

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

3rd January 2019

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor MacPherson (Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Brown, Harrison (substituting for Cllr Roberts), Hewlett (substituting for Cllr Mrs Patten), Pegg, Smith (substituting for Cllr Mrs Coe) and Watson

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Shepherd (substituting for Cllr Chahal), Taylor and Tilley

EDS/71 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roberts (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Coe and Mrs Patten (Conservative Group) and Councillor Chahal (Labour Group) and Councillor Coe (Independent Non-Grouped Member)

EDS/72 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest from Members of the Council had been received.

EDS/73 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/74 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.

EDS/75 REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/76 SERVICE BASE BUDGETS 2019-20.

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Committee, outlining the budgetary process through to the meeting of Council on the 27th February 2019. Reference was made to the strong financial

position of the Council, with appropriate reserves earmarked for anticipated risks and service pressures.

Councillor Tilley queried if the budget took into consideration future staffing requirements, particularly an extra neighbourhood warden. The Strategic Director (Corporate Services) advised a separate proposal would be submitted in due course.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee considered and referred the proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2019/20 for the Committee's Services as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.

1.2 The Committee considered and approved the proposed fees and charges as detailed in Appendix 2 for 2019/20.

EDS/77 **AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT**

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Dunn requested an update on Brownfield Regeneration and raised a concern about future generations being unable to afford four and five bedroom homes. The Planning Policy Manager responded to each query, advising the position regarding the Brownfield Regeneration should be moving forward. In regard to the type of homes to be built, this is in line with what developers intend to build and subsequently know what will be sold; a development of only two and three bedroom homes is highly unlikely.

Councillor Taylor sought clarification on how the data regarding the length of journeys to work was captured. The Planning Policy Manager advised the data is not captured by the Council and may derive from the census.

Councillor Watson and Councillor Billings led the Committee in thanking the Planning Policy Manager for her contributions to the Council.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted the content of the Authority Monitoring Report at Appendix A of the report.

EDS/78 **MHCLG CONSULTATION ON PLANNING REFORM**

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee, noting greater clarity is being sought around specific questions as detailed in the report.

RESOLVED:

The Committee endorsed the comments set out in the details section of the report as the Council's response to the proposed reforms.

EDS/79 **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 FROM 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.

The meeting terminated at 18:40

COUNCILLOR A MACPHERSON

CHAIRMAN