

URGENCY SUB-COMMITTEE25th June 2001**PRESENT:-****Labour Group**

Councillor Whyman (Vice-Chair in the Chair) and Councillors Dunn, Southerd, Southern and Wilkins.

Conservative Group

Councillors Lemmon and Mrs. Wheeler.

In Attendance

Councillors Harrington and Stone (Labour Group).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Richards (Chair) and Councillors Carroll and Lauro (Labour Group).

US/96. **REPORTS OF MEMBERS**

A Member commented on the Festival of Leisure which had been held at the Maurice Lea Memorial Park in Church Gresley the previous weekend. Officers involved in organising the event were praised for its success.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO SUB-COMMITTEEUS/97. **REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER**Unspent Revenue Budgets 2000/01

Details were provided of a number of budgets that had not been spent in the previous financial year. Traditionally, if a budget had not been spent the money would no longer be available for that purpose and the sum would be transferred to general reserves. This presented particular difficulties in relation to grants which had been approved but not paid. It was proposed to transfer the monies identified into an earmarked reserve for expenditure on the specific items reported.

RESOLVED:-

That approval be given to carry forward the following budgets not spent in 2000/01:

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<i>District Valuer Fees</i>	<i>1,150</i>
<i>Heritage Conservation</i>	<i>720</i>
<i>Best Value Performance Plan</i>	<i>12,530</i>
<i>Christmas Lights</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>Historic Building and Conservation Area Grants</i>	<i>4,090</i>
<i>Highways Agency – Grass and Shrub bed Surveying</i>	<i>7,000</i>
<i>Gully Cleansing Contract</i>	<i>2,260</i>
<i>Risk Assessment</i>	<i>3,400</i>

US/98. **CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION STRATEGY**

It was reported that part IIA of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 came into force on 1st April 2000, to provide a regime for dealing with contaminated land. Local Authorities were required to publish an inspection strategy to identify the contaminated land within their district. The inspection strategy for South Derbyshire had now been prepared, subjected to a consultation exercise and revised to take account of the responses received where appropriate. The implementation of the strategy had been timetabled to take approximately five years, dependant upon the availability of resources within the Pollution Control Section of the Environmental Health Division.

The Council had previously purchased a "Landmark" digital mapping system which had identified approximately 2,300 sites throughout South Derbyshire which would need to be assessed. These would be prioritised with those posing potentially the greatest risk being assessed first. It was proposed to levy a charge for enquiries from companies in relation to contaminated land. The fee suggested was an initial charge of £30 per enquiry made and thereafter a fee of £30 per hour for work undertaken.

In considering the report, Members discussed the financial implications of dealing with contaminated land, the possibilities of securing additional resources from Government to meet these costs and the principles of the "polluter pays". Members also congratulated the Officers concerned for their work in preparing the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy for South Derbyshire, as amended following consultation, be approved for publication and submission to the relevant Government department.***
- (2) That approval be given to any future amendments being undertaken at the discretion of the Environmental Health Manager.***
- (3) That approval be given to levy a charge for commercial contaminated land enquiries at a rate of £30 per enquiry and £30 per hour thereafter, the charge to be increased in line with annual review of charges.***

US/99. **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.

REPORT OF MEMBER – DOG FOULING

The Sub-Committee discussed problems of dog fouling in an area of Church Gresley.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(a) Ill-Health Retirement (Paragraph 1)

The Sub-Committee approved ill-health retirement for a refuse collection loader.

(b) Ill-Health Retirement (Paragraph 1)

The Sub-Committee approved ill-health retirement for a mobile warden.

(c) Land at Coronation Street, Swadlincote (Paragraph 7)

The Sub-Committee accepted a renegotiated sale price for the above land.

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Recycling of Municipal Waste (Paragraph 9)

The Sub-Committee approved a contract for the recycling of municipal waste and terms negotiated with another authority for this joint contract.

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

East Midlands Development Agency's Capital Bid 2001/02 (Paragraph 8)

The Sub-Committee endorsed a draft bid for capital funding.

B. WHYMAN

CHAIR

