

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

25th August 2011

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

Councillors Chahal, Dunn, Mrs. Heath, Southerd (substitute for Councillor Taylor), Stuart and Tilley

In attendance

Councillors Atkin, Mrs. Plenderleith and Wheeler (Conservative Group).

EDS/12. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Hall (Conservative Group) and Taylor (Labour Group).

EDS/13. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th June 2011, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/14. **“DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE FRAMEWORK FOR UK AVIATION: SCOPING DOCUMENT” CONSULTATION**

Members were advised that the Government were reviewing national aviation policy with the objective of developing a long term, high level framework for aviation. This would replace the 2003 Air Transport White Paper, which set out the current approach.

To date there had been high level consultation with representatives of the aviation industry and other interested parties. This had formed the basis for the Scoping Document which had been made available for general consultation. Following consideration of responses to this exercise, the Government intended to prepare a ‘Draft Policy Framework’ which would be subject to further consultation from 2012, with a view to formal adoption in March 2013.

Further details were provided on the Scoping Document which set out the strategic context within which the aviation policy was to be developed, and explained the nature of the tensions between competing objectives. This was followed by a series of questions on three themes:

- Aviation and the economy;
- Aviation and climate change; and
- Aviation and the local environment.

Full details of all proposed responses were set out in an Annexe to the report,

RESOLVED:-

That the responses to the questions posed by the Department for Transport, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be accepted as the Council's response to the consultation exercise.

EDS/15. **SWADLINCOTE TOWN CENTRE VISION: PROJECT PLAN**

A report was submitted requesting Members support the refresh of the Vision and Strategy for Swadlincote Town Centre. Background information was provided on the existing Swadlincote Town Centre Vision and Strategy document. The aim of this document was to set out an agreed framework for raising the profile of the town as a centre for retailing, service and leisure, and to guide further works to enhance its vitality and viability. Full details of the significant progress that had been made since in 2001 were detailed in the report.

It was confirmed that work on the new Vision and Strategy was underway and proposed that the principles which underpinned the original document would broadly be retained. These were summarised within the report.

Broad timescales were provided for this work and it was envisaged that the proposals would be revised and a draft document prepared during 2011/12.

RESOLVED:-

That the proposed approach to the refresh of the Vision and Strategy for Swadlincote Town Centre be supported.

EDS/16. **CORPORATE PLAN 2009-14: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1st APRIL 2011 – 30th JUNE 2011)**

A report was submitted detailing achievements for the quarter ending 30th June 2011, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009-14. The Corporate Plan Action Plan consisted of four main 'themes' or 'priorities', of which this Committee was responsible for actions within the Sustainable Growth and Opportunity theme.

Progress made against key projects was summarised within the report, and further information was provided on projects within the Environmental Services and Community and Planning Service Areas.

In addition, a table provided a summary of performance against targets for both the current quarter and projected out-turn for the year, and included further information on performance measures which were at risk of failure, along with full details of remedial action where appropriate.

Further questions were asked on the Empty Properties Project that had taken place, and it was asked if residents who occupied a council owned property had a legal obligation to advise the Council that they were doing so.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Council's achievements and progress for the quarter ending 30th June 2011 be noted.***
- (2) That where performance has failed to reach the specified target, the response be noted***

EDS/17. **STENSON FIELDS PETITION**

Members were advised of receipt of a petition, relating to a request for the provision of bus shelters at Stenson Fields, in accordance with the Petition Protocol.

RESOLVED:-

That in accordance with the Petition Protocol, the receipt of the petition be noted.

EDS/18. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and to review its content where appropriate.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

EDS/19. **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 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.

REORGANISATION OF THE OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE (Paragraph 1)

Members approved the proposals submitted for the reorganisation of the Operations Directorate.

WASTE AND RECYCLING DEVELOPMENTS (Paragraph 3)

Members approved the recycling proposals as detailed in the report.

P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN