such as legal structures, tax, insurance, finding premises, marketing, skills to **support a new venture** and finance, including grants and loans to get started.

A free work club where residents can get friendly help and advice in all areas of **job hunting** became available on a drop-in basis at the Old Post Centre, Newhall and Oakland Village, Swadlincote.

A business breakfast at Toyota (UK)'s plant in South Derbyshire invited visitors to find out **how to recruit** and retain staff. Speakers included the Council's Health Partnership Manager who spoke about the importance of staff well-being and a business advice marketplace was set up.



Community engagement and consultation

The Council is keen to ensure that residents' views are taken into account when it makes decisions, and so provides various ways for people to make their views known.

During 2019/20 different consultations were carried out, to inform decision-making. Area Forums which take place in six areas four times a year also give people a chance to make their views known.

The Council's Facebook and Twitter accounts and its website are main ways in which residents now contact the Council and share their views on its work. By the end of 2019/20 the total number of Facebook fans was 22,440, Twitter followers numbered 11,448, and almost 300 queries had come in via social media.



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Midway



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Repton



Seales



Stenson



Swadlincote



Willington & Findern



Woodville



Among the consultations that took place in 2019/20 were:



A ten-week 'Call for Sites' consultation inviting people to put forward potential sites for development started.



A six-week consultation on our Local Green Spaces Plan Modifications started.



Consultation was carried out for a new Public Spaces Protection Order on Lowes Lane, Swarkestone to deal with fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour.



The Community Safety Partnership ran a consultation event with all the statutory partners and representatives from the Voluntary and Community Sector to determine the priorities for the new Partnership Plan.



An eight-week consultation on the methodology for our Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) started.



An eight-week Parish Survey was carried out with Parish Councils asking what facilities were in their Parish started.

Open door approach

Tenants praised the approach taken by the Council in getting their views on new fire doors for sheltered accommodation schemes.

During September 2019, the Council's Housing Team and staff from the contractor organised get-togethers for all residents to get involved.

A coffee morning was organised at Pear Tree Court in Etwall to which residents were invited and given a chance to choose which doors they liked best and to ask questions.

At Coniston Court in Swadlincote a "pop-up" information session was set up in the car park; residents here had already had their own doors replaced in recent years, the ones to be changed under the 2019/20 programme were communal area and cupboard doors.

The Council and its contractor still thought it important to visit the scheme to let tenants know what would be happening.

No-one was left out – in the case of residents who are bedbound, the team arranged appointments to visit them and discuss the works being done.

During visits to tenants to explain why the Council is carrying out these fire safety improvements, those involved also explained the steps tenants can take themselves to stay safe within their homes.



Working in Partnership

Partnership working with other organisations allows the Council to achieve much more than it could on its own.



The Council works to strengthen existing partnerships, and to become part of new ones that will benefit the District and its residents.

New partnerships entered into during 2019/20 include Primary Authority Partnerships with three businesses – Berkeley Inns, Chilled Pubs and Olio.

A Primary Authority Partnership allows a business to form a legal partnership with a local authority in which the authority provides the business with assured, consistent regulatory advice to make it simpler and easier to comply with environmental health legislation.

Another new partnership saw the Council working with Nottingham City Council to review the carbon footprint of South Derbyshire District Council homes.

Other key partners the Council worked during the year include:

Active Nation

Active Nation manages the Green Bank Leisure Centre in Swadlincote and Etwall Leisure Centre in partnership with the Council.



Citizens Advice



South Derbyshire District Council helps to fund Citizens Advice so that it can continue providing vital support and advice on issues such as employment and debt.

Derbyshire County Council / Parish Councils

South Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire County Council and Parish Councils work in conjunction on a vast array of projects designed to benefit local people.



DHOG - Derbyshire Homeless Officers

The Council is a member of this group which was successful in obtaining funding for rough sleeping/homelessness and as the year ended dealing with COVID homelessness issues together.



D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership

South Derbyshire District Council sit on the D2N2 Places and People and Skills Boards, which are made up of respected leaders from the area's businesses, skills and training providers, community and voluntary services organisations, and other local authorities to support a more prosperous and increasingly resilient and competitive economy.



Homefinder Partnership

South Derbyshire Homefinder is a partnership between the Council and various housing associations in the District which works to help people find an affordable home. During the year it reviewed its role and scope.



