

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

26th August 2010

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Watson (Vice-Chairman in the Chair) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Brown, Ford, Roberts (substitute for Councillor Bladen), Stanton and Timms.

**Labour Group**

Councillors Mrs. Gillespie (substitute for Councillor Tilley), Mrs. Lane, Rhind and Taylor.

**In attendance**

Councillors Atkin (Conservative Group) and Richards (Labour Group).

EDS/13. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Bladen (Conservative Group), Tilley (Labour Group) and Pabla (Independent Member).

EDS/14. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th June 2010, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

EDS/15. **CORPORATE PLAN 2009 – 2014: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1st APRIL 2010 – 30th JUNE 2010)**

A report was submitted detailing performance for the quarter ending 30th June 2010, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009 – 2014. The Corporate Plan consisted of four main themes, of which this Committee was responsible for actions and relevant performance indicators within the 'Sustainable Growth and Opportunity' theme. Full details of key achievements, and actual performance were provided, including where actions were 'on track', and where they were indicated as 'at risk of failure'.

The performance report, attached as an Appendix, showed the progress against Corporate Plan actions and relevant Performance Indicators.

Further information was provided in response to questions on all performance indicators that were indicated as 'at risk of failure'.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the Council's key achievements and performance for the quarter ending 30th June 2010 be noted.***
- (2) That, where performance has failed to achieve the specified target, the response be noted.***

EDS/16. **SCHEME FOR THE RECOVERY OF BUILDING REGULATION COSTS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS**

A report was submitted seeking Members' agreement for a new scheme, for the recovery of building regulation costs and associated matters, that was required by new legislation.

The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010, required the introduction, on 1st October 2010, of a new Local Authority (LA) building control charging regime, in order that the standards and environment within which LA's and Approved Inspectors (AI's) operated and competed were improved.

The fees related to checking plans, carrying out inspections of building work in connection with plans, checking and inspecting work covered by building notices, reversion and regularisation applications.

The key principles that the new charging system would meet, were detailed within the report. Charges were required to be calculated by relating an hourly rate for Building Control Services to the time spent carrying out the chargeable functions and providing advice. This rate had been calculated to be £42.00 per hour. Having established this cost, the sum was then applied to the various types of building work to ascertain the scale of fees as set out in an Appendix to the report.

A comparison between the current and proposed fees was provided. Excluding specific one off jobs, it was anticipated that approximately £28,000 of additional income would be generated by the new fees.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Finance and Management Committee be recommended to adopt the new scheme of fees for the recovery of Building Regulation Costs and Associated Matters, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, to be implemented on 1st October 2010.***

EDS/17. **WORK PROGRAMME**

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

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the updated work programme be approved, subject to the inclusion of 2 additional items;***

- (1) That Officers from Derbyshire County Council Highways Department be invited to a future meeting of the Environmental and Development Services Committee, to explain their rationale of highways assessments with regard to planning applications.***
- (2) That a report be submitted to a future Environmental and Development Services Committee detailing the progress on developments in Swadlincote Town Centre, and plans for completion of projects in the future.***

P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 6.50 p.m.