

**ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
COMMITTEE**

18 April 2024

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor S Taylor (Chair) and Councillor K Storey (Vice-Chair) and Councillors A Archer, I Hudson, J Jackson, B Stuart, A Tilley and N Tilley (substitute for Cllr V Redfern)

Conservative Group

Councillors K Haines, J Lowe and D Corbin (substitute for Cllr Watson)

Liberal Democrats

Councillor G Andrew

Non-Grouped

Councillor A Wheelton

In Attendance

Councillor A Jones

EDS/91 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor V Redfern (Labour Group). Councillor P Watson (Conservative Group)

EDS/92 **MINUTES**

The Committee noted and approved the Open Minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2024 and were signed by the Chair as a true record.

EDS/93 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that a declaration of interest had been received from Councillor B Stuart regarding item EDS/101 by virtue of being a voluntary representative for Sustrans.

EDS/94 **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/95 **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/96 **AIR QUALITY STRATEGY**

The Head of Environmental Services presented the report to the Committee and outlined the background of the strategy. The health impacts of poor air quality were outlined for the Committee.

Councillor A Tilley raised a query regarding particulate matter and monitoring equipment.

The Head of Environmental Services clarified that nitrous oxide was monitored and that the monitoring of particulate matter would be very expensive but discussions were ongoing with Derbyshire County Council regarding equipment.

Members discussed the merits of the Strategy and suggested that alignment with North West Leicestershire be considered.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved an Air Quality Strategy for South Derbyshire

EDS/97 **CONTAMINATED LAND STRATEGY 2024-28**

The Head of Environmental Services presented the report to the Committee and outlined the key areas within the report.

Members supported the report and discussed contaminated sites and how they were measured.

The Head of Environmental Services outlined the process for identifying contaminated land and how the risk factors were calculated.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved the adoption of an updated Contaminated Land Strategy as per Appendix 1 of the report.

EDS/98 GRASS VERGE CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

Head of Cultural and Community Services presented the report to the Committee outlining the expansion of the No Mow Scheme and the management of initial cuts across the District and firebreak cuts.

The Chair noted and recognised the work that had been undertaken.

Members welcomed the report, in particular the Ragwort advice and discussed additional sites to be considered in the future. Members raised queries regarding the involvement of Parish Councils and communication with residents.

The Head of Cultural and Community Services confirmed that posters and signage would be used to inform residents and that communication would be shared with Parishes regarding how they could be involved.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee acknowledged the scope of the project and supported South Derbyshire District Council's involvement in the scheme/project.

1.2 The Committee approved the proposed project plan and the areas of road verge to be included in the scheme.

EDS/99 DELGATED AUTHORITY FOR NSIP CONSULTATION FOR OAKLANDS SOLAR FROM

Head of Planning and Strategic Housing presented the report to the Committee and outlined the recommendations for which approval was sought. The deadlines and responses were highlighted to the Committee.

Councillor Wheelton raised a query regarding the involvement of Local Ward Members. The Chair committed to have dialogue with Local Ward Members prior to submission.

Members discussed the report and the recommendations and requested updates to be presented at future Committee meetings.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted the up-to-date position in regard to securing third-party specialists to advise both the District Council and Derbyshire County Council (DCC) on topic areas contained within the applicant's Environmental Statement, (ES) as well as funding mechanisms including a Planning Performance Agreement (PPA).

1.2 The Committee delegated authority to the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing in consultation with the Chair of Environmental and Development Services Committee, to provide responses to the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the District Council's throughout the process.

EDS/100 **ACCELERATED PLANNING SYSTEM CONSULTATION**

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing presented the report to the Committee and summarised the key aspects of the report. The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing noted the additional information that had been made available that day regarding the application processing times and sought approval of the recommendations.

Members considered the report and supported the officer's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee agreed the responses to the questions set out in Appendix 1 of the report, to be submitted as the Council's response to the consultation.

EDS/101 **CYCLING NETWORK SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT CONSULTATION**

Head of Planning and Strategic Housing presented the report to the Committee outlining the main aspects of the report and sought approval of the recommendations.

The Chair welcomed the report noting the significant discussions that had taken place with the Local Plan Working Group

Members considered the report and raised concern regarding clarity for residents that not all routes would be included.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing confirmed that it would be made clear as part of the consultation that there would be material caveats and that these would be aspirational routes which were not fully funded.

Members noted the importance of cycle routes that were linked and gave access to all residents and raised concerns regarding road safety.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing addressed the Committee and noted the importance to get cycle routes right at the planning development stage and confirmed that the proposed routes would be made safe both on and off the highway.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved the South Derbyshire Cycle Network Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), attached as Appendix 1 to the report, for consultation for a period of 8 weeks.***
- 1.2 The Committee delegated authority be to the Chair of the Committee and the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) to agree any changes based on the comments received.***

EDS/102 **SHARED PROSPERITY FUND**

The Head of Economic Development and Growth presented the report to the Committee giving an update on the previous investment plan, the role of the Community Safety Officer and support given to local businesses.

Members considered the report and supported the officer's recommendations.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee noted the progress of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in South Derbyshire at the end of Year 2.***

EDS/103 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme, attached as Annexe A to the report.***

EDS/104 **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 MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2024 and were received.

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

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions had been received.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GROWTH SERVICE

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the recommendations of the report.

The meeting terminated at 20:00hours.

COUNCILLOR S TAYLOR

CHAIR