Law:Public



When required, Law: Public offers the Council's legal team additional expertise across its broad range of legal services.

South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership



This statutory partnership which changed its name during the year brings together agencies to reduce and prevent incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in the District.

South Derbyshire CVS

South Derbyshire CVS chairs the Strategic Volunteering Partnership, which is assisted by the District Council, to support all forms of volunteering in South Derbyshire.



South Derbyshire Skills & Employment Group



South Derbyshire District Council coordinates a partnership of educational institutions (schools, colleges and universities), businesses, providers, Derbyshire County Council and D2N2 to develop and implement solutions to bridging the skills gaps, address social mobility and open up opportunities that will enable individuals to achieve their potential, and raise aspirations across South Derbyshire.

Active South Derbyshire

Active South Derbyshire is the collaborative approach by a wide range of partners who support and work together to improve opportunities within physical activity, health, sport and recreational opportunities and facilities across the District.



Forestry England

South Derbyshire District Council jointly owns Rosliston Forestry Centre in partnership with Forestry England.



The National Forest Company

The National Forest Company is a co-sponsor with Rolls-Royce of the Environmental Education Project, which works to develop knowledge, respect and understanding of the environment. It also supports events and walking schemes.



South Derbyshire Active Schools Partnership

The partnership is managed by the Council's Active Communities and Health team. It has had great success with activities for young people including competitions and festivals, school games, leadership and volunteering and Bikeability.



The South Derbyshire Partnership



This partnership of the public, private and voluntary sectors promotes South Derbyshire through three groups which focus on community safety, sustainable development, health and wellbeing, and stronger communities.

Other partnerships the Council works in conjunction with include:

- Active Derbyshire
- People Express
- Public Health England
- Central Midlands Audit Partnership
- Local Energy Area Partnership
- Home Improvement Agency
- Derbyshire Traveller Issues Working Group
- Sport England
- The Football Foundation
- Sharpe's Pottery Heritage & Arts Trust Limited



Summary of accounts



The Council's income

The Council's total income for 2019/20 was £53.6m, an increase compared to 2018/19 when income totalled £52.6m.

This came from grants, housing rents, Business Rates and Council Tax, together with fees and charges.

£17.9m	Government grants
£0.4m	Other grants
£10.9m	Fees and charges
£0.5m	Interest
£11.8m	Housing rents
£12.1m	Local taxation
£53.6m	Total



The Council's expenditure

The Council's revenue account shows the cost of running our services. In 2019/20, the Council spent £47.8m on delivering services. This was more than the £46.6m spent in 2018/19 and reflects the continued growth of the District.

£14.1m	Housing Benefits
£10.9m	Housing Related Services
£7.5m	Support Services
£5.1m	Environmental & Regulatory Services
£4.4m	Cultural & Community Services
£3.9m	Planning & Development
£0.9m	Highways & Transport
£1.0m	Corporate & Democratic Core
£5.8m	Surplus

What the Council spent on land and property

The Council's capital account sets out the money spent on buying and improving land and property so the Council can offer first-class public facilities. In 2019/20, the Council spent £4.7 million on land and property assets. The Council financed this through a mixture of grants and contributions, together with investing its own capital receipts and reserves.

£0.8m	Property & Other Assets
£1.4m	Council House Improvements
£1.9m	Council House New Build
£0.4m	Private Sector Housing Renewal
£0.2m	Culture & Community Schemes
£0m	Environmental & Development Schemes
£4.7m	Expenditure

At the end of the financial year the Council draws up a balance sheet that shows how much land and buildings are worth, what the Council owes others, what others owe the Council, and how much cash the Council has.

Our net worth, as at March 31, was valued at £113.4m, a significant increase from £86.1m in 2018/19. This was due to an increase in the value of Council houses, together with the addition of land and property being held for future investment in services.



The Council's balance sheet: 31 March 2020

REVENUE RESERVES & BALANCES		NET ASSETS	
£20.9m	General balances	£159.2m	Value of land & property
£60.3m	Unusable reserves	£53.6m	Liquid assets
£15.9m	Capital reserves	-£99.4m	Less money owed by us
£16.3m	Earmarked reserves		
£113.4m Net worth		£113.4m total	

Statement from the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)

The Accounts show that the Council once again achieved a budget surplus in 2019/20, mainly due to additional income from Business Rates and Council Tax. This reflects the on-going increase in new homes and business development in the District.

