

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11 October 2023

PRESENT:

Labour Group

Councillor S Bambrick (Chair) and Councillor M Gee (Vice-Chair)
and Councillors A Jones, G Jones and L Mulgrew.

Conservative Group

Councillors N Atkin, A Kirke and D Muller.

In Attendance

Councillor J Carroll
Councillor D Shepherd
Councillor B Stuart
Councillor S Taylor
Councillor A Tilley
Councillor A Wheelton

OS/19 **APOLOGIES**

The Committee was informed that no apologies had been received.

OS/20 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

Councillor Neil Atkin declared a personal interest in item OS/24 by virtue of being a Derbyshire County Councillor and Councillor David Muller declared a personal interest in item OS/24 by virtue of being a Derbyshire County Councillor.

OS/21 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 10 Mr Steven Ayre asked the following questions:

Why haven't you notified all the tenants of south Derbyshire where the asbestos is in their homes?

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) responded to the question as follows:

The Council have a duty of care under the Control of Asbestos Regulations 2012 towards our tenants and the management of Asbestos through the Councils Asbestos Management Plan and Asbestos Register. The Council provides all new tenants with a copy of the Asbestos Management report for their property.

For existing residents, asbestos information is provided on request. The tenancy agreement and the Councils Housing Repairs Policy is clear that tenants should request permission to make alterations to the property.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 10 Mr Steven Ayre asked the following questions:

Can you notify them that they can make a claim for risk off the council for negligence under the Health and Safety At Work Act 1974?

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) responded to the question as follows:

The Council will not notify residents as we are not required to do so by law. As per their tenancy agreement and the Councils Housing Repairs Policy, tenants should request permission before making alterations to their properties.

OS/22 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

OS/23 **BUDGET SETTING APPROACH 2024-25**

The Head of Finance presented the report to the Committee outlining the key principles at section 3.6 of the report and highlighting how the new approach would be service led budgets to help Members make decisions and reduce the number of ad-hoc requests.

Members commended the report and welcomed the new approach to budget setting.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee noted the budget setting approach within the report and Members were to provide feedback accordingly to the Strategic Director (Corporate Resources).

OS/24 **SECTION 106 CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing presented the report to the Committee and introduced two members of the Integrated Care Board who attended the meeting to respond to questions regarding Healthcare provision in South Derbyshire through Section 106 Agreement funding.

Following approval by the Chair, the Committee and Members in attendance were invited to put forward questions to the Integrated Care Board

representatives. The Chair clarified that questions should pertain to the content of the report.

Members raised queries regarding many aspects of the Integrated Care Board's policies and processes, how Section 106 Agreement funding could be used, the loss of surgeries, placement of current healthcare services, access to services for rural communities, recruitment of General Practitioners, allocation of land for healthcare buildings, population ratio to size of practice, pharmacy and dispensing services and an update on healthcare improvements for Stenson, Boulton Moor, Melbourne, Etwall and Seales.

Two representatives from the Integrated Care Board addressed the Committee and explained that Section 106 Agreement Funding could be used by General Practitioners to invest in buildings, refurbishment, extensions and some equipment and consumables. They explained that General Practitioners are not employed by the National Health Service and that each surgery is an independent business. The Committee was informed that there were processes for calculating the number of residents each practice can accommodate and that satellite sites are becoming difficult to staff.

Members were advised that when Section 106 Agreement Funding for Healthcare provision had been allocated by a developer then it would be included in the Local Plan and the General Practitioner would engage with architects to design buildings based on a calculation which determined the amount of space required and these would be verified by statements from the District Valuer and specialist surveyors.

The Integrated Care Board representatives informed the Committee that it was not recommended for practices to provide pharmacy and dispensing services.

Councillor Shepherd, the local ward member for Stenson, requested an update on the Cavell Centre which had had its funding paused in January. The representatives from the Integrated Care Board confirmed it was a top priority to look for an alternative solution.

Councillor Wheelton, local Ward Member for Seales, raised concern regarding the lack of healthcare provision in the area. The Chair informed Councillor Wheelton that the matter should be raised directly with the Integrated Care Board.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee noted the Section 106 Contributions held by South Derbyshire District Council as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.

OS/25 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

OS/26 **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.

OS/27 **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 19:30 hours.

COUNCILLOR S BAMBRICK

CHAIR