

MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on 17th December 2009
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Murray (Chairman), Councillor Atkin (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Bladen, Ford, Grant, Harrison, Hewlett, Mrs. Hood, Jones, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Plenderleith, Roberts, Stanton, Timms, Watson, Mrs. Wheeler and Wheeler.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. Lane, Lane, Mrs. Mead, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Taylor and Tilley.

Independent/Non-Grouped Member

Councillor Pabla.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Coyle, Mrs. Farrington and Lemmon (Conservative Group) and Councillor Wilkins (Labour Group).

CL/77. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported with sadness, the recent death of one of the Council's cleaners, Mrs. Hazel Orme, who had given 27 years service to the Authority. Members observed a minute's silence in her memory. The Chairman then wished Councillor Mrs. Farrington a speedy recovery following an accident earlier in the day. The Chairman passed on birthday wishes to three Members of Council and publicised his recent diary engagements.

CL/78. **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK CORE STRATEGY: ISSUES AND ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

The Chairman introduced this item, providing a context on the matter before Council. It was reported that the Council was required to prepare a Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy. This would set out the development and 'place-shaping' strategy for the District to 2026. All "reasonable" alternatives for accommodating growth levels required by the Regional Plan would need to be considered. The detailed document submitted presented a set of options, which were recommended to form the basis of a public consultation early in 2010. The document would need to be aligned with similar consultations throughout the Derby Housing Market Area (HMA) particularly in relation to the Principal Urban Area of Derby. Members were asked to approve options for consultation, rather than forming any views on their merits. The options had emerged from careful consideration of a range of

plans and policies, the outcome of previous Member and public consultations and the emerging LDF evidence base.

A separate vision and set of strategic objectives for both the wider Derby HMA and the South Derbyshire areas had similarly been drafted and provided a context for the options. The options covered a wide range of “spatial” planning matters and options were also included around a number of themes. A number of area profiles had also been produced and a set of topic papers setting out the technical details would need to be published to accompany the consultation next year.

Several Members praised the documents submitted and the presentation by the Officer. A view was expressed on the need to safeguard boundaries, villages and to avoid outside influences. There was discussion about the plans included within the documentation and whether the type of shading indicated a preference. It was confirmed that the site boundaries are shown for information only. The sole purpose of shading some sites in a solid colour was to show how groups of sites might be amalgamated to form broad development locations as described in the options. As such, it was further confirmed that there is no distinction at all in the status of sites with and without solid shading and no preference was inferred or intended for any site at this stage. This would be made clear in the public consultation version of the document. The documents provided a menu of options for public consultation and interested parties. Members felt the document submitted provided a good starting point. Further information was provided on how the consultation would take place and the range of bodies that would be included.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That Council receives the report on the draft Local Development Framework Core Strategy options.***
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman of the Environmental and Development Services Committee, to produce a public consultation document based on the draft options and make detailed additions or amendments as necessary, to enable an aligned consultation to take place across the Derby Housing Market Area.***
- (3) That public consultation be undertaken during January to March 2010, including further consultation with Members.***

CL/79. **COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS**

There were no amendments to the compositions of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels.

CL/80. **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Rhind replaces Councillor Wilkins as a substitute Member on the Development Control Committee.

CL/81. **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Stanton replaces Councillor Bladen as this Council's representative on Groundwork Derby and Derbyshire.

P. MURRAY

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 6.45 p.m.