

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

10th June 2010

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Bladen (Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Ford, Mrs. Patten, Stanton, Timms, Watson and Wheeler (substitute for Councillor Mrs. Brown).

**Labour Group**

Councillors Mrs. Lane, Rhind, Taylor and Tilley.

**Independent/Non-Grouped Member**

Councillor Pabla.

**In Attendance**

Councillors Jones and Mrs. Plenderleith (Conservative Group) and Councillor Richards (Labour Group).

EDS/1. **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Mrs. Brown (Conservative Group).

EDS/2. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th April 2010, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Ford declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. EDS/5, Minerals Core Strategy: Key Issues and Options, as Chairman of the Derby and Derbyshire Minerals and Waste Joint Development Committee.

EDS/4. **REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - BROADBAND REVIEW**

A report was submitted by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which was a final review of the work completed on Broadband. Members were reminded of the background for this review, and a full update was provided.

It was reported that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee would continue to lobby for better Broadband service in South Derbyshire.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Broadband Review Report be noted, and the recommendations***

***contained therein, (as attached to the Signed Minute Book at SMB1), be approved.***

### **MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

#### **EDS/5. MINERALS CORE STRATEGY: KEY ISSUES AND OPTIONS**

A report was submitted informing Members of, and requesting a response to, a joint consultation from Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council, on the Minerals Core Strategy Key Issues and Options within Derbyshire, which focused specifically on issues that affected South Derbyshire.

It was reported that Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council were jointly preparing the Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Core Strategy. The purpose of this plan was to provide planning guidance, which was related to minerals development up to 2030 within Derbyshire outside of the Peak District National Park. The plan, due to its early stage of preparation did not include any detail on specific site allocations, but sought comments on 20 strategic issues, which were listed within the report. The report focused on 4 issues of interest to communities in South Derbyshire, including determining how much sand and gravel would be needed during the period 2020 to 2030, how best to identify mineral sites in the period from 2020 onwards, given the lack of certainty regarding aggregates targets, how aggregated recycling sites should be planned for, and whether the joint MPA should try to restore mineral sites based on a long term restoration strategy.

#### **RESOLVED:-**

***That the general contents of the 'Minerals Core Strategy Key Issues and Options' be noted, and that a response to the consultation be formulated to include the following:***

- That the joint Minerals Planning Authorities (MPAs) use historic minerals demand as the basis for future sand and gravel requirements as set out in the report.***
- That for the period beyond 2020, an approach for identifying future sand and gravel sites based on areas of search be supported, given the lack of clarity over exact minerals apportionments post 2020, as shown in the report.***
- That Members note the comments about the future sustainability of sand and gravel extraction in the Trent Valley and the potential need to identify alternative locations for sand and gravel extraction towards the end of the Plan period, as set out in the report.***
- That the Council supports the joint MPA's approach of dealing with secondary waste sites, through the Waste Local Development Framework, as shown in the report.***
- That the Council supports the production of a long-term strategy to guide minerals sites restoration within the Trent Valley, but request that for all sites, there is a presumption in favour of dry after uses wherever possible and that any document be prepared in consultation with this Authority, as set out in the report.***

- *That minerals operators identify sources of backfill for minerals operations before permission is granted for sites located close to the River Trent, in order to ensure that dry after uses can be secured, and that where sites are located towards the edge of the floodplains, that dry after uses be secured, even if land is restored to a lower level than before it was worked (but still above the water table).*
- *That there is concern about the identification of potential future minerals development in the Dove Valley around Scropton and Foston.*
- *Historically, much of the District has been blighted by coal extraction, however mining has also contributed economically to the area. The potential for further coal mining within South Derbyshire remains; in light of this, the need for a criteria-based policy approach, which is consistent with MPG3 for managing proposals, is acceptable.*

(Councillor Ford declared a prejudicial interest in this item and withdrew from the Meeting during the consideration and determination thereof).

EDS/6. **DERBYSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3: LOCAL TRANSPORT FUTURES – CHALLENGES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

A report was submitted requesting that a response be formulated to the County Council's consultation on transport goals for the emerging Local Transport Plan 3 (LTP).

Local highway authorities had a statutory duty to produce LTP's which set out strategies for the development of local integrated transport for their areas, supported by a programme of transport improvements and initiatives. The LTP's covered road schemes, maintenance of local roads (excluding trunk roads), pavements, public rights of way and greenways, traffic management, public transport services (bus and community rail), community transport, access to services, road safety and environmental protection.

Whilst the current LTP's covered a 5-year period (2006-2011), the new LTP's would comprise a long term strategy, covering the period 2001-2026, and a short term implementation plan, to be reviewed at 3 year intervals.

It was pointed out that this stage of the consultation process related to broad policies and packages of options for Derbyshire, rather than individual schemes and locations. The County Council had prepared a questionnaire, and this had been completed in draft form by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Environmental and Development Services Committee, and was included as an Annexe to the report.

Further to comments from Members, it was agreed that the completion of this questionnaire should be reviewed by one Member from the Conservative Group and one Member from the Labour Group.

**RESOLVED:-**

*That completion of the questionnaire be delegated to Councillor Bladen (Chairman) and Councillor Taylor, to be submitted by Thursday 17th June 2010.*

**EDS/7. PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1st APRIL 2009 TO 31st MARCH 2010)**

A report was submitted detailing achievements for the year ending 31st March 2010, in relation to the current four key strands of the Council's Corporate Plan 2009-14. The Corporate Plan Action Plan consisted of four main themes, of which this Committee was responsible for actions within Sustainable Growth and Opportunity theme. Details were provided within appendices to the report.

Key achievements for the year ending 31st March 2010 were itemised, along with summary details of actual/outurn performance against targets within the Corporate Plan.

Members were given further details on, community heat schemes, the re-letting of commercial properties and local performance indicator ES007 - the tonnage of CO2 reductions arising from energy efficiency improvements. It was agreed that further details would be provided to Members on the last item.

It was also requested that thanks be passed to the team responsible for the improvement of street and environmental cleanliness.

**EDS/8. SERVICE PLANS 2010/11**

It was reported that Service Plans had been distributed, and Members of the Environmental and Development Services Committee were asked to focus on the following service areas:

- Planning Services.
- Environmental Services.
- Leisure and Community Services.

Each Plan contained sections on scope and aims of the service, key achievements and priorities for action, people and resources, national local performance information, managing risks, energy efficiency improvements and partnerships, and the consultation and communication that had been undertaken.

Service Plans reflected the current themes and priorities within the Corporate Plan 2009-2014 and the South Derbyshire Sustainable Community Strategy 2009-2029.

It was confirmed that there would also be a full presentation by each Head of Service at a separate meeting.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That Service Plans for Planning, Environmental and Leisure and Community Services be approved as the basis for service delivery over the period to March 2011.***

EDS/9. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and to review its content where appropriate.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the updated work programme be approved.***

EDS/10. **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 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 paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.***

**ESTABLISHING THE BUSINESS CASE FOR JOINT WORKING ON WASTE COLLECTION AND CLEANSING (Paragraph 3)**

***Members noted the progress towards developing a business case for joint working with East Staffordshire Borough Council.***

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN