

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

28<sup>th</sup> February 2019

### **PRESENT:-**

#### **Conservative Group**

Councillor MacPherson (Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Brown, Mrs Coe, Harrison (substituting for Councillor Roberts), Mrs Patten, Pegg and Watson

#### **Labour Group**

Councillors Dunn, Rhind (substituting for Councillor Tilley), Shepherd (substituting for Councillor Chahal), and Taylor

#### EDS/93 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Roberts (Vice-Chairman), Councillors Chahal, Tilley and Wilkins (Labour Group) and Councillor Coe (Independent/Non-Grouped).

#### EDS/94 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### EDS/95 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

#### EDS/96 **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/97 **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/98 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

### **MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

EDS/99 **CORPORATE PLAN 2016-21: PERFORMANCE REPORT**  
**(1 OCTOBER – 31 DEC 2018)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to Committee detailing the targets and achievements within the quarter.

The Chairman queried the inclusion of tree management onto the Risk Register. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) addressed the query, noting the inclusion was to ensure the limited resources were being managed appropriately.

Members raised further queries relating to the delivery of affordable homes in response to the removal from the Risk Register, and the performance of Sinfin Waste Plant. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) and the Planning Services Manager responded to the queries, noting targets were being exceeded in achieving affordable housing and there was now a separate indicator relating to affordable housing. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) provided a brief update on the performance of Sinfin Waste Plant, which was operating well.

**RESOLVED:**

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

EDS/100 **AVIATION 2050 – THE FUTURE OF UK AVIATION – A CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to Committee, noting the response to the Department of Transport was prepared by the Member Working Panel and is highly supportive of continued growth in aviation.

Councillor Harrison welcomed the report and proposed additional wording to paragraph 1 in Annexe A to express disagreement with the Department of Transport's exclusion of airports with noise caps from producing a noise reduction plan, which was accepted by Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 The Committee approved the comments prepared by the cross-party Member Working Panel, included at Annexe A of the report, be submitted as this Council's response to the Department for Transport (DfT) consultation "Aviation 2050 – The Future of UK Aviation," with the addition of the line 'For this reason the Council objects to the exclusion of airports with such a noise cap in place from the proposed general requirement for major airports to produce a noise reduction plan (see point 4(iv))' to paragraph 1.***

EDS/101 **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN 2019**

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Taylor commented on the usefulness of the report in understanding the progress of project delivery, but also highlighting where expectations were not in line with perceptions, particularly where a funding gap existed, which is a significant concern as any project is delayed until the funding gap is alleviated, such as Tollgate Island. Councillor Dunn echoed the comments, noting lack of funding would have an effect on homes/land supply. The Chairman noted the comments.

Members requested representatives from Severn Trent Water were invited to attend a meeting in order for concerns about water supply and sewage issues, which are under pressure from new housing developments, could be raised. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed Committee the meeting request would be reviewed to determine the most appropriate forum for this to take place.

**RESOLVED:**

***1.1 The Committee noted the content of the South Derbyshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan at Annexe A.***

EDS/102 **PLANNING SERVICES REVIEW UPDATE**

The Planning Services Manager presented the report, updating the Committee on the progress of the implementation of the new planning software, the new structure around Section 106 monitoring and outcomes of the organisational restructure. The Planning Services Manager also highlighted officer's reports are now published to provide a full explanation around decision making.

Councillor Mrs Brown, as Chairman of the Planning Committee, commended the report and remarked on the improvements within the Service, which is providing a more interactive, transparent public face.

Councillor Taylor requested Members are made aware of staff in each post to make it easier to gather information. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) noted this could be provided through Members' training.

**RESOLVED:**

***1.1 The Committee endorsed the progress of the Review.***

EDS/103 **OUR WASTE, OUR RESOURCES: A STRATEGY FOR ENGLAND**

The Direct Services Manager presented the report to Committee, highlighting the key points of moving towards 'impact-based targets,' which would encourage the public to reduce waste overall. He also highlighted government proposals for consistency of waste collections to avoid confusion and updated the committee on joint working initiatives in the County.

Members welcomed the report, noting it was an opportunity to reduce waste, particularly looking at food and plastic waste.

**RESOLVED:**

***1.1 The Committee noted and welcomed the Government's headline commitments aimed at reducing waste and its impact on the***

*environment and promoting resource efficiency, including the elimination of avoidable waste of all kinds by 2050.*

**1.2 The Committee endorsed officers continuing to work collaboratively with other Waste Collection Authorities in Derbyshire and the County Council as Waste Disposal Authority to formulate local responses to future Government consultations for future Committee sign-off and to fully consider the implications of the Strategy to inform the development of future waste services in South Derbyshire.**

EDS/104 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED:**

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

EDS/105 **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.***

The meeting terminated at 7.05PM.

COUNCILLOR A MACPHERSON

CHAIRMAN