A proportion of this money has been saved and set-aside to pay for an anticipated increase in the services that the Council provides as the local population continues to grow. This includes money for bin collections, Parks and Open Spaces, and Housing, together with money for new capital projects.

The Council's level of Reserves continues to be healthy, with money set aside to spend on services and to act as a contingency should the financial position change. The Council's longer-term financial plan does forecast that some budget savings may be required in the future, and as the

financial year 2019/20 drew to a close, the impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on the Council's finances were not known.

This has since started to have an impact and is being kept under review, with extra Government funding in 2020/21 likely to soften the impact. However, the longer-term position is uncertain as the Government intends to review how local councils are funded in the future.

In the meantime, the Council remains in a relatively strong financial position with opportunities to invest in services whilst maintaining a prudent position.

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

30th June 2020

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs. Brown (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Bridgen (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Angliss, Brady, Ford, Muller, Watson and Mrs. Wheelton

Labour Group

Councillors Dr Pearson, Richards (substituting for Councillor Gee) Shepherd, Southerd and Tilley

PL/01 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Gee (Conservative Group)

PL/02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It was noted that Councillor Ford declared that Items PL/05 and PL/08 to be of personal interest by virtue of being a County Councillor and would leave the Chamber prior to the Item PL/08 being discussed.

PL/03 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

PL/04 **REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR (SERVICE DELIVERY)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) submitted reports for consideration and determination by the Committee and presented oral reports to the Meeting to update them as necessary. Consideration was then given thereto and decisions were reached as indicated.

PL/05

OUTLINE APPLICATION WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED, EXCEPT FOR PART ACCESS INTO THE SITE FROM MOIRA ROAD, FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 300 DWELLINGS, A LOCAL CENTRE COMPRISING A 1,600SQM FOOD STORE (CLASS A1 USE), 700SQM RESTAURANT/FAST FOOD (CLASS A3 USE) AND 550SQM PUB (CLASS A4 USE), TOGETHER WITH EMPLOYMENT LAND CONSISTING OF 2,000SQM CLASS B1(B) RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT AND/OR B1(C) LIGHT INDUSTRIAL USES, 4,000SQM CLASS B2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL USES AND 8,000SQM CLASS B8 STORAGE AND DISTRIBUTION USES, TOGETHER WITH ACCESS FROM THE WOODVILLE REGENERATION ROUTE (TO BE DELIVERED BY OTHERS), AND PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING AND ASSOCIATED DRAINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE ON LAND NORTH OF OCCUPATION LANE (WOODVILLE REGENERATION AREA), WOODVILLE, SWADLINCOTE

It was reported that Members of the Committee had attend a virtual site visit earlier in the day.

The Planning Delivery Team Leader outlined the application in detail and requested that the Committee considered amendments to condition 12 to include SuDS CIRIA standards.

An Objector attended the Meeting to address the Committee but joined the meeting after the Committee had reached a resolution.

The Applicant's Agent attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Members raised queries regarding the ponds and SuDs, the lack of affordable housing and asked for clarity regarding the percentage profit. Concern was also raised in respect of additional traffic accessing Moira Road and the Tollgate Island. The Committee was informed that the existing pond would remain in place and finer details would be dealt with a later stage within reserved matters, whilst the proposal would assist in the delivery of the Regeneration Route which would assist in alleviating traffic problems in the area. The Planning Delivery Team Leader added that whilst Homes England funding could not be subject to a planning condition, Homes England had indicated that this site would qualify for funding but planning permission must be granted before funding would be considered. The Planning Delivery Team Leader also confirmed that the profit was modelled at 17.5% as per the national guidance.

Councillor Richards asked if a Community Levy would be placed on these properties. The Planning Delivery Team Leader explained that an obligation will be in place to ensure that any Service Charge in relation to the upkeep of open space and SuDs would be a reasonable one and any increases should be in line with inflation.

Councillor Mrs. Wheelton, raised concern about the impact on wildlife and asked if the Committee could be updated about the Homes England funding. The Planning Delivery Team Leader informed Members that an update could be brought to this Committee and Members were assured that the Wildlife Trust

had informed the application content regarding Biodiversity and that this would be covered through reserved matters and that conditions will be sufficient to ensure the biodiversity gain on this site.

