

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
COMMITTEE

04 January 2024

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor S Taylor (Chair) and
Councillors A Archer, S Harrison (substituting for Councillor J Jackson), R
Pearson (substituting for Councillor K Storey), V Redfern, B Stuart, A
Tilley and N Tilley (substituting for Councillor I Hudson).

Conservative Group

Councillors D Corbin (substituting for Councillor K Haines), J Lowe and P
Watson.

Liberal Democrats

Councillor G Andrew

Non-Grouped

Councillor A Wheelton

In Attendance

Councillor M Gee

EDS/53 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from
Councillors I Hudson, J Jackson, K Storey (Labour Group) and Councillor
K Haines (Conservative Group).

EDS/54 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

EDS/55 **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/56 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/57 SERVICE BASED BUDGETS 2024-25**

The Head of Finance presented the report highlighting the details for this Committee and that there had been no changes from the Draft Budget.

Members sought clarity on several items from the report including the loss of income from food safety certificates and Private Hire Licences, funding arrangements for kennelling, Swadlincote Events costs, property services and the one-off proposals for the Committee.

The Head of Finance confirmed that loss of income was due to changes in exports and Brexit and Private Hire Driver's licences that had been issued under other Local Authorities. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) confirmed that the welfare of dogs was supported through the General Reserve which covered service pressures and that this would be reviewed. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) informed Members that Swadlincote Events costs were estimated as part of a larger Levelling Up fund. The Head of Finance provided details of property services costs which included off street parking, toilets and lighting, and that an accumulated one-off cost of £74,219 included insurance policies, bank charges, training and maintenance fees.

Councillor Wheelton asked if there was a budget for anti-social behaviour monitoring for the Drakelow area. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed the Committee that statistics provided by the Constabulary would be used to place existing resources in the appropriate areas.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *The Committee considered the proposed revenue budget for the Committee's services, for 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report and recommended to the Finance and Management Committee for recommendation to Council for approval.***
- 1.2 *The Committee considered the proposed fees and charges for 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix 2 of the report and recommended to the Finance and Management Committee for recommendation to Council for approval.***

1.3 The Committee considered the proposed Capital budget for the Committee's services, for 2024/25 as detailed in Appendix 3 of the report and recommended to the Finance and Management Committee for recommendation to Council for approval.

EDS/58 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and noted an update to the Town Centre report which was to be included at the next Committee meeting.

RESOLVED:

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

EDS/59 **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

EDS/60 The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The meeting terminated at 18:25 hours.

COUNCILLOR S TAYLOR

CHAIR