

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

5th June 2014

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), and Councillors Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Patten, Smith (substitute for Councillor Roberts), and Stanton.

Labour Group

Councillors Chahal, Dunn (substitute for Councillor Mulgrew), Frost, Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

In attendance

Councillor Plenderleith.

EDS/01 **APOLOGY**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Roberts and Councillor Mulgrew.

EDS/02 **MINUTES**

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 10th April 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/03 **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL PLAN –PART ONE**

A report was submitted to update members on the Local Plan Part 1, with particular reference to the Regulation 19 consultation that was undertaken from 10 March to 22 April 2014. This is a statutory consultation concerned with the sound and legal compliance of the Local Plan part 1. The majority of the objections are concerned with the housing target that is being suggested, sites suggested; the start date of the plan and the length of the Plan period. Comments were also received in support of any of the policies and also the housing sites proposed.

The housing target was set with two other LA's as members of the Derby Housing Market Area (HMA). Due to the inability of Derby City Council to meet its own housing requirements within its boundary, South Derbyshire and Amber Valley have taken a share of the growth that the City can't accommodate.

The target has been tested during a public examination at Amber Valley; the examination has now been suspended for six months to allow Amber

Valley to address some of the Inspector's concerns, including that of the Derby HMA housing target. The implications for South Derbyshire being that an agreement must be reached under an extension of the Duty to cooperate as to how this additional housing requirement is to be met.

The Officer advised members of four options moving forwards, and updated as to the current main pros and cons of each option.

The Officer answered question from Members, and Members debated the report, it was agreed that a further Members working group would be beneficial in advance of the report being submitted to Council in July

Members expressed their thanks to the Planning Policy Manager for her efforts and flexible thinking.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee note the content of the report and select an option to determine onward progress of the Local Plan Part 1 towards submission to the Secretary of State. The decision will require approval by Full Council in due course.

EDS/04 **SOUTH DERBYSHIRE LOCAL PLAN – PART TWO**

A report was presented to Members to note the contact and authorise the Local Plan Part 2 consultation. The Officer advised Members both Part 1 and Part 2 of the Local Plan need to be adopted to replace in full the adopted 1998 Local Plan .

The Local Plan Part 2 covers the following areas:

- Remainder of the housing requirement not dealt with in Part 1 and the allocation of non strategic housing sites
- Updating settlement boundaries,
- Retail Policies
- Conservations and Heritage policies
- Green belt anomaly review
- Countryside policies
- Allocation of secondary school site(s)

Members debated the report and the Officer answered questions from Members.

RESOLVED:-

That Members note the content of the report and authorise the Local Plan Part 2 first round of options consultation. The dates of the consultation and the document format shall be agreed by the Chair of the Committee and the Planning Policy Manager,

EDS/05 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the updated work programme.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

EDS/06 **MONITORING THE CORPORATE PLAN**

A report was submitted which detailed achievements and outturn performance at year end; in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2014. Details were provided, within appendices, covering Progress against Corporate Plan Key Projects and, progress against Corporate Plan Performance Measures.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That achievements and outturn in relation to the Council's Corporate plan 2009/14 be noted.

(2) That where progress has failed to achieve the specified target, the adequacy of the remedial action taken be reviewed.

EDS/07 **SCHEME FOR THE RECOVERY OF BUILDING REGULATION COSTS**

A report was submitted to update Members on to a review that had been undertaken in respect of income from fees and associated charges, and to seek approval to increase fees in line with inflation. Together with a brief overview of the current market condition in Building Control.

The Officer reported that Building Control competes with the private sector and that currently South Derbyshire District Council has an 82% market share.

In addition to increasing fees it was advised that on occasions there is a need to be flexible with fees and sought approval to alter the scheme with appropriate authorisation as deemed necessary.

RESOLVED:-

- (i) That the proposed fees and charges as detailed for 2014/15 are considered and approved.***
- (ii) That the proposed changes to the Scheme for the Recovery of Building Regulation Costs and Associated Matters (in accordance with The Building (Local Authority Charges) regulation 2010 (as amended)) as detailed in the report if approved***
- (iii) That delegated power is given to the Director of Community and Planning Services in consultation with the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and the Chairman of this Committee to alter and adapt the Scheme for the Recovery of Building Regulation Costs and Associated Matters at any time and as deemed necessary, in order that the service can***

adapt to market conditions and account for changes in the rate of inflation or other indices.

(iv) Any changes will be retrospectively reported back to the Committee.

EDS/08 **SERVICE PLANS 2014/15 HOUSING & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, COMMUNITY & PLANNING SERVICES AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENT**

Presentations were provided on Service Plans for Housing and Environmental Services, Community and Planning Services and the Chief Executive's. Service Plans are a key part of the Council's performance management framework, acting as an important link between high level plans and strategies.

Each service plan contained details on

- Overview of the Service
- Service Performance
- Key National Regional and Local Strategies
- Partnerships
- Consultation and Communication
- Service Review/Transformation Programme
- Managing Risks
- Action Plans

RESOLVED:-

That the Service Plans for Community & Planning Services, Housing & Environmental Services and Chief Executive's (Economic Development) be approved as basis for service delivery during the period 01 April 2014 to 31 March 2015.

EDS/09 **CONSULTATION PLAN EAST MIDLANDS INTERMODAL PARK**

A report was submitted to note the proposed Consultation Strategy to be adopted by Goodman Shepherd for the non-statutory consultation to be adopted in respect of the East Midlands Intermodal Park.

The Officer detailed that the report is not about the development but to inform on the Consultation Strategy.

Members were reminded of the development namely a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange, a logistics facility which will allow goods to be moved between the rail and road networks, together with the areas of consultation zone to be used. It was explained that the Consultation Plan reflects normal custom, though more information needs to be added prior to the first consultation event with regard to how the options were arrived at, this should be available electronically in advance of the first exhibition taking place.

A detailed explanation was given of Goodman Shepherds plans for undertaking stakeholder consultation together with the timeline for the different stages of consultation

Members debated the report and asked questions of the Officers present.

Members felt that they did not have enough information to comment on the options by the timeline demanded, additionally that the areas included did not include all areas that should be included.

RESOLVED:-

That a response be sent to Goodman Shepherd outlining the key points of debate raised by the Committee. To be overseen by Councillor Watson and Councillor Mrs. Brown.

EDS/10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (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 is 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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 10TH April 2014 were received.

P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 19.35