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be granted as recommended in the report of the Strategic Director (Service Delivery), including amendment to condition 12.

PL/06

APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS FOR LAYOUT, SCALE, APPEARANCE AND LANDSCAPING OF OUTLINE PERMISSION REF. 9/2015/0218 (FOR THE ERECTION OF 8 NO. DWELLINGS AND ASSOCIATED WORKS) ON LAND AT SK3826 7702 (OFF SMITH AVENUE), MAIN STREET, KINGS NEWTON, DERBY

It was reported that Members of the Committee had attend a virtual site earlier in the day.

The Planning Delivery Team Leader addressed the Committee outlining the application and pointed out a minor correction to Condition1 which was a plan number error. The Committee was informed that two late representations had been received following the publication of the report. The Planning Delivery Team Leader summarised the project explaining that the site bordered the conservation area and access had been considered in detail. The Committee was then asked to consider landscaping, layout, scale and appearance as well as to take note of the purpose of each turning head and refuse collection point. It was further noted that the proposed new footpath included permissive routes already being walked.

An Objector and the Applicant's Planning Consultant attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

The Planning Delivery Team Leader addressed some issues raised by the speakers and highlighted that the Conservation Officer had scrutinised the application and that the application was policy compliant.

Members raised concerns about the narrow lane to north of the site and the lack of openness from the end of the lane as well as the visibility of the garden wall at plot 8. Clarity was also requested regarding the number of properties that the refuse collection point would service.

The Planning Delivery Team Leader informed the Committee that brick walls are used as they are considered to be long lasting and unlikely to be moved or changed in the future and unfortunately feeling of openness will be limited due to the width of site.

Concerns were raised regarding the use and appearance of the bollards on the site and it was therefore suggested that a Condition be added about the

materials and appearance of the bollards to be worded “*that notwithstanding the plans hereby approved, a revised scheme for provision of bollards shall be submitted to be approved in writing by the Local Authority*”, which would then enable officers to seek the view of the County Highways Authority to ensure that the width for pedestrians is appropriate and to consider the bollards’ appearance.

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be granted as recommended in the report of the Strategic Director (Service Delivery), including amended condition 1 and the additional condition regarding style and position of bollards.

PL/07

EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT COMPRISING THE ERECTION OF BUILDINGS TO PROVIDE USES WITHIN B1 AND B2 OF THE USE CLASSES ORDER AND OTHER ASSOCIATED ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT INCLUDING EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS (TO UNIT D), DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STRUCTURES AND THE RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING EXTERNAL HARD STANDINGS AND PARKING AREAS ON LAND OFF SINFIN LANE, BARROW UPON TRENT, DERBY

The Planning Delivery Team Leader highlighted an amendment to condition 14, regarding the Biodiversity Offsetting Scheme. Members were informed that this was an application for industrial economic development which presented a strong business case supported with evidence gleaned from the South Derbyshire Economic Development Strategy and that the proposal would provide job opportunities currently lacking in the area. The Planning Delivery Team Leader added that there were no highway concerns, landscape, biodiversity, amenity or drainage issues that could not be appropriately mitigated through conditions.

An Objector attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Following concerns raised by the speaker the Planning Delivery Team Leader informed Members that flooding risks will be mitigated through the proposed drainage / storage crate system which controls the outflow from the site into the ditch and has the potential to improve the current situation which is unregulated. The Planning Delivery Team Leader added that the loss of a private view is not a material planning consideration and it was the opinion of Environmental Health that the proposed development is placed far enough away from residential properties that there would not be any demonstrable impact.

Cllr Shepherd asked for clarity regarding the pedestrian refuge improvement, cycle facilities and concern regarding the position of the weight restriction signage on Deep Dale Lane. The Planning Delivery Team Leader informed the Committee that the footpath and pedestrian refuge would be widened and included provision for cyclists and the Highway Authority were responsible for the position of Weight Restriction signage.

Cllr Wheelton asked that we could make sure that the high quality lowland meadow habitat will happen and raised concerns regarding the protection of pond life. The Planning Delivery Team Leader informed the Committee that there will be a detailed management plan for a 15 year period in relation to the site and there is a detailed scheme for dewatering and as part of the proposals there will be toad habitat proposed on the site as it is known that toads are in the vicinity. There is also a Method Statement for removing fish and other pond life that the applicants must adhere to.

