

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

31st May 2012

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

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

**Labour Group**

Councillors Chahal, Dunn, Mrs. Heath, Mulgrew (substitute for Councillor Taylor), Shepherd and Tilley.

**In attendance**

Councillor Richards (Labour Group).

EDS/1. **APOLOGIES**

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

EDS/2. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th April 2012, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

EDS/3. **REVISION OF THE SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DOG CONTROL ORDER**

Members were advised of the statutory framework for controlling dogs in public places, and of the content of the existing South Derbyshire Dog Control Order (DCO).

In autumn 2011, a consultation exercise was undertaken to establish if there were any strong views amongst South Derbyshire residents for changes to this Order. Only 9 consultation responses were received and all of the proposed changes to the Order were outside the scope of the Cleaner Neighbourhoods and Environment Act. At the same time, a 120 signature petition was received, requesting a relaxation of the DCO in Eureka Park. In early 2012, consultations were undertaken with all Parish Councils in South Derbyshire. A total of 7 Parish Councils responded with proposed changes to the DCO in their area. Further consultation was taken with these parishes which sought further information to support the changes proposed. 2 parishes responded with supporting information. A consultation was also undertaken with the Open Spaces and Facilities Development Officer to determine views on the proposals.

Full details of proposals recommended were included within the report.

Members expressed their concern over some of the proposals, and it was requested that the consultation be widened, including the possibility of raising this at the next round of Area Forums.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That proposed changes to the existing Dog Control Order arising from the consultations with Parish Councils and others, were approved for further formal consultation.***
- (2) That following further and extended consultation, including at Safer Neighbourhood Meetings and Area Forums, a follow-up report be considered by Members of the Environmental and Development Services Committee.***

EDS/4. **NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE CORE STRATEGY: PROPOSED SUBMISSION VERSION**

A report was submitted which considered a response the North West Leicester Core Strategy – Proposed Submission Version.

North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) had published, for consultation, their “Proposed Submission” Core Strategy. This set out the vision and policies for the development of North West Leicestershire for the period 2006 – 2026. Under the new ‘Duty to Co-operate’, it was important to ensure that any issues of cross boundaries significance were properly considered. It was also clear that none arose which demanded formal joint working in preparing respective development plans. A number of lesser issues arose however, which were dealt with in the draft Core Strategy in a way that adequately reflected the two Council’s ongoing liaison.

No objections to any of the proposed policies were being recommended, and details of proposed responses were set out within the report.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the contents of North West Leicestershire Core Strategy: Proposed Submission version be noted.***
- (2) That North West Leicestershire District Council be informed that the draft Core Strategy is considered to adequately address issues of cross-boundary significance in line with ongoing liaison between our two Councils under the ‘Duty to Co-operate’.***
- (3) That responses be made to North West Leicestershire District Council as set out in the report, subject to any minor amendments to be delegated to the Head of Community and Planning Services in consultation with the Chairman of Environmental and Development Services Committee.***

**EDS/5. CORPORATE PLAN 2009-14: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT YEAR END REPORT**

A report was submitted detailing achievements for the year ending 31st March 2012, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009-14. The Corporate Plan consisted of 4 main themes or priorities and this Committee was responsible for the delivery of 3 outcomes within the Sustainable Growth and Opportunity theme. A table was included within the report which summarised progress made during 2011/12 against key projects. Those projects that were not achieved were also highlighted with an accompanying explanation.

In addition, tables showed a summary of performance against target for the projected out-turn for 2011/12 and also a summary of targets that had not been met.

Questions were answered on issues within the planning area, and it was suggested that customer satisfaction be measured in both the Planning area and Building Control for the next year.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the achievements and out-turn performance at year end in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009-14 be noted.***
- (2) That, where performance has failed to achieve the specified target, the response be noted.***

**EDS/6. SERVICE PLANS 2012/13**

Service Plans for Housing and Environmental Services and Community and Planning Services had been distributed to all Members. The content and form of the Service Plans had been reviewed, and minor changes had been made for this years plans to capture a number of cost cutting themes for the Council, such as the transformation programme, partnerships, outcomes and linking priorities to budgets. Service Plans reflected the current priority themes and outcomes within the Corporate Plan 2009/14 and Sustainable Community Strategy 2009/29.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That Service Plans for Community and Planning Services and Housing and Environmental Services be approved as the basis for service delivery over the period 1st April 2012 to March 2013.***

**EDS/7. 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/8. 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 12th April 2012 were received.*

P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN