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Date: 7 September 2022

Dear Councillor

,
Council

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the Meeting of the **Council** to be held at **Council Chamber**, Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote on **Thursday, 15 September 2022 at 18:00** to transact the business set out on the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

To:-

Labour Group

Councillor Dunn (Chair), Councillor Bambrick (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Gee, Heath, L. Mulgrew, M. Mulgrew, Pearson, Pegg, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Singh, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Atkin, Bridgen, Brown, Corbin, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Haines, Hewlett, Lemmon, Muller, Patten, Redfern, Smith and Watson.

Independent Group

Councillors MacPherson and Roberts.

Non-Grouped

Councillors Churchill and Wheelton.



AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

- 1 Apologies
- 2 To confirm the Open Minutes of the following Council Meetings:

Annual Council Meeting held on 12 May 2022 **6 - 25**

Civic Council Meeting held on 19 May 2022 **26 - 27**

Council Meeting held on 23 June 2022 **28 - 32**
- 3 To note any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda
- 4 To receive any announcements from the Chair, Leader and Head of Paid Service.
- 5 To receive any questions by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No.10.
In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.10 Michael King will **33 - 33**
ask the Leader of the Council the following questions
- 6 To receive any questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.
- 7 To consider any notices of motion in order of which they have been received.
- 8 APPOINTMENT OF A RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PANEL **34 - 37**
- 9 POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY **38 - 39**
- 10 To receive and consider the Open Minutes of the following Area Forums:

	Swadlincote 5 July 2022	40 - 54
	Newhall 30 June 2022	55 - 68
	Etwall 7 July 2022	69 - 82
	Linton 12 July 2022	83 - 97
	Melbourne 14 July 2022	98 - 112
	Repton 19 July 2022	113 - 126
11	To receive and consider the Open Minutes of the following Committees:	
	Environmental and Development Services Committee 4 January 2022	127 - 130
	Housing and Community Services Committee 6 January 2022	131 - 133
	Finance and Management Committee 13 January 2022	134 - 137
	Environmental and Development Services Committee 25 January 2022	138 - 141
	Housing and Community Services Committee 27 January 2022	142 - 145
	Overview & Scrutiny Committee 9 February 2022	146 - 148
	Environmental and Development Services Committee 3 March 2022	149 - 152

Housing and Community Services Committee 10 March 2022	153 - 157
Etwall Joint Management Committee 6 April 2022	158 - 159
Housing and Community Services Committee 19 April 2022	160 - 165
Environmental and Development Services Committee 20 April 2022	166 - 172
Environmental and Development Services Committee 26 May 2022	173 - 176
Housing and Community Services Committee 1 June 2022	177 - 181
Overview and Scrutiny Committee 15 June 2022 Open Minutes	182 - 184
Etwall Joint Management Committee 6 July 2022	185 - 188
12 To review the compositions of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels.	
13 To review the compositions of Substitute Panels.	
14 To review representation on Outside Bodies.	
15 To review Member Champions.	
16 The Chairman may therefore move:- 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	

paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

17 To confirm the Exempt Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on
12 May 2022

18 To receive any Exempt questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.

19 To receive and consider the Exempt Minutes of the following Committees:

Finance and Management Committee 13 January 2022

Environmental and Development Services Committee 25 January 2022

Housing and Community Services Committee 27 January 2022

Environmental and Development Services Committee 3 March 2022

Housing and Community Services Committee 10 March 2022

Housing and Community Services Committee 19 April 2022

Environmental and Development Services Committee 20 April 2022

Housing and Community Services Committee 1 June 2022

MINUTES of the ANNUAL MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way
on Thursday, 12 May 2022
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Gee (Chair), Councillor Dunn (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Heath, Mulgrew, Pearson, Pegg, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Singh, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Atkin, Bridgen, Brown, Corbin, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Haines, Hewlett, Lemmon, Muller, Patten, Redfern and Smith.

Independent Group

Councillors MacPherson and Roberts.

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton and Councillor Churchill

CL/1 **APOLOGIES**

Council was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Watson (Conservative Group).

CL/2 **TO CONFIRM THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Open Minutes of the Council Meetings held on the 23rd February 2022 (CL/105-CL/127), and 14th April 2022 (CL/128-CL/143) were approved as a true record.

CL/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Council was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

CL/4 **TO APPOINT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Richards be appointed Leader of the Council for the remainder ensuing year.

Under Rule 16.5 of the Council Procedure rules Members requested that a recorded vote be taken.

The Members who voted in favour of the resolution above were:

Councillors: Bambrick, Dunn, Gee, Heath, MacPherson, Mulgrew, Pearson, Pegg, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Singh, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor, Tilley and Wheelton

The Members who voted against the above resolution were:

Councillors: Ackroyd, Atkin, Brown, Bridgen, Corbin, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Haines, Hewlett, Lemmon, Muller, Patten, Redfern and Smith

Members who abstained were:

Councillors Churchill and Roberts

CL/5 **TO APPOINT THE DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Southerd be appointed Deputy Leader of the Council for the remainder ensuing year.

Under Rule 16.5 of the Council Procedure rules Members requested that a recorded vote be taken.

The Members who voted in favour of the resolution above were:

Councillors: Bambrick, Dunn, Gee, Heath, MacPherson, Mulgrew, Pearson, Pegg, Rhind, Richards, Roberts, Shepherd, Singh, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor, Tilley and Wheelton

The Members who voted against the above resolution were:

Councillors: Ackroyd, Atkin, Brown, Bridgen, Corbin, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Haines, Hewlett, Lemmon, Muller, Patten, Redfern and Smith

Members who abstained were:

Councillor Churchill

CL/6 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

The Chair of the Council addressed Council highlighting his attendance at the St George's Day parade, the opening of the Bob Wheeler House with the Chief Executive and the Leader of the Council. The Chair of the Council had also attended the launch of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations and confirmed that cheques had been given the Chair's nominated charities earlier that day.

CL/8 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

The Leader of the Council informed Council that he had attended the opening of the Bob Wheeler House that was a vision of innovation for South Derbyshire.

CL/9 ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

The Head of Paid Service informed Council that a letter had been sent to Councillor Watson wishing him a speedy recovery. He also announced that Allison Thomas, Strategic Director (Service Delivery) had been appointed as the new Chief Executive for North West Leicester Council and thanked her for her contribution during the previous four years at South Derbyshire District Council. Council was informed that the Midway By-Election would take place on 30 June. The Head of Paid Service noted that the opening of the Innovation Centre would offer space for fledging businesses to grow.

The Head of Paid Service reported that the internal auditors had made some recommendations following a recent audit. He advised that Members were encouraged to attend training for Equality, Diversity and Inclusion. He further advised there had been a recommendation advising Members should ensure they remain up to date with all types of training, including governance matters. The Head of Paid Services reminded Members to ensure they were up to date with their mandatory training, particularly when sitting on relevant Committees.

CL/10 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/11 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/12 TO CONSIDER ANY NOTICES OF MOTION

Council was informed that no notices of motion had been received.

CL/13 MELBOURNE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to Council and outlined the consultation process and the modifications made following the independent review.

As a Local Ward Member, Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked the group who had developed the plan and the independent inspector for their valuable input.

As a Local Ward Member, Councillor Hewlett fully supported the plan and drew attention to the support of permanent agricultural land that would be required in the future.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 Council considered the draft Melbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan, as per Appendix 1 of the report, together with the Examiner's Report and recommended modifications, as per Appendix 2 of the report.***
- 1.2 Council agreed to each of the recommended modifications identified by the independent Examiner to ensure that the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan met all necessary legal requirements at the stage to allow it to proceed to referendum.***
- 1.3 Council agreed that the modified Melbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan, as per Appendix 3 of the report, proceeded to referendum.***
- 1.4 Council agreed that, should the Melbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan be passed at referendum, the Plan should be deemed to be 'made' with immediate effect.***

CL/14 **CYCLE OF MEETINGS 2021-22**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented the report to Council highlighting the amended dates following approval at the 14 April 2022 Council Meeting.

RESOLVED:

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 1.1 (g) of the Council's Constitution, the cycle of Council and Committee meetings for 2022/23 as per Appendix A to the report, be approved by Council.

CL/15 **MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Monitoring Officer presented the Report to Council and asked for approval of the recommendations.

The Leader of the Council thanked the Monitoring Officer and fully supported the recommendations within the report.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 Council noted the Local Government Association's (LGA) Model Councillor Code of Conduct ('the Code') and its associated documents.**
- 1.2 Following review of the Model Code, and associated Guidance, on recommendation by the Monitoring Officer (MO), Council resolved to implement a revised Members' Code of Conduct at its Annual Council Meeting on 11 May 2023.**
- 1.3 Council agreed that that all Elected Members consider the content of the Model Code and provide any comments to the Monitoring Officer no later than 30 September 2022.**
- 1.4 Alongside the review of the Model Code, on recommendation of the Monitoring Officer, Council considered the role, re-appointment and/or recruitment of future Independent Persons.**
- 1.5 Council approved the appointment of Deputy Monitoring Officer (DMO).**

CL/16 **POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY**

The Head of Legal and Democratic Services presented the report to Council requesting that Members approve the recommendations contained within the report.

The Leader of the Council proposed that the recommendations be amended as follows:

Committee	Membership	Conservative Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Non – Grouped
Finance & Management	13	6	5	1	1
Environmental & Development Services	13	6	6	0	1
Housing & Community Services	13	6	5	1	0
Planning	13	6	6	0	1
Licensing & Appeals	15	6	6	1	1

Overview & Scrutiny	8	4	3	1	0
Standards	6	3	3	0	0
Joint Consultative	5	2	2	0	0
Etwall JMC	3	1	1	1	0
Audit Sub	5	2	2	0	1
Heritage Grants Sub	4	2	2	0	0

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That Council approved and adopted the amendment to the recommended allocation of seats to the Political Groups and Non-Grouped Members for the municipal year 2022/23 in**
- 1.2 That the Council allocated seats between the Political Groups and Non-Grouped Members as per the amendment to Annexe 'A' of the report.**

CL/17 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Bambrick presented the report to Council and thanked Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their work during the previous 12 months.

RESOLVED:

That Council received the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2021/22.

CL/18 **OPEN MINUTES**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

RESOLVED:

That the open minutes of the following Committees and Area Forum meetings were approved as a true record:

Committee	Date	Minute Numbers
Planning	20.07.21	PL/24 - PL/34
Planning	17.08.21	PL/35 - PL/47
Planning	14.09.21	PL/48 – PL/55
Planning	29.09.21	PL/56 – PL/62
Planning	12.10.21	PL/65 – PL/74
Planning	09.11.21	PL/75 – PL/85

CL/19 TO APPOINT MEMBERS TO SERVE ON COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES, AND WORKING PANELS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR

Council was advised that appointments for the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels for the municipal year were as per those submitted in writing.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the nominations of Members to serve on Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels for the remainder of the ensuing year, as set out at Annexe “B” to these Minutes be received and noted.***
- (2) That the appointments of Chair and Vice-Chair be approved as indicated in Annexe B” to these Minutes.***

CL/20 TO APPOINT THE SUBSTITUTE PANELS

Council was advised that appointments for the composition of Substitute Panels for the municipal year were as per those submitted in writing.

RESOLVED:

That the nominations of Members to serve on Substitute Panels, as set out at Annexe “C” to these Minutes, be received and noted.

CL/21 TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Council was advised that Group Leaders the Representatives on Outside Bodies for the municipal year were as per those submitted in writing. The Leader of the Council requested that a review of Outside Bodies be undertaken to eliminate those no longer operating.

RESOLVED:

That the nominations of Members to serve on Outside Bodies, as set out at Annexe “D” to these Minutes, be received and noted.

CL/22 TO APPOINT MEMBER CHAMPIONS

Council was advised that Representatives of Member Champions for the municipal year we are those submitted in writing.

RESOLVED:

That the nominations of Members to serve as Member Champions, as set out at Annexe “E” to these Minutes, be received and noted.

CL/23 TO APPOINT CHAIRS OF AREA FORUMS

The Leader of the Council advised of the appointment of Labour Group Chairs of Area Forums.

The Leader of the Conservative Group advised Council of the Conservative Group Chairs to be appointed.

The Leader of the Independent Group advised of the Independent Group Chairs to be appointed.

RESOLVED:

That the following Chairs be appointed to the Area Forums as indicated below:

***Etwall Area Forum Councillor Brown
Linton Area Forum Councillor Pegg
Melbourne Area Forum Councillor Fitzpatrick
Newhall Area Forum Councillor Bambrick
Repton Area Forum Council MacPherson
Swadlincote Area Forum Councillor Mulgrew***

CL/24 **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 for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as indicated in the reports of Committees.

TO CONFIRM THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

The Exempt Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 14th April 2022 (CL/144 - CL/146) were approved as a true record.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

EXEMPT MINUTES

Council received and considered the Exempt Minutes of its committees.

RESOLVED:

That the Exempt Minutes of the following Committees be approved as a true record:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Minute No.'s</i>
<i>Planning Committee</i>	<i>29.09.21</i>	<i>PL/63 – PL/64</i>

The meeting terminated at 19:55 hours.

COUNCILLOR M GEE

CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS

2022/23

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (13)

Labour Group (5)

Councillor Pearson (Chair), Councillor Rhind (Vice-Chair)
Councillors, Richards, Southerd and Taylor

Conservative Group (6)

Councillors Ackroyd, Corbin, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Ford and Lemmon

Independent Group (1)

Councillors MacPherson

Non-Grouped (1)

Councillor Churchill

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE (13)

Labour Group (6)

Councillor Taylor (Chair), Councillor Pegg (Vice-Chair)
Councillors, Heath, Singh, and Southerd

Conservative Group (6)

Councillors Brown, Dawson Fitzpatrick, Haines, Muller and Redfern

Non-Grouped (1)

Councillor Amy Wheelton

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE (13)

Labour Group (5)

Councillor Rhind (Chair), Councillor Mulgrew (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Dunn, Richards and Shepherd.

Conservative Group (6)

Councillors Ackroyd, Corbin, Ford, Lemmon, Patten and Redfern

Independent Group (1)

Councillors Roberts

Vacant Seat (1)

PLANNING COMMITTEE (13)

Labour Group (6)

Councillor Tilley (Chair), Councillor Shepherd (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Dunn, Gee, Pearson and Southerd

Conservative Group (6)

Councillors Bridgen, Brown, Dawson, Haines, Redfern and Smith

Non-Grouped (1)

Councillor Wheelton

LICENSING AND APPEALS COMMITTEE (15)

Labour Group (6)

Councillor Gee (Chair)
Councillors, Dunn, Rhind, Richards, Southerd and Taylor

Conservative Group (6)

Councillors Ackroyd, Bridgen, Corbin, Haines, Hewlett and Patten

Independent Group (1)

Councillors MacPherson

Non-Grouped (1)

Councillor Churchill

Vacant Seat (1)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (8)

Labour Group (3)

Councillor Bambrick (Chair), Councillor Stuart (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Gee

Conservative Group (4)

Councillors Atkin, Hewlett, Muller and Smith

Independent Group (1)

Councillor MacPherson

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (6)

Labour Group (3)

Councillors Pearson, Singh and Southerd

Conservative Group (3)

Councillors Atkin, Brown and Patten

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE (5)

Labour Group (2)

Councillors Richards and Southerd

Conservative Group (2)

Councillors Fitzpatrick and Ford

Vacant Seat (1)

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (3)

Labour Group (1)

Councillor Shepherd

Conservative Group (1)

Councillor Muller

Independent Group (1)

Councillor MacPherson

AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE (5)

Labour Group (2)

Councillor Dunn (Chair), Councillor Shepherd (Vice-Chair)

Conservative Group (2)

Councillors Atkin and Bridgen

Non-Grouped (1)

Councillor Wheelton

HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE (4)

Labour Group (2)

Councillors Southerd and Taylor

Conservative Group (2)

Councillors Hewlett and Lemmon

**COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT PARTNERSHIP GRANT SCHEME
ASSESSMENT PANEL (5)**

Labour Group (2)

Councillors Rhind and Shepherd

Conservative Group (2)

Councillors Brown and Haines

Independent Group (1)

Councillor Roberts

SUBSTITUTE PANELS 2022/23

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Labour Group (5)

Councillors Heath, Mulgrew, Pegg Singh and Tilley

Conservative Group (6)

Councillors Atkin, Brown, Haines, Muller Redfern and Watson

Independent Group (1)

Councillor Roberts

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

Labour Group (6)

Councillors Dunn, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd and Tilley.

Conservative Group (6)

Councillors Ackroyd, Bridgen, Corbin, Ford, Patten and Watson

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Labour Group (5)

Councillors Pegg, Pearson, Singh, Southerd and Tilley

Conservative Group (6)

Councillors Bridgen, Brown, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Haines and Lemmon

Independent Group (1)

Councillors MacPherson

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Labour Group (6)

Councillors Pegg, Rhind, Richards and Taylor

Conservative Group (6)

Councillors Ackroyd, Corbin, Hewlett, Lemmon, Muller and Watson

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Labour Group (2)

Councillors Rhind and Taylor

Conservative Group (2)

Councillors Atkin and Smith

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Labour (1)

Councillor

Conservative Group (1)

Councillor Fitzpatrick

Independent Group (1)

Councillor Roberts

HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Labour Group (2)

Councillors Shepherd and Tilley

Conservative Group (2)

Councillor Ford and Redfern

ANNEXE D

**SCHEDULE OF PERSONS NOMINATED FOR SERVICES AS
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE COUNCIL
ON OUTSIDE BODIES FOR 2021/22**

Organisation	Representative(s)
1. Acre Lane, Shardlow Sand & Gravel Site Liaison Committee	Councillor P Watson
2. Arts Derbyshire	Councillor G Rhind
3. Active Derbyshire	Councillor D Pegg
4. Association of Retained Council Houses Ltd. (ARCH)	Councillor D Rhind Strategic Director (Service Delivery)
5. Central Midlands Audit Partnership Board	Councillor P Dunn Audit Sub-Committee Vice-Chair (sub)
6. Citizens Advice South Derbyshire and City (CASDAC)	Councillor G Rhind
7. Community Arts Project (“People Express”) Management Committee	Councillor M Mulgrew
8. Community Transport (Swadlincote) Management Committee	Councillor N Tilley
9. D2 Joint Committee For Economic Prosperity	Councillor K Richards Councillor T Southerd (sub)
10. Derby Airfield Consultative Committee	Councillor M Ford
11. Derby and Derbyshire Strategic Leadership Forum	Councillor K Richards Councillor T Southerd (sub) Chief Executive Monitoring Officer (sub)
12. Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust Ltd	Councillor P Watson
13. Derbyshire Hate Crime Practitioners Network Meeting	Councillor L Singh
14. Derbyshire Partnership Forum	Councillor K Richards
15. Derbyshire Police and Crime Panel	Councillor G Rhind Councillor M Mulgrew (sub)
16. Donnington Park Racing Circuit Liaison Committee	Councillor P Watson Councillor N Atkin (sub)
17. East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Committee	Councillor S Taylor Councillor M Fitzpatrick
18. East Midlands Airport Liaison Committee	Aston, Melbourne, and Repton Ward Members
19. East Midlands Arts	Councillor S Taylor
20. East Midlands Councils	Councillor K Richards

21. Elvaston Quarry Waste Disposal Site Liaison Committee	Councillor P Watson
22. Environmental Education Project Steering Group	Councillor D Pegg
23. Goseley Community Centre Committee	Councillor M Gee Councillor S Taylor
24. Heart of the Forest Forum	Councillor S Taylor
25. Hilton Harriers Mease Management Committee	Councillor Patten
26. Homestart	Councillor V Heath
27. Local Government Association (London)	Councillor K Richards (General Assembly) Councillor T Southerd (Rural Commission) Councillor S Taylor (Urban Commission)
28. Local Government Information Unit	Councillor K Richards Councillor T Southerd (sub)
29. Melbourne Sporting Partnership	Strategic Director (Service Delivery)
30. New Albion Revised Liaison Committee	Councillor S Taylor
31. Parking and Traffic Regulations (outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee	Councillor R Pearson
32. Pingle Artificial Turf Pitch Management Group	Councillor M Mulgrew
33. Relate	Councillor T Southerd
34. Rosliston and Caldwell Village Hall Management Committee	Councillor D Pegg
35. Rosliston Forestry Centre Management Executive	Councillor G Rhind Councillor S Taylor
36. Rosliston Forestry Community Group	Councillor Wheelton
37. Rural Action Derbyshire	Councillor T Southerd
38. Safer South Derbyshire Partnership Strategic Group	Councillor K Richards Councillor G Rhind (sub)
39. Shardlow Heritage Trust Council of Management	Councillor N Atkin
40. Sharpe's Pottery Heritage & Arts Trust Ltd.	Councillor S Taylor Councillor G Rhind Project Liaison Officer
41. Sir John Port and John Osbourne Almshouses Charitable Trust	Councillor D Muller
42. Social Care Forum	Councillor G Rhind Councillor M Mulgrew
43. South Derbyshire CVS	Councillor G Rhind Councillor K Richards
44. South Derbyshire Mental Health Association	Councillor TBA

45. South Derbyshire Music Trust Management Committee	Councillor S Taylor
46. South Derbyshire Partnership	Councillor K Richards Councillor T Southerd Councillor A Wheelton Strategic Director – Service Delivery
47. South Derbyshire Strategic Sports Group	Councillor N Tilley Councillor R Pearson (sub)
48. Swarkestone Pit, Barrow-on-Trent Sand and Gravel Site Liaison Committee	Councillor P Watson Councillor A MacPherson
49. Toyota Community Liaison Committee	Councillor K Richards Councillor S Taylor
50. Willshee's Skip Hire Ltd Site Liaison Committee	Councillor D Pegg
51. Central Building Control Partnership – Partnership Advisory Board	Councillor S Taylor

ANNEXE E

MEMBER CHAMPIONS 2022/23

Armed Forces Covenant	Councillor Atkin
Arts & Culture	Councillor Hewlett
Consultation, Communication & Engagement	Councillor Pearson
Corporate Plan	Councillor Ford Councillor Pearson
Design (Planning)	Councillor Tilley
Engagement	Councillor Ford
Environment, Waste & Recycling	Councillor Taylor
Equality & Diversity	Councillor Singh
Health & Safety	Councillor Watson Councillor Taylor
Health & Wellbeing	Councillor Bambrick
Historic Environment	Councillor Southerd
Information Technology	Councillor Tilley
Older People	Councillor Gee
Performance & Data Quality	Councillor Pearson
Procurement & Business Improvement	Councillor Southerd
Risk Management	Councillor Taylor
Safeguarding	Councillor Pegg
Training	Councillor Ford Councillor Southerd
Voluntary Sector	Councillor Rhind
Young People	Councillor Pegg

MINUTES of the CIVIC MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Town Hall, The Delph, Swadlincote
on Thursday, 19 May 2022
at 5.00pm

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Gee (Chair) and Councillor Dunn (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Bambrick, Heath, Mulgrew, Pearson, Pegg, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Singh, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Atkin, Brown, Corbin, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Haines, Hewlett, Lemmon, Muller, Patten, Redfern and Smith.

Independent Group

Councillor MacPherson.

Non-Grouped

Councillors Churchill and Wheelton

CC/1

APOLOGIES

Council was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors Bridgen and Watson (Conservative Group) and Councillor Roberts (Independent Group)

CC/2

TO ELECT THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Dunn be elected as Chair of the Council for the 2022/23 local government year.

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Dunn be elected Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

(Councillor Dunn then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chair, thanking the Members for the honour conferred upon him).

CC/3 **TO ELECT THE VICE-CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed and seconded that Councillor Bambrick be elected as Vice-Chair of the Council for the 2022/23 local government year.

RESOLVED:-

That Councillor Bambrick be elected Vice-Chair of the Council for the ensuing year.

(Councillor Dunn then made the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Vice-Chair and thanked Members for the honour conferred upon him).

CC/4 **CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair named Bank House as the Chair's Charity for the ensuing year.

CC/5 **LONG SERVICE AWARDS**

The Chair presented Karen McMurrugh with a Long Service Award, who had completed 20 years of service as of 31 March 2022.

It was also noted that a long service awards had also been made to Adrian Pipes, Clare Spencer, Kevin Stackhouse, June Hammond, Peter Dakin, and Thomas Smith; they were not able to attend the meeting in person.

CC/6 **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 for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as indicated in the reports of Committees.

The meeting terminated at 18:30 hours.

COUNCILLOR M GEE

CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way
on Thursday, 23 June 2022
at 6.00pm

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Dunn (Chair), Councillor Bambrick (Vice-Chair) and Councillors, Heath, Mulgrew, Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Singh, Southerd, Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

Conservative Group

Councillors Atkin, Bridgen, Brown, Corbin, Ford, Hewlett, Lemmon, Muller, Patten, and Smith.

Independent Group

Councillors MacPherson and Roberts.

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton and Councillor Churchill

CL/28 **APOLOGIES**

Council was informed that apologies had been received from Councillors Gee and Pegg (Labour Group) and Councillors Ackroyd, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Haines, Redfern and Watson (Conservative Group).

CL/29 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Council was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

CL/30 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR**

The Chair of the Council addressed Members regarding his attendance at various commemorations for the Platinum Jubilee, Groundbreaking at the new Urban Park, Swadlincote as, well as a tree planting dedication ceremony and the opening of the national conference for young people, both at Rosliston Forestry Centre.

CL/31 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

The Leader of the Council welcomed the Chair and avowed sincere best wishes be sent to Councillor Redfern, and looked forward to his return to the Council Chamber. The Leader informed Members of a letter to be sent to the Member of Parliament regarding the support for improved Healthcare provision within South Derbyshire.

The Leader thanked the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) for her work at South Derbyshire District Council and wished her well with her future career at North West Leicestershire Council.

Councillor Smith thanked the Leader for his kind words and said that everyone's best wishes would be passed onto to Councillor Redfern and his family. Councillor Smith thanked the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) on behalf the Conservative Group and wished her well for the future.

CL/32 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE**

The Head of Paid Service echoed the thanks and best wishes for the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources). Council was informed that notification had not been received regarding the reported Derbyshire County Council and Nottinghamshire Combined Authority. The Head of Paid Service informed Members that a local contractor had been appointed for the demolition of the former Bison factory. and that a Planning Application had been submitted for the regeneration of Swadlincote Town Centre.

CL/33 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/34 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/35 **TO CONSIDER ANY NOTICES OF MOTION**

Council was informed that no notices of motion had been received.

CL/36 **EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22 AND ACTION PLAN FOR 2022-23**

The Chief Executive introduced the report to Council and highlighted how the consultation had included hard to reach groups to enable as much inclusion as possible and invited the Head of Organisational Development and Performance to present the report.

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance addressed Council highlighting the progress and achievements made during the previous year and sought approval for the recommendations within the report. The Head of Organisational Development and Performance recapped the extensive consultation with staff, trade unions, Members and residents that had assisted in the production of the Strategy and Action Plan. It was noted that the Annual Report outlined work undertaken and highlighted the progress made during the previous year.

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance summarised proposed actions for 2022/23 that included Diversity Monitoring and a Diversity Calendar that would recognise and promote diversity whilst noting key events.

Members commended the report and supported the excellent work and raised a query regarding training and the Equality Impact Assessments.

The Head of Organisational Development and Performance informed Council that training had been delivered to all staff to demonstrate an understanding equality, diversity and inclusion within the Council.

The Chief Executive added that Equality Impact Assessment filtered into all policies within the Council and that it would inform everything the Council did going forward.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 Council approved the Council's equality, diversity and inclusion annual report for 2021/22 as per Appendix A of the report and the equality, diversity and inclusion action plan for 2022/23 as per Appendix B of the report.***
- 1.2 Council approved the diversity monitoring categories as at Appendix C of the report for the collation or equality data across all service areas.***
- 1.3 Council approved the diversity calendar for 2022/23 as per Appendix D to the report to recognise and support different events throughout the year and that the calendar be updated and approved each subsequent year.***

CL/37 **ADDITION TO THE COUNCIL'S LIST OF OUTSIDE BODIES**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Council and sought approval for the HS2 Mitigation Board to be added to the list of Outside Bodies and requested that a representative be appointed.

RESOLVED:

- 1.0 Council agreed to the addition of a new organisation, the HS2 Mitigation Board, to its List of Outside Bodies.***
- 1.1 Council agreed to the appointment of Councillor Stephen Taylor to serve as the Council's representative on HS2 Mitigation Board.***

CL/38 **TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITIONS OF COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PANELS**

The Members reviewed the composition of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels 2022-23.

RESOLVED:

Environmental and Development Services Committee

Councillor Neil Tilley to be added

Councillor Lemmon to replace Councillor Muller

Heritage Grants Sub-Committee:

Councillor Muller to replace Councillor Lemmon

CL/39 **TO REVIEW THE COMPOSITIONS OF THE SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

The Members reviewed the composition of Substitute Panels 2022-23.

RESOLVED:

Planning Committee

Councillor Patten to replace Councillor Watson

Finance and Management Committee

Councillor Bridgen to replace Councillor Atkin

Councillor Patten to replace Councillor Muller

Housing and Community Services Committee

Councillor Watson to replace Councillor Lemmon

Heritage Grants Sub-Committee

Councillor Dawson to replace Councillor Redfern

CL/40 **TO REVIEW THE REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Members reviewed the Outside Bodies representation list.

RESOLVED:

South Derbyshire Partnership

Councillor Wheelton to replace Councillor Churchill

Community Arts Project (“People Express”) Management Committee

Councillor Heath to replace Councillor Mulgrew

CL/41 **TO REVIEW MEMBER CHAMPIONS**

Members reviewed the Representation of Member Champions.

RESOLVED:

Council was informed no amendments were to be made.

CL/42 **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 for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as indicated in the reports of Committees.

CL/43 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

The meeting terminated at 18:45 hours.

COUNCILLOR P DUNN

CHAIR OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.10 Michael King will ask the Leader of the Council the following questions

Question 1:

“In a Daily Telegraph survey of English local authorities in April this year, at 80%, South Derbyshire District Council had the sixth highest percentage of council staff working from home. Does the Council not accept that the practice of a high proportion of staff working from home is an undesirable practice left over from the Covid pandemic which is having an adverse effect on productivity?”

Question 2:

“Is the Council aware that the slowness of its planning service is having an adverse effect on the local economy by impeding development and investment and hence employment?”

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 8
DATE OF MEETING:	15 SEPTEMBER 2022	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	FRANK MCARDLE ext. 5700 Frank.mcardle@southderbyshire.gov.uk	DOC:
SUBJECT:	APPOINTMENT OF A RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION PANEL	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: FM05

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That the appointment and recruitment into the post of Strategic Director (Service Delivery) (SM03) is delegated to a panel of five (5) Members from the Finance and Management Committee along with the Chair or Vice Chair of Housing and Community Services and Environmental and Development Services Committee making a total of seven (7) panel members in accordance with the Appointment Procedure for the Chief Executives and Directors.
- 1.2 That the nominations for the Panel reflects the current political balance of the Council.
- 1.3 Final arrangements regarding the selection procedure to be followed, including timescales, along with determining the selection process for the final appointment, will be agreed between the Chief Executive and Elected Members of the Panel.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To appoint a Recruitment and Selection Panel to complete the recruitment in to the post of Strategic Director (Service Delivery) (SM03).
- 2.2 That the recruitment is completed in accordance with the Appointment Procedure for the Chief Executive and Directors.

3.0 Detail

Appointment of a Recruitment and Selection Panel

- 3.1 As this is a senior appointment it will require Council to appoint a Panel of Elected Members to complete the recruitment in line with the Appointment Procedure for Chief Executive and Directors. This Panel should consist of five (5) members chosen from the Finance and Management Committee together with the Chair or Vice Chair of the employing Committee.
- 3.2 The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) manages services that report in to two service Committee's namely Housing and Community Services and Environmental and Development Services Committee. This will increase the members of the panel to seven (7) with the addition of the Chair or Vice Chairs from these Committees.
- 3.3 Once appointed, this Panel will then have delegated authority from the Finance and Management Committee to:
- Complete the appointment into the post of Strategic Director (Service Delivery)
 - Agree the recruitment and selection procedure, including the use of selection criteria, shortlisting candidates and assessment methods.
- 3.4 In line with the Appointment Procedure for Chief Executive and Directors, this report is requesting approval for the following;
- To fill the vacant post (this was approved by Finance and Management Committee at its meeting held on 21 July 2022).
 - To agree that an external recruitment process is commenced (this was approved by Finance and Management Committee at its meeting held on 21 July 2022).
 - To agree that the Panel will meet and agree the;
 - Procedure for shortlisting candidates
 - The selection procedure, criteria and methods of assessment
 - Procedure for making an appointment
 - Agreeing the convention for making an appointment. This would normally be a majority vote of the members of the Panel. Officers attend in an advisory capacity only
- 3.5 When appointing in to the post of Strategic Director (Service Delivery), other members of the Finance and Management Committee will be informed when the shortlisting of candidates has been completed and provided with an opportunity to view all shortlisted applications.
- 3.6 Before any appointment is confirmed, the Chief Executive will notify all Members of the Finance and Management Committee of the decision taken. Members of this Committee will be given a maximum of three (3) working days in which to raise any objections to the decision taken.

Support for the recruitment process

- 3.7 To support the recruitment in to the post of Strategic Director (Service Delivery) (SM03), it was approved by the Finance and Management Committee on 21 July 2022 that an external partner is appointed.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no proposed changes to the grade for the post of Strategic Director (Service Delivery) (SM03) so the salary budget is unaffected.
- 4.2 The cost of appointing an external recruitment partner is estimated to be around £15,000 and subject to the support that is required by the Council. This can be met from existing budgets including salary savings from the vacant post.

5.0 Corporate Implications

Employment Implications

- 5.1 There are no changes proposed to the existing terms and conditions of employment and duties of the post.
- 5.2 The recruitment is to be completed in line with the Appointment Procedure for Chief Executive and Directors which will provide a robust framework for the appointment to be completed in a fair and transparent manner.

Legal Implications

- 5.3 None directly arising from the report.

Corporate Plan Implications

- 5.4 The appointment in to this post provides the strategic leadership resilience and resources to lead the delivery of services to achieve the Council's Corporate Plan. In particular this post will provide corporate leadership around;
- Driving the achievement of the Council's Environmental commitments including being carbon neutral by 2030.
 - Representing the Council on the South Derbyshire Partnership to improve the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the District, concentrating on the issues local people have said are important for a better South Derbyshire.
 - Developing housing solutions across the District including the regeneration and redevelopment of Council housing sites, investment in Council homes, working with partners to increase social housing provision and maximising the resources provided by the Better Care Fund to enable people to live independently.

Risk Impact

- 5.5 None directly arising from the report.

6.0 Community Impact

Consultation

6.1 None directly arising from the report.

Equality and Diversity Impact

6.2 None directly arising from the report.

Social Value Impact

6.3 None directly arising from the report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.4 None directly arising from the report.

7.0 Background Papers

Appointment Procedure for the Chief Executives and Directors
Report to Finance and Management Committee – 21 July 2022

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 9
DATE OF MEETING:	15 SEPTEMBER 2022	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	MONITORING OFFICER	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO: N/A
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	ARDIP SANDHU Ardip.Sandhu@southderbyshire.gov.uk	DOC:
SUBJECT:	POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Council approves and adopts the recommended allocation of seats to the Political Groups and Non-Grouped Members for the remainder of municipal year 2022/23.
- 1.3 That the Council allocates seats between the Political Groups and Non-Grouped Members as set out at Annexe 'A' and invites Group Leaders and Non-Grouped Members to make nominations to fill the seats.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 Following the Midway by-election on Thursday 18th August 2022, to consider the Council's political proportionality for the remainder of the municipal year 2022/23.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Council's duty to determine the allocation of seats is prescribed by Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ("the Act") (specifically subsections (3) to (5) as modified by The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 ("the Regs")). A Political Group is defined as being constituted by at least two Members who have advised the proper officer of the local authority in writing that they wish to be treated as a Political Group.

- 3.2 The political composition of the Council is as follows:-

- Labour Group 16
- Conservative Group 16
- Independent Group 2
- Non-Grouped 2

- 3.3 The Council is required to review the representation of the different political groups on Committees and Sub-Committees at, or as soon as practicable after, the Annual

Meeting of the Council; or where notice is received of a change in the composition of Political Groups.

3.4 The principles of determination are as follows:-

- (a) All the seats are not allocated to the same Group;
- (b) The majority of the seats go to the Group (if any) which has an overall majority on the Council;
- (c) Subject to the above two principles, that the number of seats on the total of all the ordinary Committees allocated to each Group bears the same proportion to the proportion on the Full Council.

3.5 The total number of Committee seats on the District Council for allocation is 98. After calculating the proportionality for the three Groups and the Non-Grouped Members, this gives 44 seats to the Labour Group, 44 seats to the Conservative Group, 5 seats to the Independent Group and 5 seats to the Non-Grouped Members, as indicated on the schedule attached at Annexe 'A'.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 None.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The rules on political balance are covered by Sections 15 and 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and by The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 None.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 Local Government and Housing Act 1989
The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990

Annex 'A'

Political Proportionality 2022/23

Committee	Membership	Conservative Group	Labour Group	Independent Group	Non - Grouped
Finance & Management	13	6 (5.8)	7 (5.8)	0 (0.7)	0 (0.7)
Environmental & Development Services	13	6 (5.8)	5 (5.8)	1 (0.7)	1 (0.7)
Housing & Community Services	13	6 (5.8)	6 (5.8)	1 (0.7)	0 (0.7)
Planning	13	6 (5.8)	6 (5.8)	0 (0.7)	1 (0.7)
Licensing & Appeals	15	6 (6.7)	6 (6.7)	2 (0.7)	1 (0.8)
Overview & Scrutiny	8	4 (3.6)	4 (3.6)	0 (0.4)	0 (0.4)
Standards	6	3 (2.7)	3 (2.7)	0 (0.3)	0 (0.3)
Joint Consultative	5	2 (2.2)	2 (2.2)	0 (0.3)	1 (0.3)
Etwell JMC	3	1 (1.3)	1 (1.3)	1 (0.2)	0 (0.3)
Audit Sub	5	2 (2.2)	2 (2.2)	0 (0.3)	1 (0.3)
Heritage Grants Sub	4	2 (1.8)	2 (1.8)	0 (0.2)	0 (0.2)
Seats available for allocation	98	44 (43.56) (44)	44 (43.56) (44)	5 (5.44) (5)	5 (5.44) (5)
Total number of seats on Council	36 (100%)	16 (44.4%)	16 (44.4%)	2 (5.6%)	2 (5.6%)

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

SWADLINCOTE – AREA 4

Meeting Minutes – June 30, 2022

Oaklands Village

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Mick Mulgrew (Chair), Councillor Malcome Gee, Councillor Vonnie Heath, Councillor Neil Tilley, Councillor Gordon Rhind,

Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant
Frank McArdle – Chief Executive
Debbie Punter – Community Safety Officer

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Gary Musson and Councillor Peter Smith

Derbyshire Police Representatives

Inspector Mike Sisman
PSCO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite
PC James William
PCSO Eve Hanman

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Maureen Hycok – Hartshorne Parish Council

Members of the Public

Eddie Bisknell, David Cornford, Sylvia Cornford, Mick Hine, Helen Miller, Paul Miller, Beryl Randall, David Randall, Nigel Thorneloe, Glenis Weinman and Rich Wilkins.

1. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies

Councillor Trevor Southered, Roger Moors – South Derbyshire CVS, Jenny Burley

c) Chair's Announcements



Thank you to the Events Team at SDDC and all the volunteers for their hard work at the Festival of Leisure which took place on 25th & 26th June. It was a great success and the event attracted thousands of Locals to Maurice Lea Park; lots of fun was had by all.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

All received as a true and accurate record.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

Frank McArdle updated he has reported back to Derbyshire County Council Highways regarding the previous actions of the last meeting.

2. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Eve Hanman gave the following update:

Since the last forum meeting your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have taken part in the Nationwide Biannual 'Op sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week the SNT completed test purchase operations at different shops throughout the area to which no shops failed and did not sell any knives to individuals who they shouldn't.

The SNT set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages.

Knife surrender bins were advertised and placed in different locations on different dates.

We have completed school talks around knife crime and pavements on local parks were temporarily painted with the #OpSceptre using stencils and chalk spray which were provided by the Safer South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

E-Bikes have been provided to the SNT, also by the Safer South Derbyshire Community Partnership, to help us with our patrols - so a huge thankyou to them for our bikes.

We have been working on our neighbourhood priorities for the last quatre which were set as:

- 1) Speeding
- 2) ASB in Open Spaces
- 3) School Parking



We have attended numerous events relating to the Queens platinum Jubilee Celebrations and conducted patrols throughout the many weekend celebrations.

We have been holding a variety of different engagement events such as a Stroll with SNT, Bike Marking and we have been working closely with Swadlincote Youth Club.

Banners relating to parking near schools were funded by Safer South Derbyshire Community Partnership and have been put up at local schools highlighting safe parking.

Talks and engagement events have taken place at local Children's residential homes and local primary and secondary Schools along with progressing a new 'Mini Police' initiative which will be coming soon.

Horse road safety posts have been published on our social media pages, relating to issues with vehicles overtaking horses poorly.

Numerous speed checks have been carried out as part of our neighbourhood priorities.

Many vehicles have been seized for having no insurance and/ or driver's having no driving licence.

We have conducted various foot patrols around the High Street and Local Parks.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five WANTED persons being arrested, a positive outcome for everyone.

Following the appeal which related to different burglaries and vehicle crimes throughout the local area, the SNT team arrested a male in connection.

A warrant has been conducted whereby £50,000 worth of cannabis grown inside the property was found.

The Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelic Foster, visited Swadlincote to engage with residents and conducted a walk through Swadlincote with our SNT and local partnership agencies.

Recently, we have been visiting a school a month to engage with the parents, where they can ask any questions on issues arising or topics concerning them.

Inspector Sisman updated:

There are set to be five new Constables joining the team mid-August, with many PSCO's now returning to the team as PC's who will be based in the Call Out Response Team.

Within the SNT, Rob McGlade who was a PC within the team has now been promoted to Sergeant and will begin his new role soon.



In terms of visibility, we currently have fourteen PCSO's within the SNT and are currently going through the rigorous training and recruitment process. It is a matter which takes time, and we are competing with other industries, but this is a work in progress and something which we are working on. But it is our priority to staff the 24/7 response team to full capacity.

Due to the ever-growing population, our staff are in demand and I am pleased to say we have great support from surrounding neighbourhoods and their Policing Teams.

A member of the public asked if the traffic lights at the top of Midway Road, could have a right turn filter light instead?

PC Williams explained that such a matter lies with County Council.

A member of the public raised concerns over obstruction of vehicles at the top of Midway Road as there are lorries and buses which frequently have difficulties there.

Inspector Sisman explained that based on obstruction, SNT can take a look into the matter.

Councillor Musson explained he will take the matter back to County.

ACTION: Councillor Musson to take the Midway Road traffic light/ parking concerns back to DCC.

A member of the public raised concerns over parking on Sun Street, Woodville – there are yellow lines, but people park restrictively.

PC Williams explained yellow lines cannot be enforced by the Police, it is a County Council matter.

A member of the public raised concerns over parking issues on Highfield Road, Swadlincote.

Councillor Musson agreed to take back to DCC on behalf of Councillor Redfern.

ACTION: Police to visit Highfield Road, Swadlincote RE: parking issues. Councillor Musson to take back to DCC on behalf of Councillor Redfern.

A member of the public raised concerns over speeding issues on Sorrell Drive, Woodville.

PC Williams explained their team is small and a huge area is to be covered. Speed operations are in planned in for every area, but Police cannot be there all of the time.

A member of the public raised concerns over ASB at Rest Haven, Swadlincote. Contact has been made by the member of the public to SDDC ASB Officer, rang 101 but there has been no response.



PC Williams updated he has visited the area himself and asked what time of day the ASB occurs.

The member of the public explained it is from 3:30pm on weekday and from 9am at the weekend.

PC Williams explained, the SNT will increase presence at Rest Haven to try and combat ASB.

Inspector Sisman added that PC Williams will work closely with Claire Rawlins to try and solve the problem. We will take action and work together in partnership with the Council. Together, we have previously had fantastic outcomes through working as a partnership and we will do what we can here.

ACTION: PC Williams to gather details of a specific member of the public and pay close attention to the ASB matters around the Rest Haven Road area.

A member of the public raised concerns over on-going issues in the Goesley area.

PCSO Hanman updated she is aware of the matter and over the six weeks holiday, there will be an increased Police presence.

PC Williams added there is overtime in place over the six weeks holiday so more patrols will be taking place.

ACTION: SNT to provide an increased presence around the Goesley Estate and Goesley Community Centre RE: ASB matters.

A member of the raised concerns over parking on Vicarage Road, Woodville as people park right up to the junction which restricts the dustbin wagons on a Wednesday.

ACTION: Police to play close attention/ visit Vicarage Road, Woodville RE: parking issues.

A member of the public raised concerns over Police presence in the area.

Inspector Sisman explained that all crime and disorder is based on risk and threat. Most of our 24/7 Response Team's time, at the moment is spent dealing with Domestic Abuse cases. We have to manage the risk and threat and that includes taking into consideration the crime behind closed doors. Also, our Prisoners have to be taken to Derby as there is no Custody Suite here in Swadlincote, so again that takes time of our Officers too. We are an area which is developing and growing at pace and our demands have change. For example, when dealing with crime against children, it is not something that takes five minutes – such matters can take up an Officer's whole shift. We have a strong partnership here in South Derbyshire, we work together in dealing with problems, sourcing funding, overtime and initiatives – we will work together and do what we can.



Inspector Sisman explained there are Problem Management Plans in place within the area for individuals. Bi-weekly meetings are held with South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership, SDDC Housing and Schools within the area to target those individuals.

A member of the public asked why there are no longer no 'no ball games' signs in the area.

Debbie Punter explained, the signs are not enforceable, so once broken now they are not replaced.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Debbie Punter gave the following update:

Communities Team Service Assistant

Rosie Collins has now started her new role as Service Assistant in the Communities Team and is already proving to be a great addition to the team.

Community Partnership Officer

Sally Hemsley has now started in the role of Community Partnership Officer replacing Ian Hey who has now started in his new role as S106 Officer. Sally's main role will be liaising with Community and Voluntary sector organisations and managing the annual grants they receive, developing community projects and administering the Councils Community and Environmental Grant scheme.

Liberation Day 2022

Liberation Day took place on Wednesday 18 May where 350+ over 60's attended and were treated to great weather, 'big band' music, afternoon tea and cake, advice and information stalls and guest speakers including Police Inspector Mike Sisman and the Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire. The event was a great success.

Street Whyze project

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Connected South Derbyshire

This is a project to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their communities. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwell and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. For further information please contact, BethanyO@sd cvs.org.uk.

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The Volunteer Force helps to develop and promote volunteering in South Derbyshire with particular reference to the advertising, recruiting, training and referring potential volunteers. Whilst providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information please email, volunteer@sd cvs.org.uk.

Covid Connectors Project

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We have just launched our new website which holds information about our services as well as news, CVS events and how to contact us, please visit www.sd cvs.org.uk.

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- External events/training
- Job vacancies



- Volunteering opportunities
- Funding

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- Attending more community events to chat to local people and raise our profile.

Surveys

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Children's Activity Leaflets – Summer Scheme

The South Derbyshire Summer Playscheme makes a return this year, after two years of absence due to the pandemic. Over 100 sessions of FREE activity have been booked and funded by Parish Councils and Safer South Derbyshire, across the whole of the district.

This will see the Play, Sport and Adventure Mobiles return to offer a programme of fun, active, engaging sessions for all the family to get involved in.



The Summer Activities 2022 leaflet can be downloaded from the below link (which will be circulated after the meeting), or hard copies are available and will be distributed to every school in the district.

[Active young people - School holidays | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

Festival of Leisure

The Festival of Leisure was back this year following a two-year absence due to Covid-19. The special Jubilee themed event took place last weekend at Maurice Lea Memorial Park and attracted thousands of visitors into the area. There was some great coverage of the event in the Burton Mail and attractions included local brass bands, motorcycle stunt display, gun dog display and a variety of local stalls.

Parklife

The Parklife Project has been developed to get local people more active in our parks by offering a range of free and low-cost events and activities.

The project aims to:

- Encourage more families to use the parks
- Attract people to the parks who are physically inactive and would like to be more active
- Work towards local ownership and greater community involvement
- Educate local people in the history and natural environment of the parks
- Improve the natural environment and biodiversity

[Parklife leaflet](#)

Healthy Homes Assistance Fund (Housing)

As the cost-of-living crisis worsens, members should be aware of the availability of the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund. This is a project, funded through the Better Care Fund, which has now been successfully operating for two years.

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The purpose of this assistance is to remove significant hazards in people's homes or to provide security and/or energy efficiency measures to reduce fuel poverty.

Works eligible for assistance is at the discretion of the Council and in general relate to the removal or help to remedy defects or deficiencies within the home that impact on health. Work typically involves:

- Essential repairs to make the property safe, warm, weatherproof or healthy.



- Installation or replacement central heating systems or improve the energy performance of the home.
- Work to prevent falls around the home.
- Additional security measures.

All works must be deemed as reasonable and practicable having regard to the age and condition of the property.

In the last two years the Fund has been used to help 92 different households across the district.

Referrals generally come from colleagues working in Social Services, the Fire Service, and the Police, however anyone (Councillors included) are welcome to make referrals.

The Fund is administered through the Public Health and Private Sector Housing Team in Environmental Services who employ Stephanie Thandi to run the project. Stephanie has many years of experience of working with highly vulnerable clients and has an extensive network of connections across the region to get the best possible set of interventions to help people in need.

Referrals to the project can be made by contacting environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The Hospital Discharge Scheme (Housing)

A discretionary assistance for people in hospital or health or social care funded placement whose discharge is delayed due to the conditions of their home, or the assistance will prevent emergency admission into one of these places.

The applicant must be deemed capable as living independently and works will be determined on case-by-case basis. Eligible works can include:

- Urgent adaptations that allow access in or around a person's home
- Urgent repairs to remove serious hazards
- Heating repairs or improvement
- Property clearance and one off deep cleans of hoarded goods etc.
- This not exhaustive and any works will be considered that reduces bed blocking.

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- Reduce the number of serious hazards



- Improve the health and wellbeing and quality of life of people living in our district.
- Improve energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty.

Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund

The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) is a Government/ Local Authority funded initiative to install energy saving measures in Council properties. In total South Derbyshire District Council has £1.6 million to spend in this wave.

Approximately 111 properties are included in South Derbyshire District Council Wave 1. Installed measures may include cavity, loft and external wall insulation, A+++ window glazing, insulated doors but could include other appropriate measures that will raise the overall energy performance to a 'C' rating.

Surveys are complete and installation is expected to start in August 2022 and be complete by March 31, 2023.

South Derbyshire District Council will be bidding for Wave 2 Funding in the late Summer of 2022.

Community Survey 2022 –Shaping Future Services

South Derbyshire District Council is asking people who live or visit the District to complete a short online survey to help shape future leisure and community services.

The Council is reviewing its leisure offer across the District to ensure it is fit for purpose, and meets the needs of residents and the growing population.

A vital part of this review process is for the Council to understand how South Derbyshire residents and visitors use the current local leisure facilities alongside people's general attitude towards physical activity and exercise.

Answers provided will help the Council understand what barriers may be preventing people from being more physically active and using local leisure facilities more, and what can be done to help overcome these.

The survey's questions focus on people's leisure, sport and physical activity habits. All responses are anonymous, and the survey is open to people aged 15 plus who live or visit South Derbyshire.

To complete the survey, please visit [Online Community Survey 2022](#) or there is a QR code which can be scanned on your mobile phones.

The survey is open until 22 July 2022.

Frank McArdle showed the meeting attendees the plans for Swadlincote Town Centre's improvements.

Frank McArdle explained there will be picnic areas, a multi-use area which is now known as the indoor market which will be changed beyond recognition. The facility will



be used as an open-air cinema/ theatre and a free car parking space when not in use for 80 cars.

Frank explained, by May next year, these plans will be in the making and all residents of South Derbyshire should benefit.

Frank McArdle explained the Delph is being resurfaced to a grey Granite, non-slip surface. The shops that face the Town Hall are all set for a new surface front, an initiative by the Council, for the people.

The tree's which run down the High Street are being treated by County Council and any that need to be removed will be replaced with semi-mature trees.

Frank continued; Derbyshire County Council are currently hoping to be combined with other Council's in becoming a Mayoral Authority. Come the next round of the meetings, there will be more information available on that matter.

A member of the public raised concerns over the noise from WARDS Recycling Centre, the member of the public explained they have contacted Environmental Health several times.

Frank McArdle responded that SDDC Environmental Health Team have been out and monitored the noise which has to reach a certain decibel level for action to take place which so far it hasn't. We will continue to monitor the matter and act on it.

A member of the public raised concerns over the Regeneration Route in Woodville, as people are doing U-Turns at the side of the road instead of using the roundabout properly.

Frank McArdle responded that Highways England are responsible for determining where road signs go on such routes. The matter is currently being observed by Highways as their procedure states they should do so. It is a process and we are aware of it, DCC are trying to make changes but SDDC are not in a position to do so. Let's hope for improvements.

A member of the public raised concerns over being asked to fill in paper forms rather than electronic forms (in relation to ASB Diary Sheets).

ACTION: Debbie Punter to look into the ASB Diary Sheets (paper form) and an electronic alternative).

A member of the public raised concerns over the Council Owned Properties Housing Improvements which are set to start August 2022. She explained she has severe allergies and any work that takes place will affect her health. Enquiries have been made, but no response as yet.

ACTION: Frank McArdle to follow up with the Environmental Health Team in respect to allergies with the new work to be complete in Council Owned Properties.



6. Summary of Agreed Actions

Action	Person responsible
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Police to visit Highfield Road, Swadlincote RE: parking issues. Councillor Musson to take this back to DCC on behalf of Councillor Redfern.	SNT
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The meeting closed at 7:50pm



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

NEWHALL – AREA 5

Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, July 5, 2022

Midway Community Centre

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Sean Bambrick (Chair), Councillor Louise Mulgrew, Councillor Linda Stuart.

Derbyshire County Council representatives

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Alan Argent, Pat Bambrick, Eddie Bisknell, Cat Bray, Alan Hillier, Richard House, Ron Hughes, David James, Colin Maddock, Lynn Murdock, Carol Smith, Glenys Tagg, Ron Trim.

1. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies

Councillor Paul Dunn, Councillor Robert Pearson, Councillor Kevin Richards, Mary Richards.

c) Chair's Announcements



Thank you to the Events Team at SDDC and all the volunteers for their hard work at the Festival of Leisure which took place on 25th & 26th June. It was a great success and the event attracted thousands of Locals to Maurice Lea Park; lots of fun was had by all.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

Councillor Peter Smith gave an update regarding a footpath in Newhall, from Meadow Lane to Church Street. Councillor Smith explained there will be a meeting with Mr House and himself to discuss the work going on with regards to the footpath.

Councillor Sean Bambrick, Chair, thanked Councillor Smith for all of his hard work.

2. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Rachel Jackson gave the following update:

Since the last forum meeting your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have taken part in the Nationwide Biannual 'Op sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week the SNT completed test purchase operations at different shops throughout the area to which no shops failed and did not sell any knives to individuals who they shouldn't.

The SNT set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages.

Knife surrender bins were advertised and placed in different locations on different dates.

We have completed talks around knife crime at local Childrens residential homes, Newhall juniors, Elmsleigh infants, Newhall support centre and Newhall army Cadets.

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We have been working on our neighbourhood priorities for the last quatre which were set as:

1) Speeding



2) ASB in Open Spaces

3) School Parking

We have attended numerous events relating to the Queens platinum Jubilee Celebrations and conducted patrols throughout the many weekend celebrations.

Banners relating to parking near schools were funded by Safer South Derbyshire Community Partnership and have been put up at local schools highlighting safe parking.

Talks and engagement events have taken place at local Children's residential homes and local primary and secondary Schools along with progressing a new 'Mini Police' initiative which will be coming soon.

Also, we have taken part in events such as, stroll with SNT, Bike Marking in Newhall, a community engagement event at Garden King, an engagement event at The Old Post Newhall and Swadlincote Youth Club at William Allitt.

Horse road safety posts have been published on our social media pages, relating to issues with vehicles overtaking horses poorly.

Numerous speed checks have been carried out as part of our neighbourhood priorities.

Many vehicles have been seized for having no insurance and/ or driver's having no driving licence.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five WANTED persons being arrested, a positive outcome for everyone.

Following the appeal which related to different burglaries and vehicle crimes throughout the local area, the SNT team arrested a male in connection.

A warrant was conducted in Newhall whereby a £50,000 Cannabis Grow was located inside the property.

The Police and Crime Commissioner visited Swadlincote to engage with local residents and conducted a walk about Swadlincote with the SNT.

Your local SNT helped the Newhall Litter Pick Community Group at Newhall Park.

In terms of E-Scooters, we have sent a message to all schools asking them to send it onto all parents relating to the Law and Safety around E-Scooters. We continue to engage and enforce those using E-Scooters.

Following a spate of theft of vehicles throughout Derbyshire, SALCU have arrested and charged five men.



Inspector Sisman updated:

There are set to be five new Constables joining the team mid-August, with many PCSO's now returning to the team as PC's who will be based in the Call Out Response Team.

Within the SNT, Rob McGlade who was a PC within the team has now been promoted to Sergeant and will begin his new role soon.

In terms of visibility, we currently have fourteen PCSO's within the SNT and are currently going through the rigorous training and recruitment process. It is a matter which takes time, and we are competing with other industries, but this is a work in progress and something which we are working on. But it is our priority to staff the 24/7 response team to full capacity.

Due to the ever-growing population, our staff are in demand and I am pleased to say we have great support from surrounding neighbourhoods and their Policing Teams.

As a partnership, we will take action and work together with the Council. Together, we have previously had fantastic outcomes through working as a partnership and we will do what we can here. SDDC ASB Officer, Claire Rawlins helps immensely. There has recently been a number of young people causing problems in the area, we have pushed boundaries within our partnership and we get the results.

A member of the Public thanked the Police for their work regarding a recent incident with two youth on motor bikes.

A member of the public raised concerns over parking outside Granville school.

PCSO Coldicott explained when the Police are there, they do have an impact – but it is not visible for them to be there all the time.

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A member of the Public asked if the Mini-Police Scheme is just open to the one school.

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Sergeant Nizzer explained the SNT visit schools on a regular basis, if there is a particular issue with a particular school, let the SNT know, and they will pay a visit.



A member of the public raised concerns over speeding on the A444 between Stanton Primary School and Park Road as the speed camera does not seem to deter people from speeding.

Sergeant Nizzer explained speed operations will continue to be carried out in that area, the Police are aware of the issues, and we are trying to tackle it.

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3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Debbie Punter gave the following update:

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Rosie Collins has now started her new role as Service Assistant in the Communities Team and is already proving to be a great addition to the team.

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Chair, Councillor Bambrick asked how long the money is available for.

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ACTION: Debbie Punter to raise at the next Pubwatch meeting, concerns of beer bottle littering around the Newhall Area.

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5. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Ardip Sandhu gave the following update:

Heathy Homes Assistance Fund (Housing)

As the cost-of-living crisis worsens, members should be aware of the availability of the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund. This is a project, funded through the Better Care Fund, which has now been successfully operating for two years.

The Fund provides funding of up to £10,000 as discretionary assistance to ensure vulnerable or disabled households living in private sector properties can live in homes that are safe and free from serious defects or hazards, are warm and secure.

The purpose of this assistance is to remove significant hazards in people's homes or to provide security and/or energy efficiency measures to reduce fuel poverty.

Works eligible for assistance is at the discretion of the Council and in general relate to the removal or help to remedy defects or deficiencies within the home that impact on health. Work typically involves:

- Essential repairs to make the property safe, warm, weatherproof or healthy.
- Installation or replacement central heating systems or improve the energy performance of the home.
- Work to prevent falls around the home.
- Additional security measures.

All works must be deemed as reasonable and practicable having regard to the age and condition of the property.



In the last two years the Fund has been used to help 92 different households across the district.

Referrals generally come from colleagues working in Social Services, the Fire Service, and the Police, however anyone (Councillors included) are welcome to make referrals.

The Fund is administered through the Public Health and Private Sector Housing Team in Environmental Services who employ Stephanie Thandi to run the project. Stephanie has many years of experience of working with highly vulnerable clients and has an extensive network of connections across the region to get the best possible set of interventions to help people in need.

Referrals to the project can be made by contacting environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The Hospital Discharge Scheme (Housing)

A discretionary assistance for people in hospital or health or social care funded placement whose discharge is delayed due to the conditions of their home, or the assistance will prevent emergency admission into one of these places.

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- Urgent adaptations that allow access in or around a person's home
- Urgent repairs to remove serious hazards
- Heating repairs or improvement
- Property clearance and one off deep cleans of hoarded goods etc.
- This not exhaustive and any works will be considered that reduces bed blocking.

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The aim of both the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund and the Hospital Discharge Scheme is to:

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- Reduce the number of serious hazards
- Improve the health and wellbeing and quality of life of people living in our district.
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Surveys are complete and installation is expected to start in August 2022 and be complete by March 31, 2023.

South Derbyshire District Council will be bidding for Wave 2 Funding in the late Summer of 2022.

Community Survey 2022 –Shaping Future Services

South Derbyshire District Council is asking people who live or visit the District to complete a short online survey to help shape future leisure and community services.

The Council is reviewing its leisure offer across the District to ensure it is fit for purpose, and meets the needs of residents and the growing population.

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ACTION: Councillor Peter Smith to look into the road repairs required at Durham Close, Lower Midway.



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A member of the public asked when the Dog Wardens are working.

Debbie Punter explained they work full time.

Councillor Musson explained to the members of the meeting that if you report any issues on DCC Website, you can track updates of the issue.

A member of the public raised concerns over dog fouling on Newhall Park.

Chair, Councillor Bambrick explained the clean team are there on a regular basis.

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ACTION: Councillor Peter Smith to look into the rotting and missing steps up the bank at the junction of FP 91, 23 & 22.

6. Summary of Agreed Actions



Action	Person Responsible
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Councillor Sean Bambrick
CHAIR
The meeting terminated at 7:53pm



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

ETWALL – AREA 1

Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2022 at 6:30pm

Frank Wickham Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Lisa Brown (Chair), Councillor Gillian Lemmon, Councillor David Muller.

Kevin Stackhouse – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources

Claire Rawlins – Anti-Social Behaviour Officer

Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant (Taking Meeting Minutes)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Derbyshire Police Representatives

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite

PC Mark Holmes

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Charles Cuddington – Hilton Parish Council

Norman Ireland – Etwall Parish Council

Steve Ironbridge – Dalbury Lees Parish Council

Anne Muller – Etwall Parish Council

Barrie Payton – Etwall Parish Council

Ursula Towne – Etwall Parish Council

Members of the Public

Eddie Bisknell, Sandra Creeth, Tony Creeth, Angela Sargent, Ian Stubbs.

1. Open Meeting

a) **Introductions and Housekeeping**

b) **Apologies**

Councillor Martyn Ford, Annette McMahon – South Derbyshire CVS, Councillor Roberts.

c) **Chair's Announcements**



Parklife

The Parklife Project has been developed to get local people more active in our parks by offering a range of free and low-cost events and activities.

The project aims to:

- Encourage more families to use the parks
- Attract people to the parks who are physically inactive and would like to be more active
- Work towards local ownership and greater community involvement
- Educate local people in the history and natural environment of the parks
- Improve the natural environment and biodiversity

[Parklife leaflet](#)

Children's Activity Leaflets – Summer Scheme

The South Derbyshire Summer Playscheme makes a return this year, after two years of absence due to the pandemic. Over 100 sessions of FREE activity have been booked and funded by Parish Councils and Safer South Derbyshire, across the whole of the district.

This will see the Play, Sport and Adventure Mobiles return to offer a programme of fun, active, engaging sessions for all the family to get involved in.

The Summer Activities 2022 leaflet can be downloaded from the below link (which will be circulated after the meeting), or hard copies are available and will be distributed to every school in the district.

[Active young people - School holidays | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

Carriers Road/Egginton Road

Update given by Chair, Councillor Brown on behalf of Councillor Ford: *'A petition has been received at Derbyshire County Council from Egginton Parish Council regarding the ongoing collisions at the Carriers Road/Egginton Road crossroads. The procedure from here is that a report will be prepared by Officers and this report will be presented to the Cabinet Member for consideration of the recommendations. A meeting will be arranged with interested parties, hopefully before the report is finalised, to capture any areas that need further investigations.'*

Double yellow lines are to be installed at the junction of Willington Road and Main Street, the TRO to install the lines has been made.

Discussions around the EMIP Freeport and the D2/N2 Combined Mayoral Authority are ongoing. More details should be available for the next Area Forum.'



South Derbyshire Local Plan

The decision to commence a formal review of the Local Plan Part 1 was agreed at Committee in August 2021. The first consultation as part of this review will be the publication of an Issues and Options document; this consultation document is expected to go to Committee in September 2022 for approval.

The responses made to the Issues and Options consultation will be used to help shape the draft Local Plan. It is through consultation on the draft Plan that proposed allocations (for example for housing and employment) are first publicly set out. The draft Plan will go to a Committee either during or after June 2023.

Chair asked at the end of the announcements for an action to be assigned to Councillor Ford to update further at the next meeting on the matters addressed in the update given on his behalf, in particular the freeport.

ACTION: Councillor Ford to feedback on further discussions around the freeport.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

All received as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

None.

2. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite and PC Mark Holmes gave the following update:

Since the last Area Forum meeting your local SNT have taken part the Nationwide Bi-Annual 'Op Sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week, SNT completed test purchase operations at shops throughout the area of which no shops failed. We set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages. Also, knife surrender bins were advertised and in different locations on different dates. We also visited a variety of schools to complete talks around knife crime. Pavements on local parks were temporarily painted with the #OpSceptre with chalk spray and stencils kindly donated by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

E-Bikes have been provided to the SNT to help us with patrols, the bikes have been funded by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership, so a huge thankyou to them for our E-Bikes.

We have been working on our neighbourhood priorities for the last quatre which were set as:

- 1) Speeding



2) ASB in Open Spaces

3) School Parking

New priorities will be set after this round of Area Forum Meetings for the next quare.

We have been aware of some small fires set in the Hilton Woodlands by youths. We have been progressing this and have spoken to several youths relating to the fires as well as working with Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service on prevention moving forward. In relation to this ASB, we have reiterated via our Derbyshire Alert and social media channels the importance of reporting incidents to us rather than on 'spotted' sites. We do not monitor social media sites and reporting it that way is not reporting it to us. You can call 101, visit www.derbyshire.police.uk, report via @derpolcontact on twitter and via the main Derbyshire Constabulary Facebook page via Direct Message.

We have attended numerous events relating to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and conducted patrols throughout the weekend celebrations.

We have held numerous engagement events within the area such as visiting Hilton WI, Pop Up events for Crime Prevention and Derbyshire Alert sign ups and surveys and Etwall Well Dressings.

SNT have given out banners to local schools which were funded by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership and have been put up by many of the schools highlighting safe parking outside of schools.

We have completed numerous school talks on 'How We Help', 'Stranger Danger', 'ASB', 'Knife Crime' and 'E Safety'.

In terms of speed checks, we have completed numerous as part of our neighbourhood priorities as well as setting up and supporting Etwall Community Speed Watch Scheme. If any other areas are interested in setting up a Community Speed Watch Scheme, when six volunteers have been agreed please contact us and we will arrange the relevant training and support.

Several vehicles have been seized for having no insurance and/or no driving licence and recently, we located a stolen motorbike in Hilton.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five wanted persons being arrested, which was a great result for the team.

We have been carrying out joint targeted patrols around Rural Areas which have been conducted alongside the Rural Crime Team Officers. A couple of our own Officers have recently completed their Rural Officer Training too.

PCSO Greville has now moved over to our Melbourne Area Team, and we are looking forward to PCSO Phillip Taylor arriving on the 12th of July to the team. Phil is an experienced PCSO who has transferred from another force area.

Dalbury Lees Parish Council raised speeding concerns within the area and asked the SNT to consider completing a speed check in the area.



ACTION: SNT to complete a speed check in the Dalbury Lees area.

Hilton Parish Council raised concerns over ASB in village of Hilton and questioned whether an increased number of patrols will take place over the school holiday.

PC Holmes reassured Hilton Parish Council about the matter raised and explained there will be increased patrols over the school holidays and security measures have proactively been put in place regarding a particular issue which the Parish Council are aware of.

A member of the public raised concerns over traffic issues on Bellfield Road. To which Chair, Councillor Brown explained that Etwall Parish Council currently have a programme on this matter.

PCSO Wallington-Waite agreed the traffic issues on Bellfield Road are not ideal but reassured everyone the SNT are doing what they can.

PCSO Wallington-Waite discussed with a member of the public, how a Community Speed Watch Group could help with the traffic issues with regard to speeding. A member of Etwall Speed Watch Community Group introduced herself to which Councillor Brown suggested to both members of the public to discuss Speed Watch matters after the meeting. PCSO Wallington-Waite agreed and offered help and support in the matter outside of the meeting.

A member of the public raised concerns of ASB down Boundary Road; in particular drug dealing.

PCSO Wallington-Waite reassured the member of the public that the SNT are doing regular patrols around that area and to date, nothing has been found when on patrol.

PCSO Wallington-Waite encouraged attendees of the meeting to ring in any issues at the time they are taking place and going forward, the SNT will continue to check Boundary Road as an area of interest.

A member of the public raised an issue regarding graffiti in the Hilton and Hatton areas. The member of the public explained how the graffiti is no longer just on the Skate Park, but in the bus shelter, on goal posts of the playing field and also other areas.

Claire Rawlins reassured the member of the public that SDDC are very proactive in tackling such behaviour and is happy to work with the Parish Council going forward.

Claire agreed to take an action forward to obtain a Graffiti Removal Kit for Hilton Parish Council.

ACTION: Claire Rawlins to look into obtaining a Graffiti Removal Kit for Hilton Parish Council.

A member of the public raised concerns over the Double Yellow Lines outside of the Chip Shop in Etwall, which have taken an awful long time to get in place. However, now people are ignoring them and still parking there. A question was raised to SNT if they would patrol here more frequently and raise their profile on this matter.



PCSO Wallington-Waite empathised with the member of the public but explained it is the Council Parking Enforcement Team who hold the power on such matters. Only if a vehicle is an obstruction, the Police can deal with it.

A member of the public raised a concern over a vehicle which is permanently parked on Chestnut Grove, partially covering the footpath.

PC Holmes and PCSO Wallington-Waite agreed to take a look at the matter after the meeting.

ACTION: SNT to do a vehicle check on the vehicle which is permanently parked on Chestnut Grove.

A member of the public raised concerns over an incident which took place on Carriers Road on April 5, 2022. Questions were raised as to why these sorts of accidents keep happening and how the names of Police in attendance can be found.

PCSO Wallington-Waite informed the meeting that the Police are not able to give opinions on that junction as it is a matter which lies with Derbyshire County Council Highways Authority and Officers would not be able to comment on any particular incident.

PCSO Wallington-Waite advised the member of the public to contact Derbyshire CREST who will be able to give any information which is available. CREST will give statistics but not details about any incident.

A member of the public raised concerns of HGV's carrying out three point turns on Bellfield Road.

PCSO Wallington-Waite explained there are no weight restrictions on that road so there is very little the Police can do.

Councillor Muller added that many HGVs are using basic car Sat Nav's which are not suitable for HGV use.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood

Grants Update

Claire Rawlins gave the following update:

Communities Team Service Assistant

Rosie Collins has now started her new role as Service Assistant in the Communities Team and is already proving to be a great addition to the team.

Community Partnership Officer

Sally Hemsley has now started in the role of Community Partnership Officer replacing Ian Hey who has now started in his new role as Section 106 Officer. Sally's main role will be liaising with Community and Voluntary Sector organisations and managing the annual grants they receive, developing community projects and administering the Councils Community and Environmental Grant Scheme.



Liberation Day 2022

Liberation Day took place on Wednesday 18 May 2022, where over 350 over 60's attended and were treated to great weather, 'big band' music, afternoon tea and cake, advice and information stalls and guest speakers including Police Inspector Mike Sisman and the Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire. The event was a great success.

Street Whyze Project

We have been working closely with the South Derbyshire Support Centre (previously known as Newhall Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) to commission knife crime education input into the centre. A local organisation known as the Street Whyze who have previously worked in Birmingham, have been approached to provide the input. The delivery will include twelve weekly group sessions and six identified individuals will receive six weekly one-to-one sessions.

Electric Bikes

In response to a request made by PC Robert McGlade, two new Electric Bikes have been funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership for use by the South Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. It is planned that the bikes will be used in and around the Urban Core as well as in more Northern Areas of the District.

Banners

Thirty new road safety banners, also funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership are being distributed to Schools across the District by local SNT Officers. Two different designs were purchased, one which states 'DO NOT STOP ON THE ZIG ZAGS and another which states 'THINK BEFORE YOU PARK'.

Operation Sceptre

Operation Sceptre, a National Knife Crime Awareness Week dedicated to tackling and preventing knife crime took place between Monday 16 and Sunday 22 May, 2022. During the week of action there was a series of press releases, knife sweeps in local parks, social media posts, a knife amnesty bin located in Swadlincote and chalk paint stencilling in our Urban Core parks and open spaces.

Pubwatch

There was a great turn-out to the latest South Derbyshire Pubwatch meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, whereby sixteen pubs were in attendance. An informative presentation was given by the Licensed Trade Charity (LTC) and the Police provided an update on fake ID's.

Anti-social Behaviour Prevention Grant



Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster has launched a second round of funding from her Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant worth £100,000 for projects that take positive action against Anti-Social Behaviour. These could include sports and creative arts diversionary programmes, drop-ins for young people, CCTV, community clean-ups, and mentoring projects.

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Scams Awareness Fortnight

Between June 13th and 19th, we supported Scams Awareness Fortnight; social media posts were created to promote this via the Councils website and social media channels as well as on the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership Facebook page.

Safer Neighbourhood Funding

There is currently £4000 still available for this area and funding applications are available on the website.

If you require any help or support, please contact Chris Smith.

Chair, Councillor Brown raised a query regarding the Community and Environmental Grant Scheme and when this will become available again.

ACTION: Claire Rawlins to contact Sally Hemsley regarding money allocations from the Community and Environmental Grant Scheme and to find out if the grant will become available again.

4. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

Bethany O'Dell gave the following update:

Active Travel

This service supports people who have no transport and are unable to use public transport to take them to medical appointments (GP's and hospital appointments). In the last three months we have supported 94 individuals and had 313 contacts. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

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A member of the public raised an action for a report back on the Social Decarbonisation Fund.

ACTION: KS to feedback/ report on the Social Decarbonisation Fund.

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7. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2022 at Foston and Scropton Village Hall.

Councillor Lisa Brown
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:35pm



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

LINTON – AREA 6

Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2022

Coton in the Elms Community Centre

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council representatives

Councillor Amy Wheelton (Chair), Councillor Melanie Bridgen.

Derbyshire County Council representatives

Councillor Stuart Swann.

Derbyshire Police representatives

Councillor Melanie Bridgen.

Parish Council/ Meeting representatives

Claire Bradford – Coton in the Elms Parish Council
Karen Bradford – Coton in the Elms Parish Council
Karen Bradford – South Derbyshire CVS (SDCVS)
Drakelow Parish Council
Sheila Jackson – Castle Gresley Parish Council
Frank Lusk – Netherseal Parish Council
Paul Marbrow – Rosliston Parish Council
Stephanie Marbrow – Rosliston Parish Council
Kevin Tizzard – Linton Parish Council

Members of the public

Mrs Bailey, Richard Bailey, C. Barnes, Hazel Bush, Teresa Bush, James Cowell, Lana Cowell, Jim Davis, Mr & Mrs Deakin, Reverend Druco, Mr & Mrs Fletcher, Lynne Hammond, M. Hammond, Chris Harman, Sarah King, J. Leech, Sandra Lees, D. McCombey, G. McCombey, Steve Mills, Graham Mottram, Mr & Mrs Munro, Carole Page, Karen Preedy, Mary Price, Ella Severs, D. Shaw, Jane Sherriff, Graham Smith, Vera Smith, R. Thorpe, Alan Timmins, Rob Wale, Dave Whetton and Sally Wodston.

1. Open Meeting

a) Introductions and Housekeeping

b) Apologies



Rebecca Lees, Overseal Parish Council and Councillor Dan Pegg.

c) Chair's Announcements

Parklife

The Parklife Project has been developed to get local people more active in our parks by offering a range of free and low-cost events and activities.

The project aims to:

- Encourage more families to use the parks
- Attract people to the parks who are physically inactive and would like to be more active
- Work towards local ownership and greater community involvement
- Educate local people in the history and natural environment of the parks
- Improve the natural environment and biodiversity

[Parklife leaflet](#)

Children's Activity Leaflets – Summer Scheme

The South Derbyshire Summer Playscheme makes a return this year, after two years of absence due to the pandemic. Over 100 sessions of FREE activity have been booked and funded by Parish Councils and Safer South Derbyshire, across the whole of the district.

This will see the Play, Sport and Adventure Mobiles return to offer a programme of fun, active, engaging sessions for all the family to get involved in.

The Summer Activities 2022 leaflet can be downloaded from the below link (which will be circulated after the meeting), or hard copies are available and will be distributed to every school in the district.

[Active young people - School holidays | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

Festival of Leisure

Thank you to the Events Team at SDDC and all the volunteers for their hard work at the Festival of Leisure which took place on 25th & 26th June. It was a great success and the event attracted thousands of Locals to Maurice Lea Park; lots of fun was had by all.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

None.



2. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Thompson gave the following update:

Since the last forum meeting your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) have taken part in the Nationwide Biannual 'Op sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week the SNT completed test purchase operations at different shops throughout the area to which no shops failed and did not sell any knives to individuals who they shouldn't.

The SNT set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages. Knife surrender bins were advertised and placed in different locations on different dates.

We have completed school talks on, 'How We Help', 'Stranger Danger', 'ASB', 'Knife Crime' and 'Respect'.

Pavements in local parks were temporarily painted with the #OpSceptre using stencils and chalk spray which were provided by the Safer South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

E-Bikes have been provided to the SNT, also by the Safer South Derbyshire Community Partnership, to help us with our patrols - so a huge thankyou to them for our bikes.

We have been working on our neighbourhood priorities for the last quatre which were set as:

- 1) Speeding
- 2) ASB in Open Spaces
- 3) School Parking

We have attended numerous events relating to the Queens platinum Jubilee Celebrations and conducted patrols throughout the many weekend celebrations.

Banners relating to parking near schools were funded by Safer South Derbyshire Community Partnership and have been put up at local schools highlighting safe parking.

Horse road safety posts have been published on our social media pages, relating to issues with vehicles overtaking horses poorly.

Numerous speed checks have been carried out as part of our neighbourhood priorities.



Many vehicles have been seized for having no insurance and/ or driver's having no driving licence.

Following a spate of theft of vehicles throughout Derbyshire, SALCU have arrested and charged five men.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five WANTED persons being arrested, a positive outcome for everyone.

The Police and Crime Commissioner visited Swadlincote to engage with local residents and conducted a walk about Swadlincote with the SNT.

SNT have attended recent engagement events at Overseal Community Café, CO-OP in Overseal and CO-OP in Rosliston.

Sergeant Nizzer updated:

There are set to be five new Constables joining the team mid-August, with many PCSO's now returning to the team as PC's who will be based in the Call Out Response Team.

Within the SNT, Rob McGlade who was a PC within the team has now been promoted to Sergeant and will begin his new role soon.

In terms of visibility, we currently have fourteen PCSO's within the SNT and are currently going through the rigorous training and recruitment process. It is a matter which takes time, and we are competing with other industries, but this is a work in progress and something which we are working on. But it is our priority to staff the 24/7 response team to full capacity.

There has recently been a particular issue with Graffiti around the Scout Hut in Rosliston. PCSO Thompson gave them ASB signs and rang the local school – since the positive action was taken, there has been no further incidents.

In terms of E-Scooters, we have sent a message to all schools asking them to send it onto all parents relating to the Law and Safety around E-Scooters. We continue to engage and enforce those using E-Scooters.

A warrant was conducted in Castle Gresley where an individual was arrested for intent to supply.

Work is being carried out in Coton in the Elms regarding HGV Lorries. Two operations were carried out recently with no HGV's being found to be going through the village. The second operation led to two HGV's being stopped and advice given. There is a plan in place for another operation to be carried out in September when more Officers are on board.



On Mount Pleasant Road, there is an old derelict school whereby kids have been trespassing and causing ASB, starting small fires etc. PCSO Thompson has spoken with the owner of the building and made the fire service aware of the issues at the premises and the owners are going to go ahead with work to make it as safe as possible.

We have been carrying out joint targeted patrols around Rural Areas which have been conducted alongside the Rural Crime Team Officers. A couple of our own Officers have recently completed their Rural Officer Training too.

A member of the public raised concerns over the Cross-Roads in Drakelow for Swadlincote, Burton and Rosliston.

Sergeant Nizzer explained that Mapping of the road with the Collision Investigation Team is an ongoing matter.

Councillor Melanie Bridgen read the following from Becky Lees:

The main issue for me at the minute is still a lack of police presence. On the recent walk around that Frank arranged, we had PC John Anwar in attendance. We reported the ASB around the shops and Bass' Crescent/Arthur Street and drug dealing that is being witnessed regularly around the Arthur Street MUGA. I was copied into an email where he asked for our local SNT officers to pay particular attention to this issue and also an address and also requested a speed check in the village due to the cars travelling in excess of 30mph through the village. Since this time, we have still had very little presence and I am still receiving reports regarding the drug issue around Arthur Street. As Castle Gresley had some of the highest crime rates over the past few months out of all the district six villages, I'm a little bemused as to why we have so little attention. Not sure of this is something you could raise perhaps? I have emailed Inspector Sisman but have had no response.

Another thing is regarding your recent email in relation to bin collections and lids, perhaps not something for the forum but something you could take back to District. A number of bins weren't collected on recycling day, and these were older residents who do not have social media/internet access. They are unaware of the bin lid policy, and I wondered if perhaps this could be something put on the new bin collection calendars when they are done next. We have done posters and will be putting them on notice boards, and we have also asked the shops and Mount Pleasant Inn to display them, but not sure this will still get to everyone.

PCSO Thompson explained that on May 25, 2022 a speed check was carried out in the village where between 13:20 and 14:20. 140 cars went through the speed check, and only five cars sped over 35mph.

PCSO Thompson encouraged members of the public to report any problems they see as if it is not reported, the Police cannot do anything about it.



Regarding the dustbin issues, Allison Thomas explained there have been additional training programmes which have recently taken place for staff. In terms of the bin lids being open, when collected it will break the vehicle due to the weight of the bin. What the Council do offer is for residents to pop a box next to their bin in a tidy state which will be collected.

ACTION: SNT to continue patrols around Castle Gresley.

A member of the public raised concerns over drug activity within the area.

PCSO Thompson assured members of the public, the Police are doing what they can and encourage people to use Crimestoppers to report anything they see.

Councillor Stuart Swann explained that the priority for this Area Forum Meeting is the HGV issue for villages such as Coton in the Elms and surrounding areas.

Sergeant Nizzer explained that the Police are aware of the issues and are working with the CREST and Collision team on the matter.

PRIORITY: HGV's travelling through Coton in the Elms and the surrounding villages.

A member of the public raised concerns over the HGV's which have been travelling through the area for the festivals at Catton Park and damaging the trees – leaving a mess on the road which is a danger to cyclists.

ACTION: Councillor Wheelton/ Chris Smith to enquire with SDDC licensing to see if anything can be done regarding events and HGV's in the village of Coton in the Elms. i.e. traffic management plan.

Chris Smith encourage people to report such issues so matters can be followed through.

A discussion was held at length about HGV's, local events and the disruption caused.

A member of the public asked why there is a Speed Watch sign 200m before the speed gun.

PCSO Thompson explained the sign has to be in place for the Health and Safety of the team – it is a legal requirement.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood grants update

Chris Smith gave the following update:

Communities Team Service Assistant

Rosie Collins has now started her new role as Service Assistant in the Communities Team and is already proving to be a great addition to the team.



Community Partnership Officer

Sally Hemsley has now started in the role of Community Partnership Officer replacing Ian Hey who has now started in his new role as S106 Officer. Sally's main role will be liaising with Community and Voluntary sector organisations and managing the annual grants they receive, developing community projects and administering the Councils Community and Environmental Grant scheme.

Liberation Day 2022

Liberation Day took place on Wednesday 18 May where 350+ over 60's attended and were treated to great weather, 'big band' music, afternoon tea and cake, advice and information stalls and guest speakers including Police Inspector Mike Sisman and the Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire. The event was a great success.

Street Whyze project

We have been working closely with the South Derbyshire Support Centre (Previously known as Newhall Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) to commission knife crime education input into the centre. A local organisation known as the Street Whyze who have previously worked in Birmingham have been approached to provide the input. The delivery will include 12 weekly group sessions and six identified individuals will receive six weekly one-to-one sessions.

Electric Bikes

In response to a request made by PC Robert McGlade, two new Electric Bikes have been funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership for use by the South Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. It is planned that the bikes will be used in and around the Urban Core as well as in more northern areas of the district.

Banners

Thirty new road safety banners, also funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership are being distributed to Schools across the District by local SNT Officers. Two different designs were purchased, one which states 'DO NOT STOP ON THE ZIG ZAGS and another which states 'THINK BEFORE YOU PARK'.

Operation Sceptre

Operation Sceptre, a national knife crime awareness week dedicated to tackling and preventing knife crime took place between Monday 16 and Sunday 22 May. During the week of action there was a series of press releases, knife sweeps in local parks, social media posts, a knife amnesty bin located in Swadlincote and chalk paint stencilling in our Urban Core parks and open spaces.

Pubwatch



There was a great turn-out to the latest South Derbyshire Pubwatch meeting held on Tuesday, May 24 whereby x16 pubs were in attendance. An informative presentation was given by the Licensed Trade Charity (LTC) and the Police provided an update on Fake ID's. During the meeting two, three year Banning Orders were agreed to by members of the scheme in relation to two separate incidents involving females that had assaulted bar staff.

Anti-social Behaviour Prevention Grant

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster has launched a second round of funding from her **Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant** worth £100,000 for projects that take positive action against antisocial behaviour. These could include sports and creative arts diversionary programmes, drop-ins for young people, CCTV, community clean-ups, and mentoring projects

Grants of up to £5000 will be allocated to successful applicants who can show evidence of how they will make a difference to the local community. More information can be found on the PCC's website.

Scams Awareness Fortnight

June 13th-26th was Scams Awareness Fortnight; social media posts were created to promote this via the Councils website and social media channels as well as on the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership Facebook page.

Safer Neighbourhood Funding

There is currently money still available for this area and funding applications are available on the website.

If you require any help or support, please contact Chris Smith.

4. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

Karen Bradford gave the following update:

Active Travel

This service supports people who have no transport and are unable to use public transport to take them to medical appointments (GP's and hospital appointments). In the last 3 months we have supported 94 individuals and had 313 contacts. For referrals and enquiries, please call 01283 219761 or contact projectsupport@sdcvcs.org.uk.

Befriending

Since March 2020 our Befriending Service has been carried out through telephone calls. We are beginning to talk to volunteers and service users who want to resume face to face visits. In the last 3 months we have supported 50 individuals and 600



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Handy Person Help at Home Support Service

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Home From Hospital

This scheme has been continuing to support people throughout the pandemic. We have been helping people with shopping and prescription/ medication collection doing doorstep deliveries and these are continuing too. In the last 3 months we have supported 135 new clients across all the areas (South Derbyshire, Derby City & Chesterfield). We are beginning to plan to introduce home visits again, but we will be doing so with caution and procedures will be put in place to keep everyone involved safe. For referrals and enquiries call, 01283 817417 or email home@dhfh.org.uk.

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Community Development Team

The team supports local communities, not-for-profit groups and volunteers in South Derbyshire. Our aim is to provide support, information and advice to volunteer trustees, voluntary and community groups, registered charities and social enterprises. We help new groups to set up with the appropriate governance (constitution, trustee board, policies and procedures and funding). For further information please contact development@sdcv.org.uk/

Connected South Derbyshire



This is a project to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their communities. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwall and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. For further information please contact, BethanyO@sdcv.org.uk.

Volunteer Force

The Volunteer Force helps to develop and promote volunteering in South Derbyshire with particular reference to the advertising, recruiting, training and referring potential volunteers. Whilst providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information please email, volunteer@sdcv.org.uk.

Covid Connectors Project

Since January 2021 the team have been working with 32 Covid Connectors in South Derbyshire. Through these networks, Covid related information has been shared with the Connectors who then disseminate the information to their local communities. The funding has now been extended until December 2022 and will be focusing more on health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information please contact, Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk.

Digital (Website, Facebook and Twitter) Communications

We have just launched our new website which holds information about our services as well as news, CVS events and how to contact us, please visit www.sdcvs.org.uk.

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- Funding

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Non-Digital Communications

- Sharing information through our outreach work – handing out leaflets and posters which can be displayed on Parish notice boards.
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Surveys

Digital Inclusion

SDCVS want to understand the challenges and extent of digital exclusion in South Derbyshire. We need the local community to help us establish why some people are



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Allison Thomas explained the SDDC Environmental Health Officers are extremely proactive in dealing with Landlords making sure the accommodation is up to housing standards along with the Private Sector Housing Team. In terms of Carbon Efficiency, Allison explained all Private Landlords have to have an energy certification of C or above. Allison urged people, if they are aware of issues to contact the Environmental Health Team at South Derbyshire District Council.

Reverend Druco raised a concern over a homeless person in the area who had trouble finding accommodation from P3 and the Council.



Chris Smith explained we have had a few incidents recently whereby individuals have rejected our [the Councils] help to house them.

A member of the public raised concerns over parking issues on Elms Road, Coton in the Elms, particularly around school time.

ACTION: SNT to look into the parking issues on Elms Road, Coton in the Elms, particularly around school time. (The Bubble Inn carpark is available for parents to park at school drop-off and pick-up).

A member of the public put forward a discussion about the problem of HGV's in the area.

Councillor Stuart Swann explained the DCC are aware of the matter and also, that the Parish Council are working on it too.

Karen Bradford confirmed the matter is on the agenda for the next Coton in the Elms Parish Council meeting and encouraged people to attend.

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Councillor Wheelton/ Chris Smith to enquire with SDDC licensing to see if anything can be done regarding events and HGV's in the village of Coton in the Elms. i.e. traffic management plan.	Councillor Amy Wheelton/ Chris Smith
SNT to look into the parking issues on Elms Road, Coton in the Elms, particularly around school time. (The Bubble Inn carpark is available for parents to park at school drop-off and pick-up).	SNT

7. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at Lullington Village Hall.



Councillor Amy Wheelton
CHAIR
The meeting terminated at 7:52pm



SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

MELBOURNE – AREA 3

Meeting Minutes - July 14, 2022

Melbourne Sporting Partnership

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick (Chair), Councillor Dan Corbin, Councillor Jim Hewlett, Councillor David Muller.

Kevin Stackhouse – Strategic Director of Corporate Resources
Chris Smith – Communities Team Manager
Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant (Taking Notes)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor David Muller

Derbyshire Police Representatives

PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite
PCSO Claire Robbins

Parish Council/ Meeting Representatives

Andrew Dawson – Melbourne Parish Council
Lin Freeman – Weston on Trent Parish Council
Michelle Gardiner – Barrow on Trent Parish Council
Liz Gumbley – South Derbyshire CVS
Chris Scott – Weston on Trent Parish Council
Dave Smith – Melbourne Parish Council

Members of the Public

F. Hughes – Melbourne Village Voice, Max Higton, A. R. Jefferies, Andy Playton, Paul Sturges.

1. Open Meeting

- a) **Introductions and Housekeeping**
- b) **Apologies**



Councillor Neil Atkins, Nigel Collier – Melbourne Parish Council, Terry Summerlin, Councillor Peter Watson.

c) Chair's Announcements

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[Parklife leaflet](#)

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This will see the Play, Sport and Adventure Mobiles return to offer a programme of fun, active, engaging sessions for all the family to get involved in.

The Summer Activities 2022 leaflet can be downloaded from the below link (which will be circulated after the meeting), or hard copies are available and will be distributed to every school in the district.

[Active young people - School holidays | South Derbyshire District Council](#)

Festival of Leisure

The Festival of Leisure was back this year following a two-year absence due to Covid-19. The special Jubilee themed event took place last weekend at Maurice Lea Memorial Park and attracted thousands of visitors into the area. There was some great coverage of the event in the Burton Mail and attractions included local brass bands, motorcycle stunt display, gun dog display and a variety of local stalls.

Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick took the time to thank the previous Chair of the Melbourne Area Forum Meetings, Councillor Jim Hewlett.

d) To Receive the Minutes of the Last Meeting



The minutes were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

e) Matters Arising from the Last Minutes

All can be found in the report back as part of the Agenda Pack for the meeting.

2. Police Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) Report and Police Q&A

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite and PCSO Robbins gave the following update:

Since the last round of Area Forum Meetings, we have been working on our neighbourhood priorities for the last quatre which were set as:

- 1) Speeding
- 2) ASB in Open Spaces
- 3) School Parking

New priorities will be set after this round of forum meetings for the next quatre.

Regarding ASB in open spaces, regular patrols around open spaces and ASB hotspots in and around the area have been completed and there have been no increased concerns raised or found.

In terms of school parking, patrols have been completed at all schools. PCSO Robbins also ran a school parking safety competition with Chellaston Fields Spencer Academy, and the winning pupils design was turned into posters that have been put up on the school gates.

We have been attending a variety of crime prevention and engagement events.

We have also attended numerous events relating to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and conducted patrols throughout the weekend celebrations.

Since the last Area Forum meeting your local SNT have taken part the Nationwide Bi-Annual 'Op Sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week SNT completed test purchase operations at shops throughout the area of which no shops failed. We set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages. Also, knife surrender bins were advertised and in different locations on different dates. We also visited a variety of schools to complete talks around knife crime. Pavements on local parks were temporarily painted with the #OpSceptre with chalk spray and stencils kindly donated by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

E-Bikes have been provided to SNT to help us with patrols, the bikes have been funded by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership, so a huge thankyou to them for our E-Bikes.



SNT have given out banners to local schools which were funded by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership and have been put up by many of the schools highlighting safe parking outside of schools.

We have completed numerous school talks on 'How We Help', 'Stranger Danger', 'ASB', 'Knife Crime' and 'E Safety'.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five wanted persons being arrested, which was a great result for the team.

We have been carrying out joint targeted patrols around Rural Areas which have been conducted alongside the Rural Crime Team Officers. A couple of our own Officers have recently completed their Rural Officer Training too.

You can call 101, visit www.derbyshire.police.uk, report via @derpolcontact on twitter and via the main Derbyshire Constabulary Facebook page via Direct Message.

Numerous vehicles have been seized for no insurance and/or no driving licence. One drink driver was arrested in Melbourne and has since been banned at Court from driving for 12 months.

In response to the actions set from the last meeting, patrols were put in place in Melbourne re: Download Festival which caused no issues. The organisers worked hard to address all the concerns raised.

With regard to 101-, the force are aware that at times there can be a delay in answering. Call takers who answer 101 calls actually take a lot more information than previously, which enables them to complete a lot more checks and often where no lines of enquiry are available for investigating, they will resolve the report where previously this would have been allocated out for an Officer to do that work.

There has also been a new team called Crime Resolution Investigation Management Team set up to investigate certain crimes, frees up officers on the street to respond to the crimes and incidents which need a more urgent response. You can use www.derbyshire.police.uk to report online rather than calling 101, you can also report via @derpolcontact on Twitter and via direct message to Derbyshire Constabulary main face book page.

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite took the time to thank PCSO Robbins for all her work and dedication to the Force as she moves on with her career.

PCSO Greville will be the new PCSO for the Area who has a great depth of knowledge and experience.

A member of the public raised concerns over a recent matter of ASB at Boulton, St. Mary's Church, local to Alvaston and asked if there is likely to be an increased PCSO presence.



PCSO Robbins updated she attended the location and made a referral to security and Safer Homes. PCSO Robbins added that site is part of their Patrol, but people should be assured that it was only a slight incident of ASB. In April, for the whole Melbourne area there were nine calls for service, six in May and seven in June. All mostly concerning off road bikes.

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite explained that Officer numbers are down however, by March 2023 they should be back up to numbers. There is currently recruitment going on.

A member of the public raised concerns over a permissive footpath leading to the grounds at Staunton Harold which people would like to see reopen. It is due to high levels of ASB which lead to the closure. What are the levels of ASB like there now and would the landowner be in a position to reopen the footpath?

PCSO Robbins updated that the levels are the particular sport are now low and only increased when everyone came out of lockdown. The Police do not have a say on closure of footpaths in a scenario like this and it would be down to the landowner. PCSO Greville is in speaking with the landowner, so the matter is in hand.

Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick addressed that it would be helpful to have access to the statistics of ASB in the area.

ACTION: Councillor Fitzpatrick to pick up data link from the Police regarding ASB statistics.

A member of the public raised concerns over speeding on Derby Road, Melbourne.

ACTION: SNT to complete a speed check on Derby Road, Melbourne.

Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick raised that the community of the area could start a Community Speed Watch Group in the area.

Councillor Muller added that Derbyshire County Council (DCC) recommend Community Speed Watch Groups. DCC are aware of the speeding issues in Melbourne as well as bus stops, accessibility etc. We are trying to be proactive and do what we can at DCC.

A member of the public raised concerns over anti-social driving in the area, explained as 'boy racers'.

ACTION: SNT to look out for 'boy racers' on Derby Road, particularly of an evening.

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite added that a Section 59 warning can be issued for ASB in areas and anti-social driving. If caught, we can seize the vehicle.

A member of the public raised concerns over weekend drinkers within the Melbourne area and their rowdy behaviour, early hours of the morning. Additionally, the beer bottles and litter in ally ways.

ACTION: Chris Smith to liaise with licensing/ pubs RE: beer bottles and littering.



A member of the public raised concerns over a 'drug problem' in Melbourne and wished to understand the presence of the SNT.

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite explained the SNT work until midnight on shifts and there is 24/7 coverage from Swadlincote 999 Response Team.

A member of the public asked if the shift coverage as a PCSO is on patrol or office based.

PCSO Robbins answered that the PCSO's are out in the community with BEAT Team.

In response to the drug dealing in Melbourne, we have had no reports in the last couple of months of drug dealing in the area. Unless people report it, we do not know about it. We encourage people to report it if seen. When out on patrol, we haven't found anything which raised concerns.

Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick acknowledged that drug dealing does go on in the area and encouraged everyone to report it if seen. Chair explained the Police react to data, so the more it is reported the more the Police will focus on it.

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite explained, we have done successful warrants in the area before now, we will be proactive if the matters are reported.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Chris Smith provided the following update: -

Communities Team Service Assistant

Rosie Collins has now started her new role as Service Assistant in the Communities Team and is already proving to be a great addition to the team.

Community Partnership Officer

Sally Hemsley has now started in the role of Community Partnership Officer replacing Ian Hey who has now started in his new role as Section 106 Officer. Sally's main role will be liaising with Community and Voluntary Sector organisations and managing the annual grants they receive, developing community projects and administering the Councils Community and Environmental Grant Scheme.

Street Whyze Project

We have been working closely with the South Derbyshire Support Centre (previously known as Newhall Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) to commission knife crime education input into the centre. A local organisation known as the Street Whyze who have previously worked in Birmingham, have been approached to provide the input. The delivery will include twelve weekly group sessions and six identified individuals will receive six weekly one-to-one sessions.



Electric Bikes

In response to a request made by PC Robert McGlade, two new Electric Bikes have been funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership for use by the South Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. It is planned that the bikes will be used in and around the Urban Core as well as in more Northern Areas of the District.

Banners

Thirty new road safety banners, also funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership are being distributed to Schools across the District by local SNT Officers. Two different designs were purchased, one which states 'DO NOT STOP ON THE ZIG ZAGS and another which states 'THINK BEFORE YOU PARK'.

Operation Sceptre

Operation Sceptre, a National Knife Crime Awareness Week dedicated to tackling and preventing knife crime took place between Monday 16 and Sunday 22 May, 2022. During the week of action there was a series of press releases, knife sweeps in local parks, social media posts, a knife amnesty bin located in Swadlincote and chalk paint stencilling in our Urban Core parks and open spaces.

Pubwatch

There was a great turn-out to the latest South Derbyshire Pubwatch meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, whereby sixteen pubs were in attendance. An informative presentation was given by the Licensed Trade Charity (LTC) and the Police provided an update on fake ID's.

Anti-social Behaviour Prevention Grant

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster has launched a second round of funding from her Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant worth £100,000 for projects that take positive action against Anti-Social Behaviour. These could include sports and creative arts diversionary programmes, drop-ins for young people, CCTV, community clean-ups, and mentoring projects.

Grants of up to £5000 will be allocated to successful applicants who can show evidence of how they will make a difference to the local community. More information can be found on the PCC's website.

Scams Awareness Fortnight

Between June 13th and 19th, we supported Scams Awareness Fortnight; social media posts were created to promote this via the Councils website and social media channels as well as on the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership Facebook page.

Safer Neighbourhood Funding



There is still money available, so please contact us with your applications.

Councillor Corbin thanked Chris Smith for his part in the Grant for the Camera Project in the Aston Ward.

4. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

Active Travel

This service supports people who have no transport and are unable to use public transport to take them to medical appointments (GP's and hospital appointments). In the last 3 months we have supported 94 individuals and had 313 contacts. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Befriending

Since March 2020 our Befriending Service has been carried out through telephone calls. We are beginning to talk to volunteers and service users who want to resume face to face visits. In the last three months we have supported 50 individuals, 600 contacts based on one visit per week. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or connect@sdcv.org.uk.

Handy Person Help at Home Support Service

This service provides practical solutions for those who need a bit of help to stay independent in their own homes. We can help with grab rails, key safes and other minor adjustments. In the last three months we have received 70 referrals. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or handysupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Home From Hospital

This service has been continuing to support people throughout the pandemic. We have been helping people with shopping and prescription/ medication collection doing doorstep deliveries and these are continuing too. In the last three months we have supported 135 new clients across all the areas (South Derbyshire, Derby City & Chesterfield). We are beginning to plan to introduce home visits again, but we will be doing so with caution and with procedures in place to keep everyone involved safe. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 817417 or home@dhfh.org.uk.

Safer Homes

This service is available to offer advice and practical assistance to people who have been victims of crime or are vulnerable. People will feel safer at home and have some things in place to protect their home. Over the last three months we have supported 93 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.



Food Bank

Our Food Bank is now operating from Hill St Baptist Church in Swadlincote and collection of food parcels is by appointment only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. In the last three months the Food Bank have supplied 356 food parcels and supported 449 adults and 260 children. Please telephone 07458 305314 for referrals or information.

Community Development Team

The team support local communities, not-for-profit groups and volunteers in South Derbyshire. Our aim is to provide support, information and advice to volunteer trustees, voluntary and community groups, registered charities and social enterprises. We help new groups to set up with the appropriate governance (constitution, trustee board, policies and procedures and funding). For further information please email, development@sdcv.org.uk.

Connected South Derbyshire

This project aims to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their communities. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwall and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. For further information please contact BethanyO@sdcv.org.uk.

Volunteer Force

The Volunteer Force helps to develop and promote volunteering in South Derbyshire with particular reference to the advertising, recruiting, training and referring potential volunteers and providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information, please contact Volunteer@sdcv.org.uk.

Covid Connectors Project – to set up a Covid Connectors Network throughout South Derbyshire

Since January 2021 the team have been working with 32 Covid Connectors in South Derbyshire. Through these networks, Covid related information has been shared with the Connectors who then disseminate the information to their local communities. The funding has now been extended until December 2022 and will be focusing more on health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information please contact, Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk.

Communications

Digital (Website, Facebook and Twitter)

We have just launched our new website which holds information about our services as well as news, CVS events and how to contact us at www.sdcvs.org.uk.



As well as:

- Sending out regular e-bulletins
- External events/training
- Job vacancies
- Volunteering opportunities
- Funding

You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website www.sd cvs.org.uk , and if you would like anything advertised, please email communications@sd cvs.org.uk.

Non-Digital

- Sharing information through our outreach work – handing out leaflets and posters which can be displayed on parish notice boards
- We've been looking at using the different community magazines which have an enormous reach out to local people in South Derbyshire.
- Attending more community events to chat to local people and raise our profile

Surveys

Digital Inclusion

SDCVS want to understand the challenges and extent of digital exclusion in South Derbyshire. We need the local community to help us establish why some people are digitally excluded. What are the barriers to connecting and using digital equipment and how can we help people become more connected?

Accessibility

SDCVS are keen to understand the issues and concerns residents of Swadlincote may have in relation to access to the retail and leisure facilities in the town centre.

We're undertaking a survey to help us understand the needs of the community we serve. We are especially keen to engage with people who have a disability or mobility issues, which make accessing the Swadlincote town centre difficult.

Office Move

46-48 Grove Street has now been sold and we are currently looking for new premises in Swadlincote where we will also re-locate the Food Bank.

Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick thanked for the CVS for their service.

A member of the public thanked the CVS for the Volunteer Day which the CVS held. In terms of Ukrainians which have moved to the area, are there any special arrangements being made.



Liz Gumbley explained, there is the food bank which is there to help individuals and the CVS has housed two families as the CVS has worked closely with a Landlord in Swadlincote.

5. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Kevin Stackhouse provided the following update: -

Heathy Homes Assistance Fund (Housing)

As the cost-of-living crisis worsens, members should be aware of the availability of the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund. This is a project, funded through the Better Care Fund, which has now been successfully operating for two years.

The Fund provides funding of up to £10,000 as discretionary assistance to ensure vulnerable or disabled households living in private sector properties can live in homes that are safe and free from serious defects or hazards, are warm and secure.

The purpose of this assistance is to remove significant hazards in people's homes or to provide security and/or energy efficiency measures to reduce fuel poverty.

Works eligible for assistance is at the discretion of the Council and in general relate to the removal or help to remedy defects or deficiencies within the home that impact on health. Work typically involves:

- Essential repairs to make the property safe, warm, weatherproof or healthy.
- Installation or replacement central heating systems or improve the energy performance of the home.
- Work to prevent falls around the home.
- Additional security measures.

All works must be deemed as reasonable and practicable having regard to the age and condition of the property.

In the last two years the Fund has been used to help 92 different households across the district.

Referrals generally come from colleagues working in Social Services, the Fire Service, and the Police, however anyone (Councillors included) are welcome to make referrals.

The Fund is administered through the Public Health and Private Sector Housing Team in Environmental Services who employ Stephanie Thandi to run the project. Stephanie has many years of experience of working with highly vulnerable clients and has an extensive network of connections across the region to get the best possible set of interventions to help people in need.



Referrals to the project can be made by contacting:

environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The Hospital Discharge Scheme (Housing)

A discretionary assistance for people in hospital or health or social care funded placement whose discharge is delayed due to the conditions of their home, or the assistance will prevent emergency admission into one of these places.

The applicant must be deemed capable as living independently and works will be determined on case-by-case basis. Eligible works can include:

- Urgent adaptations that allow access in or around a person's home
- Urgent repairs to remove serious hazards
- Heating repairs or improvement
- Property clearance and one off deep cleans of hoarded goods etc.
- This not exhaustive and any works will be considered that reduces bed blocking.

Again, referrals can be made to environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk.

The aim of both the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund and the Hospital Discharge Scheme is to:

- Increase the number of people living at home independently and safely
- Reduce the number of serious hazards
- Improve the health and wellbeing and quality of life of people living in our district.
- Improve energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty.

Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund

The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) is a Government/ Local Authority funded initiative to install energy saving measures in Council properties. In total South Derbyshire District Council has £1.6 million to spend in this wave.

Approximately 111 properties are included in South Derbyshire District Council Wave 1. Installed measures may include cavity, loft and external wall insulation, A+++ window glazing, insulated doors but could include other appropriate measures that will raise the overall energy performance to a 'C' rating.

Surveys are complete and installation is expected to start in August 2022 and be complete by March 31, 2023.

South Derbyshire District Council will be bidding for Wave 2 Funding in the late Summer of 2022.

Community Survey 2022 –Shaping Future Services



South Derbyshire District Council is asking people who live or visit the District to complete a short online survey to help shape future leisure and community services.

The Council is reviewing its leisure offer across the District to ensure it is fit for purpose, and meets the needs of residents and the growing population.

A vital part of this review process is for the Council to understand how South Derbyshire residents and visitors use the current local leisure facilities alongside people's general attitude towards physical activity and exercise.

Answers provided will help the Council understand what barriers may be preventing people from being more physically active and using local leisure facilities more, and what can be done to help overcome these.

The survey's questions focus on people's leisure, sport and physical activity habits. All responses are anonymous, and the survey is open to people aged 15 plus who live or visit South Derbyshire.

To complete the survey, please visit [Online Community Survey 2022](#) or there is a QR code which can be scanned on your mobile phones.

The survey is open until 22 July 2022.

South Derbyshire Local Plan

The decision to commence a formal review of the Local Plan Part 1 was agreed at Committee in August 2021. The first consultation as part of this review will be the publication of an Issues and Options document; this consultation document is expected to go to Committee in September 2022 for approval.

The responses made to the Issues and Options consultation will be used to help shape the draft Local Plan. It is through consultation on the draft Plan that proposed allocations (for example for housing and employment) are first publicly set out. The draft Plan will go to a Committee either during or after June 2023.

Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick explained the importance of initiatives such as Healthy Homes and Hospital Discharge Scheme and encouraged people to spread the word.

Councillor Fitzpatrick asked if people can self-refer?

Kevin Stackhouse explained it is normally done by an agency as they help with support for the referral but doesn't see why people couldn't self-refer as a last point of call.

Kevin Stackhouse addressed the Council's priority to become Carbon Neutral and the way in which the grant schemes can be applied for to support the introduction of charging points into older houses for cars etc. He added, Council Officers are extremely good at gaining external funding. Charging points have been installed in Melbourne and Swadlincote and the Council are in the bidding process for the money which will help with more of this in the future.



A member of the public asked if it is likely that there will be such access to charging points in Boulton Moor area.

Councillor Corbin responded there are some to be installed in the Aston Ward and there are enquiries about Alvaston area too. At the next Aston Parish Council Meeting, a full update will be given.

A member of the public raised concerns over the building of infrastructure with all the new housing developments going on.

Kevin Stackhouse explained that SDDC support infrastructure around new developments and point in the way of Doctors etc in the future. Within South Derbyshire, the Council will try and secure Section 106 funding which will help with infrastructure.

A member of the public raised a question concerning the way in which the Area Forum Meeting are publicised.

Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick explained it would be great for the Area Forums to be 'packed to the rafters', however, with other ways of communication – it is not always convenient for individuals to attend.

Chris Smith added that we have six meeting every four months, within another area we had over 55 people in attendance because in that area there is a huge concern amongst the people who live there. If people do have an issue, they do attend these meetings.

A member of the public asked when SDDC staff will be returning to work in the offices rather than working from home.

Kevin Stackhouse explained that staff are back in the offices and there is a Flexible Working Policy in place for staff which falls in line with other organisations. The Council Offices are open and reception is back open as pre-Covid.

A member of the public raised concerns over the Planning Department not responding to people.

Kevin Stackhouse explained there have been issues within the Planning Department and after lockdown, there was a huge increase in applications. There is currently a huge amount of pressure on the department. A lot of work has been done to make planning more accessible with a new phone system. Kevin Stackhouse reassured attendees that there has been mitigating circumstances within the department, but there should start to be an increase in response and development going forward.

A member of the public raised concerns over call times at the SDDC.

Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick reassured the individual that improvements have been made after the huge demand on Customer Services in lockdown.



A member of the public raised concerns over HGV's going through the Melbourne area.

Chair, Councillor Fitzpatrick explained there are no weight restriction within the area.

6. Summary of Agreed Actions

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7. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at Aston Recreation Centre.

Councillor Martin Fitzpatrick
CHAIR
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SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM MEETING

REPTON – AREA 2

Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2022 at 6:30pm

Ticknall Village Hall

PRESENT: -

South Derbyshire District Council Representatives

Councillor Andrew MacPherson (Chair), Councillor Martin Ford, Councillor David Muller, Councillor David Shepherd.

Frank McArdle – Chief Executive
Chris Smith – Communities Team Manager
Rosie Collins – Communities Team Service Assistant (Taking Notes)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Neil Atkin, Councillor Martyn Ford, Councillor David Muller.

Derbyshire Police Representatives

Inspector Mike Sisman
PCSO Supervisor Kerry Wallington-Waite
PC Stefan Bancroft
PCSO David Marley

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Paul Collyshaw – Ticknall Parish Council
David Dickinson – Repton Parish Council
Charles Fellows – Stenson Fields Parish Councils
Jonathan Sheldon – Repton Parish Council

Members of the Public

Eddie Bisknell, Vivien Taylor, Liz Wibberley.

1. Open Meeting

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Councillor Andrew Churchill, Councillor Kerry Haines, Councillor Lakvinder Singh, Tony Bates, Stella Collishaw – South Derbyshire CVS, Richard Lisewski – Stenson Fields Parish Council, Cliff Warner.

c) Chair's Announcements

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We have been attending a variety of crime prevention and engagement events. We have been doing targeted patrols following burglaries in Willington and we have undertaken crime prevention visits to those affected.

Also, we went along to an engagement event held at Calke Abbey, a Luncheon Club talk at Milton Village Hall and Repton Luncheon Club.

We have attended numerous events relating to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations and conducted patrols throughout the weekend celebrations.

Signs have been put up around Willington Services following reports of theft from parked vans along with and crime prevention event held in the location.

A Water Safety Event was held at Foremark Reservoir and Church Watch Scheme visits and patrols have been conducted around the area's Churches.

Since the last Area Forum meeting your local SNT have taken part the Nationwide Bi-Annual 'Op Sceptre' week which relates to knife crime prevention and enforcement. During this week SNT completed test purchase operations at shops throughout the area of which no shops failed. We set up shop keeper pledges providing posters and leaflets on not selling knives and challenging ages. Also, knife surrender bins were advertised and in different locations on different dates. We also visited a variety of schools to complete talks around knife crime. Pavements on local parks were temporarily painted with the #OpSceptre with chalk spray and stencils kindly donated by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership.

E-Bikes have been provided to SNT to help us with patrols, the bikes have been funded by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership, so a huge thankyou to them for our E-Bikes.

SNT have given out banners to local schools which were funded by South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership and have been put up by many of the schools highlighting safe parking outside of schools.

We have completed numerous school talks on 'How We Help', 'Stranger Danger', 'ASB', 'Knife Crime' and 'E Safety'.

Our SNT 'strike day' resulted in five wanted persons being arrested, which was a great result for the team.



We have been carrying out joint targeted patrols around Rural Areas which have been conducted alongside the Rural Crime Team Officers. A couple of our own Officers have recently completed their Rural Officer Training too.

Our Partnership work with SNT and Environmental Enforcement Officers took place to locate two fly tipping offenders who were both issued with a £400 fine.

In terms of E-Scooters, all schools have been emailed asking them to assist with passing our messages to parents around the use of E-Scooters. Numerous E-Scooter offences have been dealt with by the team.

A vehicle that failed to stop whilst on Speed Checks was located a short time after abandoned with a quantity of drugs inside which was then seized.

A drink driver was caught in Repton blowing 75 which is twice the legal limit, she was arrested and charged.

Numerous Traffic Offence Reports were issued for those drivers caught speeding on checks made. Six vehicles have been seized by the team for a variety of offences ranging from vehicles being unroadworthy, no insurance and/ or no licence.

In terms of anti-social behaviour (ASB) in parks and open spaces, this has not been a huge issue within the Mercia area however, patrols have been completed and any ASB found has been dealt with pro-actively by the team.

Partnership meetings regularly take place with the rangers at Foremark Reservoir and SNT who work closely together to combat any issues and prevent them occurring.

Regarding school parking, regular school patrols have been completed throughout the area and engagement within schools and with parents has taken place.

200 Cannabis Plants were located at an address in Stenson Fields by the team and a 21-year-old male has been arrested and charged.

PCSO's Marley, Robbins and Greville received a hat trick of commendations from the force:

- 1) Finding a female who required the officers to conduct CPR.
- 2) Locating a person who had taken an overdose and attempted to electrocute themselves.
- 3) Whilst finishing a shift and on his way home PCSO Marley came across a Road Traffic Collision involving a drink driver; PCSO Greville also just off duty swiftly joined him to assist. PCSO Marley managed to defuse the situation and detain the male until Police arrived and PCSO Greville managed to conduct traffic control until units arrived at the scene.



Some of the good results from our RPU and Roads Crime Team in the Mercia Area have included an arrest made and approximately £24,000 seized, along with a large quantity of suspected cocaine. A sentence of three years in Prison was given.

A joint operation with Staffordshire RPU at Willington prohibited several vehicles and an arrest of a wanted male was made.

A drink driver arrested in Newton Solney and speed checks in Ticknall have been complete by the RPU.

A joint operation relating to seat belt and child seat safety held with SNT, RPU and DCC took place.

You can call 101, visit www.derbyshire.police.uk, report via @derpolcontact on twitter and via the main Derbyshire Constabulary Facebook page via Direct Message.

Inspector Sisman added, as an overview of what is going on within the Team at the moment; five new PC's are due to start in August which will boost the numbers in the Response Team which will then impact positively on the SNT.

In terms of the SNT, we are short staffed at the moment, however we do have two new PCSO's starting in September. Also, one of our Officer's has been promoted to Sergeant, which is great news. With regard to the PCSO numbers at the moment, it is something which is a national problem. We are working on it and hope to see results soon.

