

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

19th November 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Muller (Vice-Chairman), Coe Mrs. Brown, Mrs Hall, MacPherson, Mrs Patten, Stanton and Wheeler (substituting for Councillor Roberts).

Labour Group

Councillors Chahal, Southerd, Taylor and Tilley.

In Attendance

EDS/49 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor Roberts (Conservative group)

EDS/50 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

EDS/51 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on the 1st October 2015 were approved as a true record.

EDS/52 **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/53 **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.

EDS/54 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

The Committee was informed that there were no Overview & Scrutiny Committee reports for it to consider.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**EDS/55 LOCAL PLAN PART 2**

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee to seek permission to undertake Regulation 18 (preparation of a local plan), and Regulation 19 (publication of a local plan) consultations before the submission of the Plan to the Secretary of State for consideration through an examination.

The Plan needs to allocate sufficient sites for 600 dwellings, this is part of the overall strategy to deliver 12,618 dwellings and the housing sites will be selected from those that are held on the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment database (SHLAA). For the initial consultation, those assessed sites that fall within Green Belt, Flood Zone 3b, mainly covered by tree protection order(s) or are not adjacent or in close proximity to an existing settlement boundary, have been considered as not deliverable and Policy H22 will be critical in making decisions on the Part 2 housing sites. Discussion have taken place around the need for a new secondary school within the District and the County Council undertook a consultation earlier this year regarding site options, but are not yet in a position to select a preferred location for the school.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee agreed to a consultation being undertaken for a period of 8 weeks on the Local Plan Part 2 document (Appendix A).

1.2 That the Chair of the Committee, the Planning Policy Manager and the Planning Services Manager be authorised to agree the final consultation document.

EDS/56 HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND - SWADLINCOTE TOWNSCAPE UPDATE

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee to inform them that the official confirmation of the HLF (Heritage Lottery Fund) bid was received on 26th October. With the agreement from the Committee, the scheme will run for a period of three years, starting in early 2016. The scheme included the cost of employing a Townscape Heritage Officer from January 2016, to manage the scheme alongside existing Officers at the Council.

A discussion took place regarding the size and selection process of the Project Board and Grant Panel. Clarification was also sought on the formal voting process, as members of both the board and panel would include District and County Councillors and Officers. The Planning Policy Manager responded that the HLF the terms of reference would be looked into and findings of both queries would be feed back to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee agreed to the establishment of a HLF Project Board and Grants Panel.

1.2 That the Committee agreed to the continuation of the project.

1.3 That point 3.9 of the report be amended to read, ‘To ask the Committee to give consideration to the Members that are to be included in the Panel and the Board’.

EDS/57 ADOPTION OF CCTV IN PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES POLICY

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report to Committee and informed them that at the Private Hire Driver’s Forum in March 2015, an agreement was put into place that the Licensing Authority would put a Policy in place for owners to comply with when installing CCTV in licensed private hire vehicles. All licensed private hire drivers and operators had to date received a copy of the policy, no responses were received during the consultation period.

RESOLVED:

That Members approve the CCTV in Private Hire Vehicles Policy (“the Policy”).

EDS/58 ADOPTION OF DOG DAY CARE BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT CONDITIONS

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report to Committee and explained that the Council is responsible for issuing licences to the proprietors of businesses falling within the definition of an animal boarding establishment and ensuring compliance with the Act.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the conditions contained in Appendix 1 of the report relating to dog day care boarding establishments to come into effect upon adoption by Council.

EDS/59 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE OFF STREET PARKING ORDER

The Environmental Health Manager presented a report to the Committee highlighting that South Derbyshire District Council owns nineteen car parks, all of which offer free parking to residents and visitors to South Derbyshire. Because of high levels of demand for some of these car parks, rules to control the behaviour of vehicle owners was introduced in the form of the South Derbyshire District Council (Off-Street parking)(Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2008. Following recent complaints, about East End and parks, a review of the current controls in the form of a consultation took place to determine what changes needed to be implemented.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the proposed alterations to the parking rules in the East End Car Park, Civic Way, Swadlincote and Station Road car park, Hatton.

EDS/60 **BODY WORN VIDEO CAMERAS**

The Environmental Health Manager presented a report to the Committee explaining that the use of BMVs (Body Worn Cameras) had become commonplace in those aspects of the public service where Officers face conflict situations and where evidence is regularly challenged. Management are confident that they will significantly benefit the effectiveness of the Warden Service and lead to improvements in safety. Some risks associated with the use of BMVs have been identified, however the mitigation measures proposed, including the adoption and compliance with the Policy and Procedure in relation to the use of body worn video cameras, will address these risks.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the Committee approved the proposed use of Body Worn Video Cameras by the Councils' Safer Neighbourhood Wardens.

1.2 That the Committee approved the Policy for the use of Body Worn Video Cameras.

EDS/61 **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

The Economic Development Manager presented the report to Committee to update Members of the review and consultation of the strategy. The previous Economic Development Strategy and Statement set the vision and direction for a successful period in which the number of jobs and businesses has grown and unemployment has fallen in South Derbyshire. With recent changes in economic development structures and policies, and local economic conditions, the refresh of the District's Economic Development Strategy is very apropos.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee supports the development of a new South Derbyshire Economic Development Strategy and the incorporation of Members views of the strategy.

EDS/62 **CORPORATE PLAN 2009-15: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1 JULY – 30 SEPTEMBER 2015)**

The Directors of Community and Planning Services and Housing and Environmental Services presented the report to Committee to inform them that during the second quarter (1 July to 30 September) all targets for relevant projects and performance measures were achieved or were on track to be achieved apart from GP07 – Progress the South Derbyshire Local Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considered and approved the progress against performance targets.

EDS/63 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the work programme.

EDS/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 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.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee were informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

RESTRUCTURING THE DIRECT SERVICES OPERATION

That the Committee approved the restructuring of the Direct Services operation as detailed within the report.

The meeting terminated at 7:30 pm

COUNCILLOR P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN