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SUBJECT:	SOUTH DERBYSHIRE INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS03

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the Committee notes the content of the South Derbyshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan at Appendix A.
- 1.2 That the Committee notes the changes outlined in this report arising from new legislation.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To explain the content of the South Derbyshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan, 2020 and to outline expected changes in reporting on infrastructure in the coming year.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), included at Appendix A, is a key supporting document to South Derbyshire District Council's Local Plan, demonstrating how the Local Plan is robust and deliverable. It sets out the transport, physical, social and green infrastructure required to support the District's future growth up to 2028.
- 3.2 The IDP is a 'living' document which continues to evolve in response to on-going monitoring of infrastructure requirements and dialogue with infrastructure providers. This iteration of the IDP updates information previously published in the 2019 edition.
- 3.3 Notable progress on infrastructure delivery over the past year includes the granting of planning permission for the Woodville – Swadlincote Regeneration Route; new primary schools opening at Hilton and Chellaston; local centres being delivered at the new housing developments at Chellaston and Highfields Farm and; the new bus service between East Midlands Airport and Swadlincote.

- 3.4 The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations were amended on 1 September 2019; these Regulations affect Section 106 obligations and therefore, in turn, infrastructure delivery. The changes to the Regulations include removing the restriction which prevented local authorities using more than five Section 106 obligations to fund a single infrastructure project ('the pooling restriction'), as well as applying indexation where a planning permission is amended and the introduction of Section 106 monitoring fees.
- 3.5 The new Regulations also introduce changes to the reporting and monitoring of Section 106 obligations and in particular now requires charging authorities to publish an annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS). The first IFS must be published by 31 December 2020 and will include a Section 106 report on the receipts, allocations and expenditure of Section 106 for the previous financial year. Planning Practice Guidance recommends that IFSs report on the delivery and provision of infrastructure together with estimated future income, where they are able to do so. The Guidance also states that the IFSs should set out future spending priorities on infrastructure and affordable housing in line with up-to-date or emerging plan policies. The IFS will become an evidence base document for the Local Plan review, replacing the IDP.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications for the Council additional to those already budgeted for directly arising from this report.

5.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

- 5.1 Implementation of the IDP will be carried out within the limitations of existing staff resources.

Legal Implications

- 5.2 The Council will seek to secure funding contributions toward many schemes identified within the IDP by entering into legal agreements with developers.

Corporate Plan Implications

- 5.3 The IDP provides a framework for the provision of infrastructure much of which is of importance in delivering the strategic priorities and objectives contained in the Council's Corporate Plan and related Service Delivery Plans produced by individual directorates.

Risk Impact

- 5.4 Failure to meet infrastructure needs will impact negatively upon the delivery of development, the provision of essential services, the protection of the environment, the attraction of investment and the maintenance and enhancement of quality of life within the District.

6.0 Community Impact

Consultation

- 6.1 None.

Equality and Diversity Impact

- 6.2 The delivery of infrastructure will assist in meeting the diverse needs of all established and future residents and non-residents across the District. Certain elements of proposed infrastructure are intended to address existing gaps and shortfalls in provision and will thus assist in achieving greater equality.

Social Value Impact

- 6.3 Items of infrastructure included in the IDP will assist in securing investment, thus assisting in maintaining and attracting employment. The provision and enhancement of open space, recreation and medical facilities will enhance public health and well-being.

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.4 Items of infrastructure in the IDP will contribute toward the achievement of economic, social and environmental objectives.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The IDP provides a basis for the co-ordination of activity and resources to assist in meeting the infrastructure needs of South Derbyshire over the period to 2028. It is anticipated that this document will be superseded by the IFS over the coming year.

8.0 Background Papers

- 8.1 Appendix 1 - Infrastructure Delivery Plan