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be granted as recommended in the report of the Strategic Director (Service Delivery), including amendment to condition 14 and condition 17 to include a watching brief in relation to the pond drainage.

Councillor Ford left the Committee Meeting

PL/08 **THE VARIATION OF CONDITION 1 AND REMOVAL OF CONDITION NO. 4 OF PERMISSION REF. 9/2018/0959 (RELATING TO THE ERECTION OF A SUN CANOPY) AT 11 THE GREEN, WILLINGTON, DERBY**

It was reported that Members of the Committee has attend a virtual site earlier in the day.

The Planning Delivery Team Leader outlined the variation to Condition 1 to include the re-installation of the hedgerow along the boundary to the canal and sought authority to add a condition to allow the retention of low powered decorative lighting and the restriction of any additional lighting in the future.

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be granted as recommended in the report of the Strategic Director (Service Delivery), including amendment to add a condition relating to lighting.

Councillor Ford re-joined the Committee Meeting

PL/09 **THE RETENTION OF A SEPTIC TANK AND FORMATION OF A VEHICULAR ACCESS TO SERVE TIDDLY FROG BARN, UNNAMED ROAD FROM TWYFORD ROAD TO BUCKFORD LANE, STENSON, DERBY, DE73 7GB**

It was reported that Members of the Committee has attend a virtual site earlier in the day.

The Planning Delivery Team Leader presented this application informing Members that part of track had already installed under temporary Permitted Development Rights and the application seeks retention of that part and for the track it be extended up to Buckford Lane. The applicant is willing to plant trees between the existing and proposed tracks. The Highway Authority has no safety concerns and supports the additional access.

A Supporter on behalf of the Applicant attended the Meeting to address the Committee but lost internet connection and therefore the Planning Delivery Team Lead read out the speaker’s statement.

Members supported this application and agreed that the tree planting would be of benefit

Councillor Brown suspended standard items

RESOLVED:

Contrary to the recommendation in the report of the Strategic Director (Service Delivery), planning permission was granted subject to conditions in relation to approved plans and planting and species of trees.

PL/10 **PLANNING AND OTHER APPEALS**

The Committee noted the planning appeal decisions in relation to the following applications/enforcement cases:

9/2018/0911	Dish Lane, Sutton on the Hill	Hilton	Dismissed	Delegated
9/2019/0583	The Castle Way, Willington	Willington & Findern	Allowed	Committee
9/2019/0651	St. Brides, Stanton by Bridge	Melbourne	Allowed (costs refused)	Delegated
E/2018/00110	Acresford Road, Netherseal	Seales	Upheld with variation to Notice	Delegated

PL/11 **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 519: LAND NORTH OF SNELSMOOR LANE, BOULTON MOOR, DERBY**

The Planning Delivery Team Leader addressed the Committee explaining that due to Covid-19 this had been carried out under the powers of the Chief Executive and asked the Committee for its endorsement.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee endorsed the use of emergency powers in confirming this Tree Preservation Order subject to the modifications as set out in the report

PL/12 **TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 526: PRIMAVERA, TRENT LANE, NEWTON SOLNEY**

The Planning Delivery Team Leader addressed the Committee regarding this Tree Preservation Order.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee confirmed that the Tree Preservation Order be subject to the modifications set out in the report.

PL13 **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 was 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 BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE No 11.

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

The meeting terminated at 7.45 pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS L BROWN

CHAIRMAN

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PLANNING COMMITTEE

30th June 2020

PL/14 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE No 11**

The Committee was informed no questions had been received.

PL/15 **LAND AT SK2913 7405, ACRESFORD ROAD, NETHERSEAL, SWADLINCOTE, DERBYSHIRE**

The Planning Delivery Team Leader informed Members that the Enforcement Notice had been served on the 8th April 2020 and explained that it would run concurrently with any appeals

Councillor Wheelton thanked the Enforcement Officers who delivered the notice under very difficult circumstances during Covid-19.

RESOLVED:-

That Members endorsed the decision to serve an Enforcement Notice in accordance with Section 172 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) allowing a twelve-month compliance period due to the finely balanced implications.

The meeting terminated at 7.45pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS. L BROWN

CHAIRMAN