

RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

At the Meeting of the Environmental and Development Services Committee held on Thursday, 12th November 2020 the following decisions were taken.

Urgent decisions or those exempt from call-in are indicated in the third column of the table. These decisions cannot be called in and are effective immediately.

All other decisions may be called in until 5.00pm on Friday, 20th November 2020.

A request to call in a decision must be made by at least three Members, including at least one Member of the controlling group. The request must be made in writing to the Chief Executive.

If no request to call in a decision is received within this time limit, then the decision becomes effective immediately.

<u>Agenda Item No.</u>	<u>OPEN REPORTS</u>	<u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u>
6.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2020-2021 QUARTER 2 – 1 JULY TO 30 JULY)	
	<i>DECISION:</i> <i>1.1 The Committee considered progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.</i> <i>1.2 The Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.</i>	
7.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> CONSIDERATION OF STATUTORY TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE STANDARDS	
	<i>DECISION:</i> <i>1.1 Members noted the consideration of the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Standards.</i> <i>1.2 The Committee approved the proposed changes to the Private Hire Licensing Policy and Private Hire Vehicle, Driver and Operator Conditions to come into effect in January 2021.</i>	

8,	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE FEES</p>	
	<p><i>DECISION:</i></p> <p><i>The Committee approved the proposed fees for private hire drivers, vehicles and operators</i></p>	
9.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY GROUP</p>	
	<p><i>DECISION:</i></p> <p><i>1.1. The Committee noted the progress made in improving the Council’s environmental performance further to this Committee establishing a Corporate Environmental Sustainability Group in August 2018.</i></p> <p><i>1.2. The Committee noted the content of the report having regard to the Council’s decision to declare a Climate Emergency at full Council on 27 June 2019.</i></p> <p><i>1.3. The Committee gave delegated authority to the Strategic Director – Service Delivery in liaison with the Chairman of the Committee to respond to the anticipated forthcoming consultations on the Environment Bill during 2021, should there be insufficient time to bring consultation responses to the Committee.</i></p>	
10.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> “SAND AND GRAVEL CONSULTATION”</p>	
	<p><i>DECISION:</i></p> <p><i>1.1 The Committee agreed the Council’s proposed response to Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council’s Sand and Gravel Consultation as part of their Minerals Local Plan (MLP) by objecting to:</i></p> <p><i>(i) the methodology adopted for calculating future demand, based on a three rather than ten-year sales average, on the grounds that it is unjustified and significantly overstates the likely quantity of sand and gravel needed within the proposed plan period.</i></p> <p><i>(ii) the allocation of sites other than the four assessed as having ‘high’ potential in the MLP on the grounds that these alone can provide more than sufficient capacity to meet sand and gravel needs over the plan period.</i></p> <p><i>(iii) the allocation of the proposed Foston site on the</i></p>	

	<p>grounds of:</p> <p>(a) <i>a potential increase in flood risk, as identified by the Environment Agency (EA), and</i></p> <p>(b) <i>the setting of a precedent in recent times for sand and gravel extraction in the Dove Valley, which would inevitably and irreversibly alter the character of the area.</i></p> <p>1.2 The Committee agreed to state in the Council's response that notwithstanding the objection to the proposed Foston site, should the Minerals Planning Authorities (MPAs) decide to proceed with this allocation, no development should be progressed in advance of the establishment of a community-focused body to ensure a strategic and co-ordinated approach to mitigation, restoration and aftercare in respect of any minerals related development in the Dove Valley. The above recommendation was approved with an amendment that the final wording of the Council's response be delegated to Strategic Director (Service Delivery) in agreement with the Chairman of the Committee.</p> <p>1.3 The Committee agreed that concerns relating to aspects of the site assessment methodology and its application, as set out in para's 8.9– 8.12, be forwarded to the MPAs.</p>	
11.	<p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES REVIEW OUTCOME</p>	
	<p>DECISION:</p> <p>1.1 The Committee thanked the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and consultants Eunomia for their support in reviewing the Council's future options for the delivery of waste collection services in the light of an end to current contractual arrangements in October 2021 and anticipated legislative changes.</p> <p>1.2 The Committee agreed that the Council continues to deliver the current service standards until 2023, as a minimum, to allow for clearer guidance to be available from Government on implementing the Environment Bill.</p> <p>1.3 The Committee agreed that the Head of Operational Services negotiates with suppliers for interim arrangements for the collection and processing of materials effective from 6 October 2021 and for a further report to be brought to this Committee to agree any interim arrangements.</p>	

	<p>1.3 The Committee agreed that the Saturday freighter service be terminated with immediate effect.</p> <p>1.4 The Committee agreed that the Head of Operational Services undertakes local consultation on the continuing provision of the current bring recycling sites.</p> <p>1.5 The Committee agreed that officers work towards the implementation of option three, (move to three weekly recycling and residual waste collections, with an additional bin for recycling (one recycling bin for paper card and one for all other materials), weekly food waste and fortnightly garden waste collection) detailed in the Eunomia options report, as the preferred long-term solution to achieving recycling and waste minimisation targets.</p>	
12.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> APPROVAL OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT	
	<i>DECISION:</i> <i>The Committee approved the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) for the 2019-20 Financial year.</i>	
13.	<u>AGENDA ITEM</u> COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME	
	<i>DECISION:</i> <i>That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.</i>	

DATED: Friday, 13th November 2020
Chief Executive

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