

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

27th January 2011

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Roberts (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Bladen, Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Patten and Timms.

**Labour Group**

Councillors Mrs. Gillespie (substitute for Councillor Mrs. Lane) Rhind, Taylor and Tilley.

**Independent/Non-Grouped Member**

Councillor Pabla.

**In Attendance**

Councillors Atkin, Mrs. Farrington and Jones (Conservative Group).

EDS/39. **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Mrs. Lane (Labour Group).

EDS/40. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th November 2010, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

EDS/41. **DERBY HOUSING MARKET AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN**

A report was submitted requesting Members to endorse the publication of the Derby Housing Market Area Local Investment Plan for submission to the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA).

Background information was provided on the creation of the HCA, and it was confirmed that in determining how to allocate its resources, the HCA advised that local priorities should be set out in a strategic document known as the Local Investment Plan (LIP). LIPs brought together an overview of local priorities and provided a firm basis for local authorities to seek external support and funding both from the HCA and other sources. Whilst this process started in 2009, the Coalition Government had indicated that work on LIPs should continue where this was supported by local authorities. South Derbyshire was represented in the HMA at the Joint Advisory Board, which had considered this matter and recommended that this work should proceed.

A draft LIP had been prepared by the Derby HMA Growth Point Co-ordinator in consultation with local authorities. It identified existing priorities for

development and regeneration across the HMA and focused on the following five thematic priorities:

- Supply
- Quality
- Inclusion
- Neighbourhoods and Settlements and
- Plan support

Further information was provided on these priorities within the report.

The LIP did not attempt to prioritise between different schemes or funding priorities. Although it was based on the HMA's current priorities, it had been drawn up in a period of substantial uncertainty regarding the longer term strategic planning context, and the level of resources that might be available to support delivery. This had been acknowledged by the HCA, and it was agreed that an early review should be carried out in 2011.

The Chairman agreed to report any amendments to the Derby Housing Market Area Local Investment Plan to Members of this Committee.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That publication of the Derby Housing Market Area Local Investment Plan be endorsed.***
- (2) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Committee Chairman, be authorised to agree any necessary changes at the Derby Joint Advisory Board, to enable submission to the Homes and Communities Agency.***

EDS/42. **DERBYSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 3 (LTP3): CONSULTATION DRAFT**

A report was submitted which informed Members of the main points in Derbyshire County Council's Draft Local Transport Plan (LTP) and sought approval of the response to the consultation.

The report set out the main points of the Draft LTP3's long-term strategy. It also highlighted the aspects of particular relevance to South Derbyshire, with reference to possible infrastructure schemes and matters raised by the Council at the previous stage of consultation.

The County Council reported that the responses received showed a high level of support for reducing the carbon footprint, influencing spatial planning, routine maintenance of roads and pavements, improvements to public transport services and encouraging the use of local facilities and local businesses. The selection of behavioural change measures to persuade people to adopt healthier and more environmentally friendly travel habits was classed as important by over 90% of respondents.

Analysis of this feedback had culminated in the production of the Draft LTP. Further details were provided on priorities for investment.

Further questions were submitted on the proposed fast rail link to the north of England, and it was requested that the National Forest Line be retained as an aspiration within the District.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the conclusions set out within the report, be forwarded to Derbyshire County Council as the District Council's response to Draft Local Transport Plan 3.***

EDS/43. **EAST MIDLANDS HERITAGE FORUM: 'SHARED STATEMENTS OF AMBITION'**

A report was submitted advising that the East Midlands Heritage Forum (EMHF) had prepared 'Statements of Ambition' for 43 of the 45 local authorities in the East Midlands. The District Council had assisted with the South Derbyshire table of priorities. The EMHF had asked all the participating local authorities to sign off the documents for publication.

The Council could change the Statement at any time to reflect developing Council priorities and commitments. The purpose of this document was not to bind individual councils to any of the proposals, but rather to demonstrate to potential funders and other key agencies, what projects each of the East Midlands Authorities had an ambition to progress, and the breadth of support they might already have locally. The Statements were designed to take forward, at a local level, the aspirations contained in a regional 'Prospectus for the Historic Environment', which English Heritage published on behalf of the Forum, following a series of sub-regional 'historic environment summits' held around the East Midlands in 2008.

Local priorities were included within the South Derbyshire Statement, and these included current commitments and priorities of the Council, and reflected the ongoing work of the Planning Policy Team.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That participation in the East Midlands Heritage Forum initiative, to publish 'Shared Statements of Ambition' for the historic environment of the East Midlands, be agreed.***
- (2) That the local South Derbyshire priorities as set out in the draft document be endorsed.***
- (3) That Bretby Pottery be referred to as an example of a 'Building at Risk' within the South Derbyshire Statement.***

EDS/44. **CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER STATEMENTS**

Approval was sought to issue eleven Conservation Area Character Statements for public consultation.

Local planning authorities had a continuing duty to consider whether they should designate new conservation areas or change the boundaries of existing ones following review. The eleven character statements to be considered, were produced by Mel Morris Conservation of Staffordshire in close collaboration with the Conservation and Heritage Officers, in order to fulfil the duty to review conservation areas, and to further the understanding, appreciation and preservation of them. As a result, changes to the boundaries of some of them were recommended.

Further details were also provided on the consultation process.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That public consultation, with an eight week response period, be undertaken on the first eleven of twenty two conservation areas' character statements, with a view to reporting back to the Committee, adopting them for use in the development control process and then placing them on the Council's website.***
- (2) That the public consultation seeks views on suggested boundary extensions at Lullington, Melbourne, Milton, Netherseal and Repton.***

EDS/45. **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/46. **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.***

**RENEWAL OF STRAY DOGS KENNELING CONTRACT (Paragraph 4)**

***Members approved the acceptance of the recommended tender.***  
**REVIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (Paragraph 1)**

***Members approved areas for in-depth examination of cost savings.***

P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN