

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

22 September 2022

OPEN

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor Taylor (Chair), Councillor Pegg (Vice Chair) and Councillors, L Mulgrew, Rhind (substitute for Councillor Heath), Singh and Shepherd (substitute for Councillor Southerd)

Conservative Group

Councillors Brown, Fitzpatrick, Haines, Lemmon, Patten (substitute for Councillor Dawson) and Redfern

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

In attendance

Councillor Corbin and Councillor Gee

EDS/24

APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Heath (Labour Group), Councillor Southerd (Labour Group) and Councillor Dawson (Conservative Group).

EDS/25

MINUTES

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 4 January 2022, 25 January 2022, 3 March 2022, 20 April 2022 and 26 May 2022 were noted and approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

EDS/26

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee was informed that Councillor Patten declared a personal interest in the item EDS/31 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

The Committee was informed that Councillor Redfern declared personal interest in item EDS/31 by virtue of being a County Councillor.

EDS/27 **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/28 **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/29 **LOCAL PLAN ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION AND DRAFT SCOPING REPORT**

The Report was presented to the Committee by the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing. It was noted that the working group which included Members and officers was to ensure that Members were informed and had time to look at the issues and options prior to the formal recommendations before the Committee.

It was noted that all parish councils would receive the documentation and some information had been sent in advance of the public consultation, it was further noted that all parishes would have sufficient time to provide information prior to any decisions.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing explained that the Scoping report was procedurally different and would be a technical assessment used as evidence to support to the Local Plan and prepare a sustainability appraisal. The Committee was informed of the consultation timeframes and that the consultation events would be spread geographically across the District.

Members commended the report and thanked the working group for the significant amount of work undertaken.

Councillor Wheelton raised queries regarding the working group, the timeframe for completion and the key issues within table G of the report.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing informed the Committee that the key issues within the report followed on from the previous local

plans, outlined the involvement of the working group and confirmed that consultation would be underway prior to the Christmas period.

Councillor Haines addressed the Committee and noted how well the working group had worked together and further to suggested amendments it was happy with the draft and thanked officers for their input.

Members expressed concern regarding the Scoping document as it had not been subject to scrutiny and noted the importance of Members having the opportunity to view the document.

The Head of Planning proposed that authority be delegated to the Chair of the Committee along with the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing in relation to the Issues and Options document and that final changes to the Scoping document followed any recommendations from the working group and noted that consultation would take place following the working group meeting.

Members sought clarity regarding the consultation with residents.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing informed the Committee that the Council had a database of residents who had expressed an interest in the local plans who would be contacted and that all parishes would be emailed to notify them of when consultation events would take place in their area. It was noted that documents would also be available online and hard copies available at the events. In addition, hard copies would be available in libraries and at the Civic Offices and officers would also be available at the Civic Offices during office hours on a Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the consultation period.

Members raised concerns regarding consultation in rural areas and hard to reach residents and noted that a variety of communication routes should be used.

The Chair noted the comments regarding communication with residents.

RESOLVED:

1.1 *The Committee authorised the Local Plan Issues and Options document attached as Appendix 1 to the report for public consultation in accordance with Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.*

1.2 The Committee authorised the publication of the associated draft Scoping Report document attached as Appendix 2 to the report, for a statutory five-week consultation with the ‘Consultation Bodies’ and other appropriate stakeholders.

1.3 The Committee granted delegated authority to the Chair of the Committee and the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing to agree any final changes required to the Issues and Options document, and to agree any final changes required to the draft Scoping Report document following a meeting of the Local Plan Working Group taking on board any recommendations therefrom.

EDS/27 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The report was presented to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/28 **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.

TO RECEIVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS

The exempt minutes of the meetings held on 25 January, 3 March and 20 April 2022 were received by the Committee.

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.

SOUTH DERBY GROWTH ZONE

The Committee approved the recommendations within the report.

The meeting terminated at 19:05 hours

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

CHAIR