

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

10 November 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Taylor (Chair) and Councillors, M Mulgrew, Rhind, Shepherd, Singh and Southerd

Conservative Group

Councillors Brown, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Lemmon. Patten, and Watson

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

EDS/32 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies have been received from Councillor Pegg and Councillor Heath (Labour Group) and Councillor Haines (Conservative Group)

EDS/33 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that Councillor Wheelton declared a personal interest regarding Item EDS/44.

EDS/34 **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/35 **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/36 **CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2022-2023 QUARTER 2 – 1 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER)**

The Chief Executive presented the report to the Committee and sought approval of the recommendations within the report.

Councillor Wheelton raised a query regarding biodiversity net gain in relation to planning applications.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing informed the Committee that Biodiversity Net Gain was requested on all major applications and whatever was considered to reasonable for smaller applications and that the Local Plan would also have to be taken into account.

Councillor Brown raised concern regarding the adoption of Sustainable Drainage Systems.

The Planning Policy Assistant advised the Committee that in the future Sustainable Drainage Schemes would only be adopted in the future following completion of works that agreed with Severn Trent. The Chief Executive addressed the Committee and confirmed that only those Sustainable Drainage Systems that were of an adoptable standard and previously agreed would be adopted by the Council.

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 were reviewed.

EDS/37 **PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS**

The Head of Environmental Services presented the report to the Committee and outlined the key points within the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

Members raised queries regarding prosecutions for littering

The Head of Environmental Services informed the Committee that the Police and Crime Commission was considering the County wide littering issues but noted that they would have to be mindful of legalities.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved the proposed three-year extension of seven Public Spaces Protection Orders for South Derbyshire as detailed in the report.

EDS/38 **APPROVAL OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT 2021-22**

The Planning Policy Assistant presented the Report to the Committee noting the requirement to publish the statement annually that set out what Section 106 Agreement funding had been allocated and what was to be allocated. The Committee was informed that during the previous year the Council had entered into £3.4million worth of Section 106 Agreement funding and that it was estimated that in 2022/23 the Council would receive £6 million worth of Section 106 Agreement funding.

Members commended the report and thanked the Planning Policy Assistant for the work undertaken.

Members raised queries regarding updates on unspent funding and requested that Local Ward Members be copied in to communication with Parish Councils.

The Planning Policy Assistance advised the Committee that quarterly reports were shared with the Finance and Management Committee and regular updates could be shared with the Environmental and Development Services Committee.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) for the 2021-22 financial year.

EDS/39 **PROPOSED BAN ON RELEASE OF BALLOONS ON SDDC LAND**

The Report was presented the Committee by the Head of Cultural and Community Services, who explained that the report was a follow up a ban on lanterns. The damage that could be caused and the injury inflicted to live stock and wildlife due to the balloons was highlighted. The Head of Cultural and Community Services sought approval of the recommendations within the report and explained how a national approach was required and that South Derbyshire District Council would be the first in Derbyshire to issue a statement that would hopefully encourage other councils to do the same.

Members commended the report and the work undertaken.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee noted the environmental damage caused by balloon plastic, wire and string litter to livestock and wildlife. Also, Sky lanterns and balloons released posed a danger to aircraft.***
- 1.2 The Committee agreed to issue a statement that the deliberate or accidental release of balloons of any kind was not permitted on South Derbyshire District Council owned or managed land, to suggest alternative ways of fundraising or commemoration and insist that any balloons used at events should always be tied securely and disposed of appropriately. This was to be supported by educational messages on the unintended associated environmental impact of balloon releases.***
- 1.3 The Committee agreed that the report and recommendations be shared with Derbyshire County Council and Parish Councils who were significant landowners in the District to encourage similar statements.***

EDS/40 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Chief Executive presented the report and sought approval of the updated Committee Work Programme.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/41 **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 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.

**COMMERCIALISATION RESTRUCTURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

RESOLVED

The Committee approved the recommendation within the report.

SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

RESOLVED

The Committee approved the recommendation within the report.

REVIEW OF PLANNING SERVICES STRUCTURE

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendation within the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:45 hours

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

CHAIR