At the moment, Domestic Abuse is the bulk of our work, these are the 24/7 crimes which not everyone sees.

We have invested heavily in our call centre, the 101-call handling should begin to improve with the new system in place. Inspector Sisman thanked the attendees for their patience with the matter.

In terms of the Merica area, our Teams from elsewhere can get here faster than what we can from Swadlincote, so please bare this in mind when reporting incidents or issues.

We have an incredibly strong relationship with South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership and along with Claire Rawlins, the ASB Officer has been dealing positively with any issues in and around the area and working closely with partner agencies.

Councillor Neil Atkin gave an update on two incident that recently took place within the area. The Police, County Council and Canal Trust are all aware of the matters. The Canal Bridges in Stenson Fields and Barrow upon Trent have undertaken damage due to the incidents and the relevant parties are dealing with the people who caused the damage. A caravan top-sided after a collision with an Uber driver in Stenson causing a head on collision with the bridge. The wall which took the impact is not safe



and the road will need closing for the repair work to take place. Work is being done with DCC to make sure certain roads are not closed at the same time, which would cause issues for road users.

Councillor Shepherd explained there has been some mild ASB incidents within the Stenson Fields area which have been discussed with Chris, Claire and the Police and thanked all involved for their hard work as positive action has been taken.

A member of the public raised an issue concerning the noise of Police vehicles when travelling through Main Street to High Street in Repton.

PCSO Wallington-Waite explained it is a legal requirement for the Police to have both sirens and blue lights on when travelling to an emergency incident.

Ticknall Parish Council raised concerns over 101 call times.

Inspector Sisman reiterated that a lot of work has gone into the call centre and changes should soon be noticeable.

ACTION: Inspector Sisman to take back concerns over 101 call times.

Ticknall Parish Council also raised concerns over the amount of time it took for an Officer to visit an incident after the original call was made to Police.

Inspector Sisman explained that all of their response is based on risk and threat, for example, an Officer may be with a victim of Domestic Abuse at the time.

ACTION: Inspector Sisman to take back concerns of time for Officer Presence after a 101 call.

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite explained that the call centre will advise individuals when on the call as to when the Officers will be in attendance and explain the situation.

A question was raised about how to contact the Police to report crime rather than calling 101, due to the call time.

PCSO Supervisor Wallington-Waite explained there are other ways to report crime and disorder, via Twitter, Facebook and Crimestoppers. All the contact details can be found within the Agenda Packs for these meeting on the Useful Contacts page.

3. South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership/ Safer Neighbourhood Grants Update

Chris Smith gave the following update: -

Communities Team Service Assistant

Rosie Collins has now started her new role as Service Assistant in the Communities Team and is already proving to be a great addition to the team.



Community Partnership Officer

Sally Hemsley has now started in the role of Community Partnership Officer replacing Ian Hey who has now started in his new role as Section 106 Officer. Sally's main role will be liaising with Community and Voluntary Sector organisations and managing the annual grants they receive, developing community projects and administering the Councils Community and Environmental Grant Scheme.

Liberation Day 2022

Liberation Day took place on Wednesday 18 May 2022, where over 350 over 60's attended and were treated to great weather, 'big band' music, afternoon tea and cake, advice and information stalls and guest speakers including Police Inspector Mike Sisman and the Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire. The event was a great success.

Street Whyze Project

We have been working closely with the South Derbyshire Support Centre (previously known as Newhall Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) to commission knife crime education input into the centre. A local organisation known as the Street Whyze who have previously worked in Birmingham, have been approached to provide the input. The delivery will include twelve weekly group sessions and six identified individuals will receive six weekly one-to-one sessions.

Electric Bikes

In response to a request made by PC Robert McGlade, two new Electric Bikes have been funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership for use by the South Derbyshire Police Safer Neighbourhood Team. It is planned that the bikes will be used in and around the Urban Core as well as in more Northern Areas of the District.

Banners

Thirty new road safety banners, also funded by the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership are being distributed to Schools across the District by local SNT Officers. Two different designs were purchased, one which states 'DO NOT STOP ON THE ZIG ZAGS and another which states 'THINK BEFORE YOU PARK'.

Operation Sceptre

Operation Sceptre, a National Knife Crime Awareness Week dedicated to tackling and preventing knife crime took place between Monday 16 and Sunday 22 May, 2022. During the week of action there was a series of press releases, knife sweeps in local parks, social media posts, a knife amnesty bin located in Swadlincote and chalk paint stencilling in our Urban Core parks and open spaces.

Pubwatch



There was a great turn-out to the latest South Derbyshire Pubwatch meeting held on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, whereby sixteen pubs were in attendance. An informative presentation was given by the Licensed Trade Charity (LTC) and the Police provided an update on fake ID's.

Anti-social Behaviour Prevention Grant

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Angelique Foster has launched a second round of funding from her Anti-Social Behaviour Prevention Grant worth £100,000 for projects that take positive action against Anti-Social Behaviour. These could include sports and creative arts diversionary programmes, drop-ins for young people, CCTV, community clean-ups, and mentoring projects.

Grants of up to £5000 will be allocated to successful applicants who can show evidence of how they will make a difference to the local community. More information can be found on the PCC's website.

Scams Awareness Fortnight

Between June 13th and 19th, we supported Scams Awareness Fortnight; social media posts were created to promote this via the Councils website and social media channels as well as on the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership Facebook page.

Safer Neighbourhood Funding

We have received an application for Safer Neighbourhood Funding from Repton Parish Council to help with contributions to their purchase of a footpath light in Matthews Jitty.

Repton Parish Council are asking for a contribution of £1410 to a total cost of £1880.

Chris Smith put the application to the floor to which the application was approved.

4. Local Community and Voluntary Sector Projects/ Update

Active Travel

This service supports people who have no transport and are unable to use public transport to take them to medical appointments (GP's and hospital appointments). In the last 3 months we have supported 94 individuals and had 313 contacts. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Befriending

Since March 2020 our Befriending Service has been carried out through telephone calls. We are beginning to talk to volunteers and service users who want to resume face to face visits. In the last three months we have supported 50 individuals, 600 contacts based on one visit per week. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or connect@sdcv.org.uk.



Handy Person Help at Home Support Service

This service provides practical solutions for those who need a bit of help to stay independent in their own homes. We can help with grab rails, key safes and other minor adjustments. In the last three months we have received 70 referrals. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or handysupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Home From Hospital

This service has been continuing to support people throughout the pandemic. We have been helping people with shopping and prescription/ medication collection doing doorstep deliveries and these are continuing too. In the last three months we have supported 135 new clients across all the areas (South Derbyshire, Derby City & Chesterfield). We are beginning to plan to introduce home visits again, but we will be doing so with caution and with procedures in place to keep everyone involved safe. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 817417 or home@dhfh.org.uk.

Safer Homes

This service is available to offer advice and practical assistance to people who have been victims of crime or are vulnerable. People will feel safer at home and have some things in place to protect their home. Over the last three months we have supported 93 people. We deliver Safer Homes in South Derbyshire District Council area and Erewash. Referrals and enquiries can be made to, 01283 219761 or projectsupport@sdcv.org.uk.

Food Bank

Our Food Bank is now operating from Hill St Baptist Church in Swadlincote and collection of food parcels is by appointment only on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8am - 3:30pm. The service provides free emergency food parcels to families and individuals in the South Derbyshire area. In the last three months the Food Bank have supplied 356 food parcels and supported 449 adults and 260 children. Please telephone 07458 305314 for referrals or information.

Community Development Team

The team support local communities, not-for-profit groups and volunteers in South Derbyshire. Our aim is to provide support, information and advice to volunteer trustees, voluntary and community groups, registered charities and social enterprises. We help new groups to set up with the appropriate governance (constitution, trustee board, policies and procedures and funding). For further information please email, development@sdcv.org.uk.

Connected South Derbyshire

This project aims to connect, engage and socialise local citizens in South Derbyshire with the volunteers, groups and organisations providing social connection in their



communities. Since September 2021, we have set networks up in Hilton, Etwall and Hatton and will be developing more networks in Repton and Willington in the next few weeks. For further information please contact BethanyO@sdcv.org.uk.

Volunteer Force

The Volunteer Force helps to develop and promote volunteering in South Derbyshire with particular reference to the advertising, recruiting, training and referring potential volunteers and providing recruitment support to voluntary and community groups and social enterprises. For more information, please contact Volunteer@sdcv.org.uk.

Covid Connectors Project – to set up a Covid Connectors Network throughout South Derbyshire

Since January 2021 the team have been working with 32 Covid Connectors in South Derbyshire. Through these networks, Covid related information has been shared with the Connectors who then disseminate the information to their local communities. The funding has now been extended until December 2022 and will be focusing more on health and wellbeing and moving into recovery from the pandemic. For more information please contact, Selinaw@sdcv.org.uk.

Communications

Digital (Website, Facebook and Twitter)

We have just launched our new website which holds information about our services as well as news, CVS events and how to contact us at www.sdcvs.org.uk.

As well as:

- Sending out regular e-bulletins
- External events/training
- Job vacancies
- Volunteering opportunities
- Funding

You can sign up to receive these communications via the homepage of our website www.sdcvs.org.uk, and if you would like anything advertised, please email communications@sdcv.org.uk.

Non-Digital

- Sharing information through our outreach work – handing out leaflets and posters which can be displayed on parish notice boards
- We've been looking at using the different community magazines which have an enormous reach out to local people in South Derbyshire.
- Attending more community events to chat to local people and raise our profile

Surveys



Digital Inclusion

SDCVS want to understand the challenges and extent of digital exclusion in South Derbyshire. We need the local community to help us establish why some people are digitally excluded. What are the barriers to connecting and using digital equipment and how can we help people become more connected?

Accessibility

SDCVS are keen to understand the issues and concerns residents of Swadlincote may have in relation to access to the retail and leisure facilities in the town centre.

We're undertaking a survey to help us understand the needs of the community we serve. We are especially keen to engage with people who have a disability or mobility issues, which make accessing the Swadlincote town centre difficult.

Office Move

46-48 Grove Street has now been sold and we are currently looking for new premises in Swadlincote where we will also re-locate the Food Bank.

5. Local Authority Update and Public Q&A

Frank McArdle gave the following update:

Festival of Leisure

The Festival of Leisure was back this year following a two-year absence due to Covid-19. The special Jubilee themed event took place last weekend at Maurice Lea Memorial Park and attracted thousands of visitors into the area. There was some great coverage of the event in the Burton Mail and attractions included local brass bands, motorcycle stunt display, gun dog display and a variety of local stalls.

Heathy Homes Assistance Fund (Housing)

As the cost-of-living crisis worsens, members should be aware of the availability of the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund. This is a project, funded through the Better Care Fund, which has now been successfully operating for two years.

The Fund provides funding of up to £10,000 as discretionary assistance to ensure vulnerable or disabled households living in private sector properties can live in homes that are safe and free from serious defects or hazards, are warm and secure.

The purpose of this assistance is to remove significant hazards in people's homes or to provide security and/or energy efficiency measures to reduce fuel poverty.

Works eligible for assistance is at the discretion of the Council and in general relate to the removal or help to remedy defects or deficiencies within the home that impact on health. Work typically involves:



- Essential repairs to make the property safe, warm, weatherproof or healthy.
- Installation or replacement central heating systems or improve the energy performance of the home.
- Work to prevent falls around the home.
- Additional security measures.

All works must be deemed as reasonable and practicable having regard to the age and condition of the property.

In the last two years the Fund has been used to help 92 different households across the district.

Referrals generally come from colleagues working in Social Services, the Fire Service, and the Police, however anyone (Councillors included) are welcome to make referrals.

The Fund is administered through the Public Health and Private Sector Housing Team in Environmental Services who employ Stephanie Thandi to run the project. Stephanie has many years of experience of working with highly vulnerable clients and has an extensive network of connections across the region to get the best possible set of interventions to help people in need.

Referrals to the project can be made by contacting:
environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk

The Hospital Discharge Scheme (Housing)

A discretionary assistance for people in hospital or health or social care funded placement whose discharge is delayed due to the conditions of their home, or the assistance will prevent emergency admission into one of these places.

The applicant must be deemed capable as living independently and works will be determined on case-by-case basis. Eligible works can include:

- Urgent adaptations that allow access in or around a person's home
- Urgent repairs to remove serious hazards
- Heating repairs or improvement
- Property clearance and one off deep cleans of hoarded goods etc.
- This not exhaustive and any works will be considered that reduces bed blocking.

Again, referrals can be made to environmental.health@southderbyshire.gov.uk.

The aim of both the Healthy Homes Assistance Fund and the Hospital Discharge Scheme is to:

- Increase the number of people living at home independently and safely
- Reduce the number of serious hazards



- Improve the health and wellbeing and quality of life of people living in our district.
- Improve energy efficiency and reduce fuel poverty.

Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund

The Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) is a Government/ Local Authority funded initiative to install energy saving measures in Council properties. In total South Derbyshire District Council has £1.6 million to spend in this wave.

Approximately 111 properties are included in South Derbyshire District Council Wave 1. Installed measures may include cavity, loft and external wall insulation, A+++ window glazing, insulated doors but could include other appropriate measures that will raise the overall energy performance to a 'C' rating.

Surveys are complete and installation is expected to start in August 2022 and be complete by March 31, 2023.

South Derbyshire District Council will be bidding for Wave 2 Funding in the late Summer of 2022.

Community Survey 2022 –Shaping Future Services

South Derbyshire District Council is asking people who live or visit the District to complete a short online survey to help shape future leisure and community services.

The Council is reviewing its leisure offer across the District to ensure it is fit for purpose, and meets the needs of residents and the growing population.

A vital part of this review process is for the Council to understand how South Derbyshire residents and visitors use the current local leisure facilities alongside people's general attitude towards physical activity and exercise.

Answers provided will help the Council understand what barriers may be preventing people from being more physically active and using local leisure facilities more, and what can be done to help overcome these.

The survey's questions focus on people's leisure, sport and physical activity habits. All responses are anonymous, and the survey is open to people aged 15 plus who live or visit South Derbyshire.

To complete the survey, please visit [Online Community Survey 2022](#) or there is a QR code which can be scanned on your mobile phones.

The survey is open until 22 July 2022.

South Derbyshire Local Plan

The decision to commence a formal review of the Local Plan Part 1 was agreed at Committee in August 2021. The first consultation as part of this review will be the



publication of an Issues and Options document; this consultation document is expected to go to Committee in September 2022 for approval.

The responses made to the Issues and Options consultation will be used to help shape the draft Local Plan. It is through consultation on the draft Plan that proposed allocations (for example for housing and employment) are first publicly set out. The draft Plan will go to a Committee either during or after June 2023.

Repton Parish Council raised a question concerning Repton within the Local Plan.

Chair, Councillor MacPherson explained, there is a plan at the moment and it is being revised and amended as necessary. The Community Neighbourhood Plan can be embedded into it as well, so it will all be aligned with each other.

Frank McArdle added that Repton has a Neighbourhood Plan for three years which will go straight into the Local Plan.

Frank McArdle discussed the plans for Swadlincote Town Centre with the members of the meeting. Explaining that there have been deals agreed with eight new businesses to come into Swadlincote Town Centre and they are names that will be recognised.

Councillor Shepherd added that due to the growth of the District, [we] have written to the MP with concerns from the District Council. Work is being done to provide more health needs for the District.

Councillor Shepherd gave an update of issues and concerns from the Stenson Ward with matters for both District and County Council. The pre-submitted notes made to Rosie Collins have been forwarded to those necessary and all actions will be updated on in the full report back in the next Agenda Pack for the Autumn Area Forum Meetings.

6. Summary of Agreed Actions

Action	Person responsible
Inspector Sisman to take back concerns around 101 call times.	Inspector Sisman
Inspector Sisman to take back concerns of time for Officer Presence after a 101 call.	Inspector Sisman
Councillor Atkins to update Rosie on Councillor Shepherd’s DCC matters.	Councillor Atkin

7. Close and Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at Stenson Fields Community Centre

Councillor Andrew Macpherson
CHAIR

The meeting terminated at 7:30pm



ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

4th January 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Dunn (Vice-Chair)
Councillors, Rhind, Shepherd and Singh.

Conservative Group

Councillors Brown, Corbin, Haines, Redfern and Smith.

Independent Group

Councillors MacPherson.

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

In Attendance

Councillor Wheelton

EDS/160 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Taylor, Councillor Heath and Councillor Southerd (Labour Group).

EDS/161 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

EDS/162 **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/163 **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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/164 **SERVICE BASED BUDGETS 2022/23**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report and referred to the reduction of New Homes Bonus and changes to the waste collection base budget and explained how future increases in the cost of fuel would require the budget for diesel to be reviewed.

The earmarked reserves for the asset replacement fund were highlighted along with the Environmental Education Programme that was reliant on external funding that meant there may be a draw on reserves when required. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) informed the Committee of a new risk in relation to the Transport Operating License due to the increase of vehicles. The Land Charges risk was also noted.

Members raised queries regarding the New Homes bonus rate of inflation, the household waste collection depreciation charge and if the depreciation was the same for the housing stock.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) informed the Committee that the Government's target for the rate of inflation was 2 to 3%, it was explained that in relation to household waste collection, the depreciation was based on the age of vehicles and that in relation to the housing stock it must be demonstrated that spend on repairs was greater than the depreciation charge.

Members requested a future update regarding Land Charges.

Councillor Dunn raised a query regarding the £7k reduction for the Tourist Information Centre. The Head of Economic Development and Growth clarified that it was a block grant that had previously been paid to Sharpe's Pottery Museum when it was delivering the service.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That the proposed income and expenditure revenue budget for the Committee's services for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report was considered and recommended to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.***
- 1.2 That the proposed fees and charges for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report were considered and approved by the Committee***

EDS/165 **HEART OF THE FOREST DRAFT MASTERPLAN VISION**

The Head of Economic Development and Growth presented the report to the Committee outlining the National Forest Company' Draft Masterplan Vision which looked how the current 10 square miles of National Forest could be developed over the next 25 years and that it focused on 3 key themes: Place; Experience and Enterprise whilst transforming woodland landscapes. It was further noted that the next phase of developments aimed to mitigate the effects of climate change. The Committee was asked to consider and approve the Council's consultation.

Councillor Pegg raised concerns about Rosliston Forestry Centre being left behind. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed the Committee that in August 2021 the Committee approved the engagement with Forestry England regarding the future of the Forestry Centre and a long term lease, that Members would be updated of the outcome in due course.

Members welcomed the report and suggested additional points to be added to the Council's response that included multi use trails, bus links, the environmental education offer, involvement with local businesses and contact with neighbouring land owners.

In addition, Members requested that a representative from the National Forest Company be invited to give a presentation to Members. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) agreed that arrangements would be made to invite John Everett, the Chief Executive of National Forest Company to come and give a presentation

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved that the proposed answers to questions, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be forwarded to the National Forest Company as the Council's response to the Heart of the Forest Draft Masterplan Vision.

EDS/166 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to Members.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/167 **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.

EDS/168 **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 18:55 hours.

COUNCILLOR DUNN

VICE-CHAIR

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

6th January 2022

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Rhind (Chair) and Councillor Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Pegg, Richards and Shepherd.

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Churchill, Ford, Haines, Smith and Watson (substitute for Councillor Corbin).

Independent Group

Councillors Dawson and Angliss.

In Attendance

Councillor Wheelton

HCS/57 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Roberts (Independent Group)

HCS/58 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee noted that no Declarations of Interest had been received

HCS/59 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

HCS/60 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/61 **SERVICE BASED BUDGETS 2022/23**

The Head of Finance presented the report the Committee and outlined the proposed fees and charges, the increase in grants for voluntary bodies along with the earmarked resources. The overall Council position and the pay award

position were highlighted. The Committee was informed of a correction at 3.10 which should have read 'increase' and not decrease.

Councillor Ford raised a query regarding the reduction for Defence Flooding. The Head of Finance informed the Committee that there were a number of reasons for the reduction which would be reported to the Committee at a later date.

Councillor Richards enquired as to why Chestnut Avenue had been highlighted. The Head of Finance confirmed that clarification would be sought from the Head of Service.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That the proposed income and expenditure revenue budget for the Committee's services for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report was considered and recommended to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.***
- 1.2 That the proposed fees and charges for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report were considered and approved.***
- 1.3 The Committee gave consideration to the level of any increases in Grants to Voluntary Bodies in 2022/23 and recommended a 2% increase to Finance and Management Committee.***

HCS/62 **HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUDGET, FINANCIAL PLAN AND PROPOSED RENT 2022/23**

The Head of Finance delivered the report to the Committee and noted that deficits at point 4.7 of the report were due to debt repayments. The rent increase, the overall budget position and the expected number of Right to Buy applications were outlined. The Committee was informed how the repayment of loans and rental income increase would assist with the long-term financial picture.

Councillor Churchill enquired about the expected number of Right to Buy Applications. The Head of Finance clarified that it was because the number of applications had increased during the last financial year.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved that the Council House Rents be increased by CPI plus 1% (4.1%) for Tenants with effect from 1 April 2022 in accordance with the Welfare Reform and Work Act 2016 and after conclusion of the Rents for Social Housing from 2020 consultation.***
- 1.2 That the proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2021/22, together with the 10-year Financial Plan for the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report were***

considered and referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.

1.3 The Committee approved that the HRA be kept under review and measures identified to mitigate the financial risks detailed in the report and to maintain a sustainable financial position.

HCS/63 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee Work Programme was presented to Members by the Strategic Director (Service Delivery).

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/64 **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.

HCS/65 **TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

The Meeting terminated at hours. 18:18hrs

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

13th January 2022

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Pearson (Chair), Councillor Tilley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Mulgrew, Rhind, Richards, Southerd and Taylor.

Conservative Group

Councillors, Bridgen, Brown, Haines, Redfern, and Watson.

Independent Group

Councillor Fitzpatrick.

In Attendance

Councillor Wheelton (Non-Grouped)

FM/111 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Pearson and Councillor Singh (Labour Group) Councillor Ackroyd and Councillor Lemmon (Conservative Group)

FM/112 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.
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FM/113 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

FM/114 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

FM/115 **REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee was informed that no reports of Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEEFM/116 **SERVICE BASED BUDGETS 2022-23**

The Head of Finance presented the report to the Committee and highlighted the proposed fees and charges, including land charges, the service pressures due to the unexpected pay increase and the service areas year on year budget increase. The Head of Finance drew attention to the proposed 2% grant increase approved by Housing and Community Services Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That the proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report for the Committee's Services were considered by the Committee and to be included in the consolidated proposals for the General Fund.***
- 1.2 The Committee considered and approved the proposed fees and charges for 2022/23 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report.***
- 1.3 The Committee gave consideration to the level of any increase in contributions to Parish Councils in 2022/23 for Concurrent Functions and approved a 2% increase.***

FM/117 **COUNCIL TAX BASE AND SURPLUS 2022-23**

The Head of Finance presented the report to the Committee and highlighted the collection fund, the tax base and the £2 million surplus due to the increase in the number of properties.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved the Council Tax Base for 2022/23 of 36,702 (equivalent Band D) properties as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.***
- 1.2 The Committee approved that A Council Tax Surplus of £2,000,000 for 2021/22 be declared on the Collection Fund and that the Council's proportion of £204,767 be transferred to the General Fund in 2022/23***

FM/118 **CONSULTING ON REVISED LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2022-2023: PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Head of Customer Services presented the report to the Committee and highlighted the main points within the report. It was noted that the proposed changes made it easier for residents to apply and gave more support for lower income households whilst offering financial stability. It was further noted that the streamlined process would reduce debt recovery. The Head of Customer Services mentioned the wide consultation undertaken and explained that a number of responses were received by telephone but were not formally registered views and noted that whilst it would be good for the community the

impact of the changes would be monitored. The introduction of a proposed Hardship Fund and the next steps were outlined.

Members commended the report and looked forward to the next report in February. Members highlighted the importance of encouraging residents to respond to consultation.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee noted the consultation activity carried out to date in relation to the proposed changes to South Derbyshire's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme.***
- 1.2 The Committee noted the views provided so far as part of the public consultation.***
- 1.3 The Committee noted that a full report would be presented to Finance and Management Committee on 10 February 2022.***

FM/119 **ANNUAL TRAINING REPORT 2020-21**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) introduced the new annual report and highlighted the investment in training on the job, the availability of skilled qualifications for staff and how staff were encouraged to attend training. The ongoing investment in the Kick Start programme and the increase in the number of Modern apprenticeships were highlighted.

Members sought clarity regarding mandatory training for staff and Members and enquired about the opportunity for staff to undertake professional qualifications and what different platforms were used to deliver training.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) explained that mandatory training was compulsory and should be undertaken by all members of staff and that Members were encouraged to also attend compulsory training such as Health and Safety.

The Chief Executive clarified that Members of Committees such as Planning and Licensing and Appeals etc. had to undertake the necessary training to ensure they had a competent skills set to and confirmed that the Council had a duty of care to ensure that both staff and Members had an understanding of Health and Safety policies and procedures. The Chief Executive further noted that the opportunity to gain professional qualifications was available to staff and that a variety of platforms were used to delivery training.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee supported the priority areas for training and development that had been undertaken during 2021/22, which were linked to the delivery of the key priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan.***

1.2 That Members noted the investment and outcomes made in learning and development activities during 2020/21.

1.3 The Committee approved that the Council would continue to provide employment opportunities under the national Modern Apprenticeships Scheme and the Kickstart programme

FM/120 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

FM/121 **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.

TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

The Committee was informed no questions had been received.

FUTURE SERVICE DELIVERY AND EMPLOYMENT MODELS UPDATE

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:50 hours.

COUNCILLOR N TILLEY

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

25th January 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Taylor (Chair) Pegg (Vice-Chair)
Councillors, Heath Singh and Southerd.

Conservative Group

Councillors Brown, Watson, Haines, Redfern and Smith.

Independent Group

Councillors Fitzpatrick and MacPherson.

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

EDS/169 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that apologies have been received from Councillor Corbin (Conservative Group).

EDS/170 MINUTES

The Open Minutes of Meetings held on 23rd September 2021 and 11th November 2021 were noted and approved as true record and signed by the Chair.

EDS/171 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee was informed of a declaration of interest had been received from Councillor Smith relating to EDS/175 by virtue of being a County Council.

EDS/172 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/173 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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/174 CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

The Head of Environmental Services presented the report and informed the Committee that the Council was reaudited during November and December 2021 and that the audit had identified 6 nonconformities along with 12 observations to make improvements. It was noted the Auditors visited operational locations and spoke to staff, which demonstrated their understanding of environmental issues and awareness of the Councils climate change aspirations.

The Staff Travel plan was also presented which highlighted the progress made regarding sustainable travel to work along with the carbon emission reductions in the Council fleet. The Committee was informed that new Waste Hubs had been installed in all public buildings and that an amendment had been made to the website advising the public on carbon reduction and environmental activities and gave advice on how they could contribute. The installation of 16 electric charging points across the District along with the funding to install a further 24 was noted.

The Chair and Members recognised the excellent progress that had took place and congratulated the Head of Environment Services and the team regarding the significant amount of work which had been carried out and for successfully securing Green Grants.

Councillor Wheelton raised the importance of supporting residents in rural areas in relation to fuel poverty.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) advised the Committee that there were proposals to engage with businesses and social housing, to support households to upgrade their homes with energy efficient measures and that the Council was working with partner organisations on the future use of hydrogen.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1. The Committee noted the progress made in improving the environmental performance of the Council further to this Committee establishing a Corporate Environmental Sustainability Group in August 2018.***
- 1.2. The Committee noted the content of the report and approved that the Corporate Environmental Sustainability Group was making good progress in delivering the environmental improvements contained within the terms of reference.***

EDS/175 AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORTS

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing presented the report and informed the Committee that whilst restrictions had been in place for the 2021/21 due to Covid, the housing delivery had been good for the 3rd consecutive year and that 165 affordable homes had been delivered. It was further noted that employment land was still becoming available within regeneration streams.

Members congratulated the Planning Team on the work carried out and confirmed that even though there had been challenging times there was still good news and some excellent results achieved.

Members raised queries regarding the number of residential and business properties that had been built on brownfield sites and how other councils had been impacted by Covid.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing confirmed that 132 residential properties had been built on brownfield sites and information on the number of business units would be provided to the Committee. Members were also advised that various factors such as rural locations and sought after areas had affected other councils but it would be difficult to quantify how this had affected their housing delivery.

RESOLVED:

The Committee noted the content of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) and authorised the publication of the document on the Council's website.

EDS/176 **PETITION AGAINST THE TINTED WINDOWS REQUIREMENT IN THE PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY**

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report and explained how the requirement was introduced as a safeguarding measure. The Committee was informed that a petition had been received in relation to the requirement regarding tinted windows whereby drivers had stated that they had found it difficult to find a suitable vehicle which was less than eight years old without tinted windows and that the windows were expensive to replace.

Members sought clarification on how many private hire vehicles failed the tinted window test and whether it was private hire operators or license holders who had submitted the petition.

The Senior Licensing Officer advised that between 10-20% of private hire drivers failed the tinted window test and that the majority of those who had submitted the petition were license holders.

Members understood the concerns of the petitioners but expressed the need to ensure that measures were in place to protect vulnerable people.

Councillor Southerd sought clarity regarding advice given to license holders, The Senior Licensing Officer advised that the policy provided detail of the compliance required in respect of tinted windows.

Councillor Southerd suggested a review of the guidance notes and the application form so that drivers were fully aware of what the requirements were.

RESOLVED:

1.1 ***The Committee reviewed the petition regarding the tinted windows requirement of the Council's Private Hire Licensing policy***

- 1.2 The Committee resolved to:
Keep the tinted windows requirement within the policy**

EDS/177 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director–Service Delivery presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/178 **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.

TO RECEIVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

The Exempt Minutes of the Meetings held on 23rd September 2021 were received.

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.

CONTINUATION OF TEMPORARY RESTRUCTURE DUE TO COVID19

The Committee approved the recommendation within the report.

The meeting terminated at 19.25 hours

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

CHAIR

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

27th January 2021

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Rhind (Chair) and Councillor Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Richards, Shepherd and Tilley (substitute for Councillor Dunn).

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Corbin, Ford, Haines, and Smith

Independent Group

Councillors Dawson and Roberts.

Non-Grouped

Councillor Churchill

In Attendance

Councillor Wheelton

HCS/66 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Dunn

HCS/67 **TO RECEIVE THE OPEN MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 30th September and 18th November 2021, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

HCS/68 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee noted that no Declarations of Interest had been received

HCS/69 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

HCS/70 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**HCS/71 RECRUITMENT OF ACTIVE SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP (ASP) PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE) AND SCHOOL SPORT COACH**

The Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report to the Committee and sought approval for recommendations. It was explained that the primary role of the physical education coach would be to support the continued work of the Active Schools' Partnership.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved the recruitment of an Active Schools' Partnership (ASP) Physical Education (PE) and School Sport Coach, within the Active Communities and Health Team of Cultural and Community Services. The new post is to support the delivery of the South Derbyshire ASP's (SDASP) PE and School Sport programme.***
- 1.2 The Committee approved the recruitment of additional ASP PE & School Sport Coaches subject to service demand of the SDASP PE and School Sport programme.***
- 1.3 The Committee approved that the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) have delegated authority to extend the contracts of relevant ASP PE and School Sport Coaches subject to continued and/or growing service demand of the SDASP PE and School Sport programme and funding being secured.***

HCS/72 REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE-NOVUS CONTRACT

The Head of Housing presented the report to the Committee and explained that an extension and variation of a contract would usually have been carried out under normal business but that it was before the Committee for endorsement as the contract had been discussed in a variety of forums. The Head of Housing highlighted the added value of the contract and how well NOVUS had dealt with issues raised. It was further noted that there was concern about going out to tender at that time given the shortage of a skilled labour across the whole industry

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) highlighted how NOVUS had responded to complaints and was pleased with how it had worked collaborative with the Council regarding the bid for decarbonisation funding.

Members raised concerns regarding the performance of NOVUS and the reported poor communication with residents as well as the number of Voids and the impact on housing revenue.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) explained that at the beginning of the contract complaints had been received mid build or during refurbishments which had highlighted the issue of poor communication from NOVUS to residents regarding the impact of the build on the homes etc. but there had not been complaints regarding this for some considerable months. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) assured Members that when a complaint was received the Council expected to receive a full and proper response from NOVUS.

The Head of Housing informed the Committee that at the start of the NOVUS contract there was a three month backlog of empty properties which had been followed by two years of challenges including Covid but there had been an improvement and it was recognised that the Housing Team had to ensure that NOVUS improved delivery and to this end there had been discussions with the NOVUS senior team regarding what needed to improve and how that was going to be achieved.

Councillor Ford raised a query regarding adaption works and the Head of Housing informed the Committee that since the publication of the report renegotiations had taken place to improve the completion time and the spend in relation to adaptations.

Councillor Wheelton reported that when NOVUS attended Overview and Scrutiny Committee Novus openly admitted that they got things wrong at the beginning but demonstrated how they had improved and Overview and Scrutiny was content with the both the explanations and the work being undertaken to rectify the position.

Members requested that a separate report be brought before the Housing and Communities Committee regarding Voids.

Councillor Richards thanked Members for their comments and stated that NOVUS should be held to account for the residents of South Derbyshire and he wanted to get the best out of the contract and enquired about customer satisfaction surveys.

The Head of Housing confirmed that NOVUS used an industry recognised commercial method survey and that all comments received were shared with the Council but it should be noted that it would be suspicious if it only received all good comments. It was also noted that in addition to the NOVUS survey the Council would carry out a satisfaction survey with all tenants that would include a repairs element.

RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 The Committee noted the proposed variation to the terms of the original contract with NOVUS Property Solutions.***
- 2.1 The Committee endorsed the two-year extension of the contract as allowed for in the original contract document.***

HCS/73 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee Work Programme was presented to Members by the Strategic Director (Service Delivery).

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/74 **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.

TO RECEIVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meetings held on 30th September 2021 and 18th November 2021, were received.

ANY EXEMPT QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

ACQUISITION OF HOUSE IN LIEU OF COMMUTED SUM

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The Meeting terminated at hours: 19:00 hours

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9th February 2022

PRESENT: -

Labour Group

Councillor Bambrick (Chair) and Councillor Stuart (Vice-Chair),
Councillor Gee

Conservative Group

Councillors Atkin, Hewlett and Patten

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

OS/25 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Roberts.

OS/26 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of Meetings held on 1st September 2021 and 13th October 2021 were noted and approved as true record and signed by the Chair.

OS/27 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

OS/28 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/29 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**OS/30 BUDGET SCRUTINY 2022-23**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee which included the Base Budget report 2022/23, MTFP to 2027 with detailed analysis, together with the Housing Revenue Account, Reserves and the proposed rent increase 2022/23.

Councillor Patten sought clarification regarding agency costs associated with the Land Charges Service. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) advised that the volume of work had increased and that it was a specialised role. The Committee was informed that the Land Charges function was transitioning to merge with the Land Registry but that a completion date was not known at that point in time. The Chair advised that he would attend the Finance and Management Committee Meeting on the 10th February 2022 and to raise concerns.

Councillor Hewlett raised a query regarding the legal limit of reserves. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) advised the Committee if reserves dropped below the recommended minimum, then a letter would be sent by the External Auditor, and that would have to be addressed at Full Council.

RESOLVED:-

- 1.1 That the Committee considered the proposed budgets of the Council for 2022/23 and provided feedback to Finance and Management Committee.***
- 1.2 That the Committee considered the medium-term financial plans of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Accounts and did not make any recommendations to Finance and Management Committee to support budget and policy development.***

OS/31 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – REPORT ON USAGE

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee on behalf of the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED:-

To note the internal report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000

OS/32 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the Work Programme to the Committee.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

OS/33 **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.

OS/34 **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 19:00

COUNCILLOR S BAMBRICK

CHAIR

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

3rd March 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Taylor (Chair) Pegg (Vice-Chair)
Councillors, Heath, Singh and Tilley

Conservative Group

Councillors Brown, Bridgen, Haines, Redfern and Watson,

Independent Group

Councillor Fitzpatrick

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

In Attendance

Councillor Gee

EDS/182 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies have been received from Councillor Southerd (Labour Group), Councillors Smith and Corbin (Conservative Group) and Councillor MacPherson (Independent Group).

EDS/183 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

EDS/184 **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/185 **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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**EDS/186 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2021-2022 QUARTER 3 (APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER))**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and advised that overall 86 percent of the key aims within the Corporate Plan were on track and that nine indicators in grey would be resolved by the end of financial year. It was further noted that two risks had been updated for quarter three on the Service Delivery Risk Register.

Councillor Tilley commended the work in relation to fly tipping as good news. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) stated that due to the pandemic there had been a huge increase in cases, however, action and prosecutions had taken place against two regular fly tippers along with a zero tolerance to incidents.

Councillor Haines queried the impact of the closure of waste recycling sites in the area. The Strategic Director Service Delivery advised that the removal of the sites had not had a detrimental impact on fly tipping incidents and there had also been an increase in kerbside recycling in the District..

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee approved progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.

1.2 The Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.

EDS/187 DERBYSHIRE ENHANCED PARTNERSHIP

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to the Committee which provided details of the planned improvements to bus services in Derbyshire.

Councillor Tilley enquired why the report had come to the Committee if it had already been approved for implementation. The Planning Policy Officer advised that it had been determined by the Government and that consultation ended in February.

Members expressed frustration that report had been brought to Committee when measures had already been agreed and that there was no mention

of how the service related to East Midlands Airport and that there would still be huge gaps in service for South Derbyshire residents.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendation that the Council:

(i) expressed general support for the Enhanced Partnership Plan (EPP) and Enhanced Partnership Scheme (EPS);

(ii) requested that references in the EPP and EPS to the local bus network being self-contained in the County as a whole, be amended to reflect the fact that the start and/or end points of all bus services operating in South Derbyshire lay outside the County and/or within Derby City.

(iii) advised that the proposed review of parking charges to take account of the need to maintain the vitality and viability of town/village centres and that any proposals be based upon clear evidence of positive overall sustainability outcomes.

EDS/188 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Strategic Director–Service Delivery presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/189 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 paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

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.

TRANSPORT OPERATOR LICENCE, PROPOSED CHANGES TO DEPOT AND STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee approved the recommendation within the report.

ORGANIC WASTE CONTRACT

The Committee approved the recommendation within the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:00 hours

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

CHAIR

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

10th March 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Rhind (Chair) and Councillor Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Richards, Dunn, and Shepherd

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Corbin, Ford, Haines, and Smith

Independent Group

Councillors Dawson and Roberts.

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

HCS/78 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that an apology had been received from Councillor Churchill (Non-Grouped).

HCS/79 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee was informed that declarations of interest had been received from Councillor Smith in reference to HSC/90 and HSC/83 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

The Committee was informed that declarations of interest had been received from Councillor Ford in reference to HSC/90 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

HCS/80 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.

HCS/81 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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**HCS/82 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020-21
QUARTER 3 – (1 APRIL TO 31 DECEMBER)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) introduced the report to the Committee and advised that 100 per cent of Our Environment and 82 percent of Our People indicators were on track to achieve their annual target and noted that those indicators in red were moving in a positive direction with

The Head of Housing advised the Committee that the red Relet indicator was improving. The Head of Housing outlined the process of re-letting and noted that the average let time was between 125 and 208 days.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed the Committee that pressure on the housing budget and risks associated with it had been considered and noted that work undertaken to make sure properties were in a safe and liveable condition had been challenging at times.

Members raised concerns regarding the increase in homelessness and issues regarding local connection rules, an abandoned property and the average time taken to relet Council homes. The Head of Housing advised the Committee that prevention of homeless would be prioritised as there were more people coming forward for support and informed the Committee that there was some funding available to help with private sector rent arrears. The Head of Housing confirmed that local connection rules were complicated and advised that the abandoned property issue was problematic as it would need to be demonstrated to a judge that the resident had no intention to return to the property.

Members raised queries regarding the issue of difficult to let properties. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) clarified that a number of the properties required redevelopment and some were subject to anti-social behaviour which made the properties less attractive to potential tenants.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That the Committee approved progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.**
- 1.2 That the Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's Services.**

HCS/83 **CONTRIBUTION TO ACTIVE DERBYSHIRE**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented to report to the Committee seeking approval for an annual contribution and the development of two year Service Level Agreement.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee approved the Council's commitment to Active Derbyshire for 2022-2024 as set out in the Service Level Agreement (SLA) attached at Appendix A.***

- 1.2 *The Committee approved a financial contribution to Active Derbyshire for 2022-23 of £12,191 to support the delivery of outcomes set out in an SLA with the Council.***

- 1.3 *The Committee approved that delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director (Service Delivery), in consultation with the Chair of the Committee to sign any subsequent agreements necessary to ensure the delivery of the projects set out in the SLA.***

HCS/84 **COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PARTNERSHIP GRANTS SCHEME**

The Section 106 Officer presented to report to the Committee and advised of two inaccuracies within the report which did not affect the recommendations as the figures in Section 4 to be approved were correct. The four successful applications were outlined for the Committee.

Members commended the report and the excellent outcome for the applicants.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations of the Community and Environmental Partnerships Grant Scheme Assessment Panel, to award grants as detailed in Section 4 of the report.

HCS/85 **TREE, WOODLANDS AND HEDGEROW MANAGEMENT POLICY**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and advised that part one of the report was the endorsement and the second part highlighted the risks and opportunities. The Committee was advised that the Council's insurers recommended moving away from a timebound assessment of trees and to use a Red, Amber, Green (RAG) rating system to highlight proposed works. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) explained that the RAG rating applied had identified a significant number of trees in the red category and that funding required from the ground's maintenance reserve would need approval from the Finance and Management Committee.

Councillor Shepherd welcomed the report and the policy relating to the planting of replacement trees when it was necessary for one to be felled.

Councillor Corbin asked that communication with residents regarding tree works could be improved.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved the adoption of the Tree, Woodland and Hedgerow Policy as per Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the report.

1.2 The Committee approved that the resource implications outlined in the report be referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.

HCS86 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented to report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/87 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

The Chairman may therefore move:
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.

ANY EXEMPT QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

HOUSING DIRECT LABOUR ORGANISATION (DLO) TEAM – MODERNISING EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:00 hours

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

6 April 2022

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Labour Group

Councillor D Shepherd (Chair)

Conservative Group

Councillor D Muller

Officers

K Stackhouse - Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)

A Thomas – Strategic Director (Service Delivery)

Donna Foster – Democratic Services Officer

Representatives of John Port Spencer Academy

Governing Body

Marie Walker-Endsor - School Governor

Danny Parker – School Governor

Representatives of Active Nation

Terry Simms -

EL/14 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies were received from Councillor Singh.

EL/15 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th January 2022 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

EL/16 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of interest had been received.

EL/17 **ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and outlined the outcome of an Audit carried out and feedback received following a mystery shopper exercise. The Committee was informed that the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) was working with Active Nation to develop an Improvement Plan following Audit recommendations which would be brought before the Committee at a future meeting for discussion.

The Committee welcomed the report and were pleased that there were only a few areas that required improvement.

RESOLVED:

The Committee received an update on a range of matters relating to Etwall Leisure Centre.

EL/18 **ACTIVE NATION PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Active Nation Representative presented the report to the Committee and outlined the increased participation since January 2022 and the positive response to the return of swimming activities, gym sessions and fitness classes. The increase in annual membership subscriptions was noted along with the pitch and hall block bookings..

Challenges highlighted by the Active Nation Representative included negative feedback regarding the drainage issues, which were to be investigated and the security of coin operated lockers for which a solution being considered was customers to use their own padlocks which could either be hired or purchased from reception. It was further noted that staffing resources affected by covid isolations appeared to have eased and that hours of operation had increased slightly due to the increase in demand.

Councillor Muller raised a query regarding parking facilities. The School Governor, Marie Walker-Endsor informed the Committee that since a new car park had opened with 130 spaces and improved lightening no complaints had been received.

RESOLVED:

The Active National Performance Report was received and noted.

EL/19 **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 paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

The meeting terminated at 17:35 hours

COUNCILLOR D SHEPHERD

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

19th April 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Rhind (Chair) and Councillor Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Richards, Dunn, and Tilley

Conservative Group

Councillors, Muller Ford, Haines, and Smith

Independent Group

Councillors Dawson and Roberts.

Non-Grouped

Councillors Wheelton and Churchill

HCS/91 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Shepherd (Labour Group) and Councillors Corbin and Ackroyd (Conservative Group).

HCS/92 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee was informed that declarations of interest had been received from Councillor Tilley, Councillor Muller, Councillor Dunn and Councillor Wheelton in relation to item HCS/102 by virtue of being Members of the Planning Committee and that they would leave the meeting when the item was to be discussed.

HCS/93 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.

HCS/94 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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**HCS/95 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE (POS) HISTORICAL ADOPTIONS**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee summarising the history and outlining the issues regarding a number of unadopted parcels of land.

Councillor Ford raised concern regarding the poor upkeep of public open spaces by the management companies and sought clarity about what powers the Council had to reduce the burden on the Authority. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed the Committee that the issue was complicated and the Authority had limited powers but Government was looking at legislation on the issue.

Councillor Churchill expressed concern that the management companies had damaged the Council's reputation and how important this work was.

RESOLVED:

1.1 *The Committee agreed to officers negotiating the transfer of parcels of unadopted land at the following locations:*

- *Grampian Way/Nairn Close, Stenson Fields*
- *Auden Close, Church Broughton*
- *Eureka Park, Belmont Primary School*
- *Kingfisher Lane, Willington*
- *Bretby Heights, Newhall.*

1.2 *The Committee agreed to the Strategic Director – Service Delivery negotiating the transfer of land at Manor Farm Cadley from the developer into the Council's ownership with an accompanying additional S106 contribution.*

1.3 *The Committee endorsed the process by which land be transferred to Management Companies and monitored thereafter be fully reviewed and a new policy statement be included in the new Local Plan.*

1.4 *The Committee confirmed the Council's general policy not to sell public open space and authorised officers to take all appropriate action to recover land subject to encroachment.*

1.5 The Committee agreed that the report, in respect of the proposed land acquisition matters, be referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.

HCS/96 **COUNTY WIDE HOMELESS STRATEGY**

The Head of Housing presented the report to the Committee and outlined how the strategy would help to keep people in accommodation. It was noted that the strategy would build on the Council's role and that whilst there was not a huge number of street sleepers the issue in the District was one of hidden homelessness with many sharing accommodation, sofa surfing or having insecure tenancies.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee endorsed the Draft Derbyshire Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy subject to clarification on the agencies and forums that will assist in delivering the actions contained within it.

HCS/97 **COUNCIL HOUSE RELETS**

The Head of Housing presented the report to the Committee and outlined progress made with reletting Council properties during 2021/22 and highlighted actions taken to improve the performance of letting Council properties.

Members raised concerns about the Council having to comply with Right to Buy and it not applying to Housing Associations, the possibility of bringing housing repairs in house and adaptations to properties as standard.

The Head of Housing advised Committee that Housing Associations were under some pressure with Right to Acquire and advised that reletting repairs had been discussed at the previous Committee meeting where it was noted that there was a shortage of skilled trades people to carry out the work. The Head of Housing clarified that the Council had to ensure that adapted properties were let to those individuals who required that allocation.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) addressed the Committee and confirmed that the driving force was to create homes to match the needs of those on the waiting lists which included specialist accommodation provision.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee noted the progress that had been made in reducing the overall number of empty Council properties and the number of properties under repair.***
- 1.2 The Committee was to receive further reports on progress in this area along with additional information regarding the reasons for property offers being refused by applicants, the reasons for current tenants vacating Council dwellings and the impact of reclassifying sheltered dwellings for general needs use.***

HCS/97 SUSTAINABLE WARMTH FUNDING AND LOW CARBON HOMES

The Head of Housing presented the report to the Committee and sought approval from the Committee for the Council to accept the secured Sustainable Warmth Funding grant and for the establishment of a Low Carbon Homes Team to manage and administer the scheme. In addition, the Head of Housing outlined the proposal to appoint Marches Energy Agency to pipeline and market the grant to encourage residents into the process.

Councillor Richards congratulated the team on the successful bid.

Members raised queries regarding additional costs in relation to IT systems and shared concern about residents applying for the government grants and suggested a flyer being sent with bills for Council Tax. The Strategic Director Service Delivery advised the Committee that there was a low risk to IT regarding delivery and that information had been shared with residents regarding the grant.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee accepted the Sustainable Warmth Fund grant allocations totalling £1,214,800.***
- 1.2 The Committee authorised the Chief Executive to sign the relevant agreements and declarations necessary to accept the Sustainable Warmth Fund allocations.***
- 1.3 That details of all further carbon reduction bid opportunities submitted under the Constitution's delegated powers be reported to Environment and Development Services Committee through the annual report of the work of the Corporate Environmental Sustainability Group.***

1.4 The Committee approved the establishment of a Low Carbon Homes Team consisting of two new temporary additions to the establishment:

- **Low Carbon Homes Team Manager**
- **Low Carbon Homes Delivery Officer**

1.5 That the financial, contractual, and human resource aspects of the report be referred to Finance and Management Committee for approval.

HCS/98 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented to report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/99 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

The Chairman may therefore move:

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.

ANY EXEMPT QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

ACTIVE COMMUNITIES AND HEALTH STAFFING

RESOLVED:

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

ACQUISITION OF NEW COUNCIL HOUSING AT MOAT STREET

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 18:55 hours

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

20th April 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Taylor (Chair), Councillor Pegg (Vice-Chair)
Councillors, Heath, Singh and Southerd

Conservative Group

Councillors Haines, Muller Smith, Redfern and Watson

Independent Group

Councillors Fitzpatrick and MacPherson.

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

EDS/193 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies have been received from Councillors Corbin and Brown (Conservative Group)

EDS/194 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that a personal declaration of interest had been received from Councillor Fitzpatrick in relation to EDS/200.

The Committee was informed that declarations of interest had been received from Councillor Muller and Councillor Smith in relation to EDS/200 and EDS/201 by virtue of being County Councillors.

EDS/195 **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/196 **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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEEEDS/197 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2022-2025**

The Planning Policy Team Leader presented the plan to the committee seeking approval for the revised statutory Local Development Scheme for 3 years. It was noted that last year it was agreed to review part 1 and that the proposal set out a detailed timeline for the Local Plan Part 1.

Members sought clarity about potential sites and when a site plan would be published in the Wards and if responses received in relation to the site plan would inform Part 2 of the Local Plan. The Planning Policy Team Leader informed the Committee that there was a methodology used to appraise potential sites in terms of availability assessment and when the appraisal was completed the site plan would be shared and confirmed that responses received would impact on Part 2.

The Chair requested that Members be notified when the document was due to be published and if they could be provided with a preview.

Members requested confirmation about approval of the Local Plan The Planning Policy Team Leader advised that the Authority made the final decision however there was a duty to cooperate with partners to ensure the needs of residents are met.

The Chair noted that it was the role of the Authority to ensure that the work and decisions made by the Committee along with the evidence presented and the collaborative work were robust and stood up to public scrutiny

RESOLVED:

The Committee endorsed the Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2022-2025 as per Appendix 1 of the report for publication.

EDS/198 **DRAFT PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT - CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Team Leader presented the report to the Committee and confirmed that following consultation the document would detail what was to be expected of planners and include rates and facilities.

Councillor MacPherson noted the impact on communities and enquired if there was a framework in place to work to. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) advised the Committee that working group arrangements were in place with collaboration with several authorities and there was a wide-

ranging group that looked at local requirements, infrastructure, recreation and sustainable transport.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (the SPD) as per Appendix 1 of the report, for consultation.

EDS/199 **DRAFT DERBYSHIRE AND DERBY MINERALS LOCAL PLAN**

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to the Committee outlining the recommendations.

Councillor Smith was pleased with issues which have been identified at the sites in Foston, Sudbury, in relation to the impact of and noted that the need for food production should not be forgotten especially in view of what had happened in Europe during the previous months.

Councillor MacPherson raised a query regarding the restoration of defuncted sites. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that the restoration of sites commenced in 2008 and that there was a plan to make Trent Valley fit for the future whilst increasing tourism, recreation, green spaces, and carbon reduction.

RESOLVED:

The Committee agreed the Council's proposed response to Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council's Draft Minerals Local Plan (MLP) consultation by objecting to:

(i) the use of out-of-date average annual sales data to calculate the requirement for sand and gravel and as a consequence significantly overstating the extent of need for these resources over the remainder of the plan period.

(ii) the allocation of more sites than are needed to meet the need for sand and gravel over the plan period based upon a forecast using the most recent annual average sales data in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

(iii) the allocation of the Sudbury sand and gravel site, on the basis that there has to date been no investigation as to whether the working of minerals on this site in isolation, or in combination with the proposed Foston allocation, could lead to an increase in flood risk in the Lower Dove Valley. Any flooding could have a potential

detrimental impact on considerable economic interests in the area as well as communities. Furthermore, the absence of flood risk evidence at the allocation stage means that any assessment to be submitted in support of a subsequent planning application that shows unacceptable adverse impacts may potentially lead to refusal. The site cannot therefore be relied upon to contribute toward meeting sand and gravel needs over the plan period.

(iv) the allocation of the Foston sand and gravel site on the basis that there has to date been no assessment of whether the working of minerals on this site, in combination with the adjoining proposed Sudbury allocation, could lead to an increase in flood risk in the Lower Dove Valley. Any flooding could have significant potential detrimental impacts as referred to in point (iii). Furthermore, the absence of such flood risk evidence at the allocation stage means that any assessment that may be submitted in support of a subsequent planning application that shows unacceptable adverse impacts may potentially lead to refusal. The site cannot therefore be relied upon to contribute toward meeting sand and gravel needs over the plan period.

(v) the allocation of the proposed Foston and Sudbury sand and gravel sites on the grounds that a precedent would be set in recent times for sand and gravel extraction in the Dove Valley, which would inevitably and irreversibly alter the character of the area.

(vi) the wording of the principal planning requirement in respect of each of the proposed new sand and gravel sites stating (at point 8 in each case) that restoration should take account of the Restoration Strategy for the Trent Valley should be strengthened as follows:

“The Mineral Planning Authority will establish formal arrangements to work with communities and mineral operators and other stakeholders well in advance of the submission of any planning applications to help ensure that proposals for mineral working in the Trent, Derwent and Lower Dove Valleys show how the mitigation, restoration and aftercare of sand and gravel sites will fit in with this long-term restoration strategy for the river valleys.”

(vii) the plan of the Trent Valley Restoration Study Area included in the Draft MLP (page 181) as it excludes the proposed Foston and Sudbury allocations and should be amended to fully accord with the policy requirement referred to in point (vi) above.

(viii) the application of the site assessment methodology for the reasons set out in paragraph 8.21.

EDS/200 **DERBYSHIRE CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and advised that should the Committee endorse the recommendation it would not oblige the Council to commit to everything within the report but it would be in the Council's best interest to work in partnership with other local authorities.

The Climate and Environment Officer advised that Derby County Council had set out its climate strategy and the elements within the report were key to South Derbyshire's Environment and Action Plan but it would not replace South Derbyshire District Council's own strategy. The benefits of the Council being part of Derbyshire Forum would provide access to ideas, solutions, experts and funding opportunities and a broader perspective of actions.

Councillor Fitzpatrick was very happy with the report and felt it was an excellent step forward.

Councillor Wheelton agreed with Councillor Fitzpatrick but noted that the Council was not in any way signing up to any form of Vision Derbyshire. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that Derbyshire County Council would be advised of the Council's position.

RESOLUTION:

The Committee endorsed the Climate Change Strategy 2022-2025 created by Derbyshire County Council (DCC) attached at Appendix A of the report.

EDS/201 **D2N2 FUNDING PROGRAMME FOR A PILOT HYDROGEN FUELLED WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) introduced the report to the Committee.

The Climate and Environment Officer presented the report to the Committee and advised of the Council's fleet vehicles' annual CO₂ emissions and that whilst technology for cars and vans was developing towards electric technology for heavy vehicles such as refuse trucks was not as advanced. It was explained that the use of hydrogen was a pilot project for the Council's heavy vehicles, that would identify risks and operational challenges and would also provide data on the performance of hydrogen vehicles. The plan to convert two diesel vehicles was outlined along with how data collated over 12 months would inform decisions about the future of the refuse trucks and heavy goods vehicles.

Members raised queries regarding the distance the vehicles could cover, the safety of the vehicles. The Climate and Environment Officer that it would be a normal combustion engine, that would run on both fuels but meant the use of diesel would be halved. The Committee was informed that refuelling of the hydrogen would be undertaken by partners that had expertise in handling the fuel and that specially adapted tanks would be fitted to the vehicles to store the hydrogen and it was highlighted that Toyota had a long history of using hydrogen that Glasgow Council they were using hydrogen in its entire fleet of buses and refuse trucks.

Councillor Wheelton requested that the Committee received updates on the technical aspects and more information on what was happening in Glasgow which may reassure residents.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee accepted the terms of the D2N2 Future Funding Programmes that would enable South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC) to deliver a Pilot Hydrogen Project for the waste collection services in 2022/23.

1.2 The Committee acknowledged that by accepting the D2N2 Future Funding of £310,000 the Council would commit to match funding of £360,000 for the purchase of two new Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCV's) as part of the Operational Fleet replacement programme within the next financial year.

1.3 The Committee welcomed the Pilot Hydrogen Project for the Waste Collection Service as an external funding opportunity that would support the ongoing transition of the Council's vehicle fleet from diesel to low carbon emission fuel and the overall carbon neutral ambitions of the Council.

1.4 The Committee welcomed the innovative approach that the Council was taking with the Pilot Hydrogen Project which would increase the operational learnings of hydrogen dual fuelled vehicles, the operational adjustments and the refuelling infrastructure required, both for the Council, the D2N2 region and the wider waste collection audience.

1.5 The Committee approved that the financial implications of the report be referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.

The Strategic Director – Service Delivery presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/203 The Chairman may therefore move:

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 paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

TO RECEIVE ANY EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.11

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

CREATION OF ADDITIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT POSTS

The Committee approved the recommendations within the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:30 hours

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

CHAIR

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

26 May 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Taylor (Chair) Councillors, Dunn Heath, Singh and Southerd

Conservative Group

Councillors Brown, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Ford Haines and Redfern

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

EDS/01

APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that apologies have been received from Councillor Pegg (Labour Group) and Councillor Muller (Conservative Group)

EDS/02

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

EDS/03

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/04

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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**EDS/05 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2021-2022 QUARTER 4 –1 APRIL TO 31 MARCH)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) introduced the report to the Committee and the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing outlined the three indicators which included planning conditions in relation to water consumption, the design quality of schemes and timescales for discharging planning decisions. It was explained that the measures had been impacted by the volume of work and the turnover of staff which would improve with the approval for additional staff and a number of new starters.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) highlighted the successes which included the nationally recognised Climate and Environment Action Plan, the reduction in fly tipping noted that the removal of recycling centres had not increased the number of fly tipping incidents.

The Chair enquired when the impact of new planning staff would be seen. The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing informed the Committee that a noticeable improvement should be seen in the next few months.

Councillor Haines suggested that monthly planning application updates would be useful. The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing agreed to circulate to Committee Members regular information regarding applications received.

Members sought assurance that attention to design quality and detail for each application would still be there. The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing confirmed that the quality of schemes would not be compromised and that no corners would be cut.

Members thanked the Depot team for their continued hard work during difficult times.

Councillor Brown enquired about and an update on SUDS and housing numbers. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed the Committee that a SUDS report had been commissioned looking at all SUDS and the risks which advised the Council to think carefully about the adoption of those SUDS that required urgent work. The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing informed the Committee that the five year housing supply had improved with 1,000 built per year over the last few years and confirmed the short term housing supply was healthy.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.

EDS/06 **SERVICE PLAN 2022-23**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and explained how the Plan gave Members a flavour of what the Directorate delivered and then gave an overview of what was covered in the report.

Members enquired how the changes in the report could be identified and raised concern about resilience in respect of the Heads of Service vacancies. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) agreed to ask the Team how the changes could be highlighted and confirmed that the Council had successfully recruited to the Heads of Service vacancies and who would be joining the Council in July and August.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired why the MPFT element had been dropped and what the position was regarding the proposed planning application charges. The Strategic Director clarified that MPFT element would now be reported to Finance and Management Committee and that the planning charging policy was on hold until staff were in place and were in a position to deliver.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the Service Plan for the Service Delivery Directorate and the Chief Executive's Directorate as the basis for overall service delivery over the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

EDS/07 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director – Service Delivery presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/08 **The Chairman may therefore move:**

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 paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

EDS/09 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY 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 19:00 hours

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

CHAIR

HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

1 June 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Rhind (Chair) and Councillor Mulgrew (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Dunn, Richards, and Shepherd

Conservative Group

Councillors Ackroyd, Dawson, Ford, Haines Lemmon and Redfern

Independent Group

Councillor Roberts.

In attendance

Councillor Wheelton

HCS/01 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Corbin and Patten (Conservative Group).

HCS/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee was informed that Councillor Ford had declared personal interests in items HCS/08 and HCS/14 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

HCS/03 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.

HCS/04 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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**HCS/05 SERVICE PLAN 2022/23**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and highlighted how the Service Plan gave a really good flavour of initiatives and projects delivered by the Directorate and the contribution of the workforce.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved the Service Plan for the Service Delivery Directorate as the basis for overall service delivery over the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

HCS/06 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2020-2021 QUARTER 4 – (1 APRIL TO 31 MARCH))

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the end of year report to the Committee and highlighted the two red indicators and explained that the reletting red indicator was improving and the planned housing maintenance programme would be driven forward. The end of year risks were outlined and the tree works and adoption of Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes were highlighted.

Councillor Shepherd raised a query regarding the issues of the Sustainable Urban Drainage Schemes. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that progress had been made with the respective developers. Members would be updated.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.

1.2 The Risk Register for the Committee's services was reviewed.

HCS/07 RECRUITMENT OF ACTIVE SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP (ASP) BIKEABILITY INSTRUCTOR

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) outlined the report to the Committee and sought approval of the new post along with delegated authority for the contract to be extended if required.

Members recognised the importance of the role of the proposed Bikeability Instructor and saw it as a way to encourage more people to use alternative ways to travel.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved a new post of an Active Schools' Partnership (ASP) Bikeability Instructor, within the Active Communities and Health Team to support the delivery of the South Derbyshire ASP's (SDASP) Bikeability programme.**
- 1.2 The Committee approved that the new post would be on a fixed term contract commencing from 1 September 2022 until 23 July 2023 for 30 hours per week.**
- 1.3 The Committee approved that the grade of the post would be Scale 3, subject to job evaluation in line with the Council's scheme.**
- 1.4 The Committee granted delegated authority to the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) to recruit additional ASP Bikeability Instructors on similar terms and conditions of employment subject to available funding and increased service demand for the SDASP Bikeability programme.**
- 1.5 The Committee granted delegated authority to the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) to extend the contracts of existing ASP Bikeability Instructors subject to continued and/or growing service demand of the SDASP Bikeability programme and funding being secured.**
- 1.6 The Committee approved that a further report be submitted back to the Committee and Finance and Management Committee for any extensions to employment contracts that exceed two years so the position in relation to additional payments and subsequent liabilities would be considered.**

HCS/08 **DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICE PROVISION**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) delivered the report to the Committee and outlined the Council's response to the County Council's consultation exercise and the proposals to change funding and the service delivery contract.

Councillor Wheelton raised concern regarding the number of inaccuracies, potential health problems and enquired how the removal of funding would impact on South Derbyshire residents

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that the County Council was looking at the eligibility criteria but that it was expected that quite a lot of residents in the District could miss out. The Committee was also informed that discussions had taken place with Health colleagues regarding potential problems to move the talks forward with the County Council in relation to call centres and warden services.

Councillor Richards stated that whilst independent living was not a statutory responsibility there was the Care Act that applied and hoped that the issues could be resolved through collaborative working.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the responses to the Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Report and consultation exercise detailed in Section 4 of the report.

HCS/09 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented to report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

HCS/10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

The Chairman may therefore move:

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.

ANY EXEMPT QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

LAND IN THULSTON

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

MINOR VARIATION TO ESTABLISHMENT – CREATION OF TREE OFFICER POST

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

CARELINE DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION AND THE DIGITAL SWITCH OVER

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 18:35 hours

COUNCILLOR G RHIND

CHAIR

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 June 2022

PRESENT: -

Labour Group

Councillor Bambrick (Chair) and
Councillor Gee

Conservative Group

Councillors Atkin, Hewlett, Muller and Smith

Independent Group

Councillor MacPherson

OS/01 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Stuart (Labour Group).

OS/02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

OS/03 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/04 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

OS/05 **OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC REALM OF WORKS IN SWADLINCOTE TOWN CENTRE AND LEISURE PROVISION IN SWADLINCOTE – PRESENTATION**

The Chief Executive addressed the Committee advising that a planning application had been submitted regarding proposed works in the Town Centre and that prior to the commencement of works Members would have the opportunity have sight of an overview of the works. It was further noted that the proposed works intended to improve the Town Centre and add to the experience of shopping in the Town Centre.

Head of Corporate Property addressed the Committee and outlined some of the public realm work streams that included the replacement of cladding and windows, the Tourist Information Centre and the resurfacing of the Delph.

Members raised queries regarding the resurfacing of the Delph.

The Chief Executive informed Members that the replacement surface would enable surface water to run off and that the foundations were in excellent condition and would therefore not need to be replaced. It was further noted that the conduits for the market stalls would be replaced to enable the continued use of market stalls in the area.

The Head of Property Services shared an artist's impression of a proposed improvements for the Marker Hall on Midland Road and outlined the key changes and noted that the expected completion date for improvement works to be spring 2023.

Councillor Smith raised sought clarity regarding the parking system and the Head of Property Services informed the Committee that there would be a two way system used.

OS/06 **LAND CHARGES UPDATE - PRESENTATION**

The Chief Executive addressed the Committee regarding the progress being made in relation to the Land Charges and outlined issues that had caused delays that included incompatible software which increased the level work to be carried out by members of staff. It was further noted there was a need to create a task and finish project to which could take between 6 and 12 months to complete which would enable the data to move across to central government systems.

Members raised queries regarding the costs for the Council. The Chief Executive confirmed that costs would be covered via the government's transitioning policy and that South Derbyshire District Council would receive money to cover the costs incurred.

Members requested that a future update be brought before the Committee.

OS/07 **DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE - PRESENTATION**

The Chief Executive addressed the Committee and advised that the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) had made contact with the County Council and requested that Digital Derbyshire attend a Committee meeting to update Members.

OS/08 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive informed the Committee that the Work Programme for 2022/23 would be considered at the upcoming Overview and Scrutiny Scoping Meeting.

OS/09 **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.

OS/10 **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 17:20 hours

COUNCILLOR S BAMBRICK

CHAIR

ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

6 July 2022

PRESENT:-

Representatives of South Derbyshire District Council

Labour Group

Councillor D Shepherd

Conservative Group

Councillor D Muller (Vice-Chair)

Independent Group

Councillor A MacPherson

Officers

K Stackhouse - Strategic Director (Corporate Resources)

Laura Winter – Active Communities and Health Officer

Donna Foster – Democratic Services Officer

Representatives of John Port Spencer Academy

Governing Body

Marie Walker-Endsor - School Governor

Danny Parker – School Governor (Chair)

Representatives of Active Nation

Terry Simms

EL/01 **APPOINTMEN OF THE CHAIR**

Nominations for the position of Chair were requested.

RESOLVED:-

That Danny Parker (School Governor) be appointed Chair for the period ending July 2023.

EL/02 **APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIR**

Nominations for the position of Vice-Chair were requested.

RESOLVED:-

That Cllr Muller be appointed Vice-Chair for the period ending July 2023.

EL/03 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that no apologies were received.

EL/04 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of interest had been received.

EL/05 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

In Accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 10 Mr Price raised the following question:

Now that Active Nation is beginning to listen to its customers regarding timetabling, patronage is rapidly returning to pre-pandemic levels, and is likely to grow much more, given the population growth in the area, adding pressure on the facilities and the swimming timetable in particular. In 2009, the current Centre had to forego its planned teaching pool because the funding package couldn't provide it, so will the JMC now work with the local community to ensure that swimming and wider leisure provision in Etwall is improved to meet these ever-growing demands, and if it is willing to work with us, how can we work together to achieve our goals?

The Active Nation Representative informed the Committee that space made it challenging and complex to cater for all members of the community and noted time constraints that included catering for John Port Spencer Academy until 16:00hrs.

Mr Price raised a supplementary question regarding adding to facilities in the long term.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) advised that a review of the Local Plan would consider the growth in housing provision and what leisure facilities would be required in the future and encouraged the involvement of residents regarding the review.

Members endorsed the importance of residents being involved with the review of the Local Plan and leisure facilities.

EL/06 **FINAL ACCOUNTS 2021-22**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to the Committee noting that the outturn was in line with the January estimate and that there were smaller spends on repairs and maintenance and utility costs.

Members raised concerns regarding the increases in energy costs and sought clarity regarding the Asset Replacement reserves.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) informed the Committee that utility costs were mainly borne by the Contractor (Active Nation) and that they would keep the costs under review following the increases.

It was also clarified that the Asset Replacement reserve was the responsibility of the Joint Management Committee who should decide what it included and how it was utilised. It was also confirmed that the new Head of Cultural and Community Services appointed by the Council, would be reviewing this and an updated planned maintenance programme would be reported to a future Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the Final Accounts for 2021/22.

EL/07 **SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

The Active Nation Representative presented the report to the Committee outlining the recommendations following Audits carried out over the past 12 months and explained how best practices for leisure services would be considered. It was noted that following a covid recovery assessment in June last year the service was deemed as good and received a number of recommendations for improvement. The Active Nation Representative informed the Committee that future reports would only include information relating to Etwall Leisure Centre.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the Service Improvement Plan as per Appendix 1 of the report.

EL/08 **ACTIVE NATION PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Active Nation Representative presented the update to the Committee and outlined the financial position and noted that following Covid the centre had seen a steady increase of customers and as of May 2022 was operating at 85%. The Active Nation Representative highlighted the improvement of the Squash Courts' following the refurbishment of the changing and toilet facilities and the appointment of a new Duty Manager. The Committee was informed that the historical drainage issues had been inspected and that a number of blockages had been identified and that work carried out to resolve the issues was expected to be completed by the end of July.

Members raised concerns regarding the shortage of swimming teachers and queried the level of pay. The Active Nation Representative confirmed that it was hoped that the level of pay would be increased to £14 per hour, which was in line with competitors

RESOLVED:

The Active National Performance Report was received and noted.

EL/09 **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 paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

The meeting terminated at 17:55hours

D PARKER (SCHOOL GOVERNOR)

CHAIR