

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

21<sup>st</sup> April 2016

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Hewlett (Chairman), Councillor Smith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Hall (substituting for Councillor Mrs Coe), Harrison, Muller, Swann (substituting for Councillor Coe) and Mrs Wyatt.

**Labour Group**

Councillors Dunn, Rhind, Richards and Taylor.

**In attendance**

Councillor Mrs Farrington (Conservative Group).

HCS/99 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Coe and Coe (Conservative Group).

HCS/100 **QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY**

The Chairman and Members noted the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday and joined in wishing the Queen a Happy Birthday.

HCS/101 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HCS/102 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

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

HCS/103 **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/104 **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.

HCS/105 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

HCS/106 **OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITY STRATEGY UPDATE**

The Open Space and Facility Development Manager delivered the report to the Committee.

Councillor Dunn commended the report, but drew attention to the Chestnut Avenue basketball court issue, a matter that the Director of Community and Planning Services confirmed could be revisited at a later date as part of the process. Councillor Billings also praised the report, requesting that Members be kept up to date with developments, as he was aware that not all parish council's had responded to the consultation. The Open Space and Facility Development Manager confirmed that the project list was growing and that the matter would be brought back to Committee to agree the priority ranking of these projects. The Director added that the closure of the Moorways facility in Derby had impacted on the District's sports facilities and that the Council had met with Sport England to discuss its capital / funding plans for the area.

Councillor Richards, in referring to the continuing development of the central area, remarked on its shortfall in the majority of sports facility categories and suggested use of the land at the Woodhouse recreation ground, aimed at improving the provision within the urban core. The Director noted these comments and made reference to current plans to create a Swadlincote Sporting Hub, modelled along similar lines as the Melbourne Sporting Partnership.

Councillor Harrison acknowledged the report as an important support resource for Section 106 funding applications, but referred to two apparent omissions, the Football Foundation and Kings Newton bowling club. In relation to the former, the Director confirmed that the Football Association had been consulted and, in relation to the latter, he would investigate the situation.

Councillor Taylor welcomed the inclusion of biodiversity and Greenways within the report, querying whether there was an opportunity to promote the Greenways further, enabling more to access the countryside, referring in particular to the old railway line from Newhall to Rosliston. The Director of Community and Planning stated that the Greenways strategy was being formulated in conjunction with Derbyshire County Council, made reference to the links into planning developments, the major one at Drakelow, for example, where funding will be utilised for such projects. Councillor Richards reported that the Nadin Trust had, some years back, conducted a feasibility study on the former railway line, a document that should still be within the Council's records.

**RESOLVED:-**

- 1) Members approved the adoption of the South Derbyshire Open Space, Sport & Community Facilities Strategy.**
- 2) That approval was granted to the principle of the use of £30,000 additional Planning income for the production of site development plans for strategic facilities.**
- 3) That the matter be referred to the Finance & Management Committee on 28th April 2016 for approval of the use of additional Planning Income for the production of site development plans.**

HCS/107 **AVIVA WOMENS TOUR OF BRITAIN CYCLE RACE**

The Director of Community and Planning presented a short film and the report to the Committee, highlighting the various initiatives aimed at maximising coverage within South Derbyshire and its beneficial impact.

Councillor Dunn welcomed the news regarding this event, especially its route via the urban core, but sought assurances that, once known, the relevant timings be widely publicised, to achieve the full impact. Councillor Richards thanked Councillor Dunn for his efforts, at a County level, in getting the Tour into the District and acknowledged this excellent opportunity to use existing facilities and for local businesses. Councillor Taylor commended the route and promoted the working relationships with parish council's. The Director confirmed that the matter had been discussed at the last Parish Liaison Meeting.

**RESOLVED:-**

- 1) Members noted and welcomed the Aviva Womens Tour of Britain to South Derbyshire.**
- 2) Members approved the proposed programme of activity.**
- 3) Approval was granted for the use of £3,406 Section 106 funds to be used towards the Cycle Hub provision at Green Bank Leisure Centre.**

HCS/108 **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DELIVERY OF HOUSING SERVICES**

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

**RESOLVED:-**

**Members approved the revised model for the delivery of the Council's Housing Services.**

HCS/109 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

Councillor Mrs Coyle, referring to a recent discussion on the matter, confirmed that Members were looking for a yearly plan, providing more detail of the Committee's work.

**RESOLVED:-**

*Members considered and approved the updated work programme.*

HCS/110 **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.*

**MINUTES**

*The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were received.*

**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.*

**DERBYSHIRE CARELINE PARTNERSHIP**

- 1) Members noted the content of the Report in relation to the Derbyshire Careline Partnership.*
- 2) That the Director of Housing and Environmental Services be authorised to engage with a consultant to carry out a review of the Supported Housing Service as detailed in the report.*

The Meeting terminated at 7.05pm.

COUNCILLOR J HEWLETT

CHAIRMAN