

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

28th September 2017

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Muller (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs Brown, Mrs Hall, Harrison (substituting for Councillor Wheeler), Hewlett (substituting for Councillor Coe), Mrs Patten and Tipping

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Rhind (substituting for Councillor Chahal), Richards (substituting for Councillor Taylor) and Tilley

In attendance

Councillor MacPherson (Conservative Group)

EDS/31 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Coe, Roberts, Wheeler (Conservative Group), Chahal and Taylor (Labour Group).

EDS/32 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 17th August 2017 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/33 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

EDS/34 **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/35 **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/36 REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**EDS/37 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – LICENSING DEPARTMENT**

The Chief Executive presented the report to Committee, highlighting that the 92% result against Private Hire Vehicles was purely the result of Licensing staff being also tasked with elections work during the period in question and that a return to the more usual 100% would show in future results.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the performance of the Licensing Department in relation to the Key Performance Indicators.

EDS/38 PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING POLICY

The Chief Executive presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Dunn referred to the issue of private hire vehicles being required to be free of dents, citing a case where a driver had surrendered his licence plates prior to repair, but had then lost eight days income before his plates were returned. The Chief Executive undertook to investigate the matter further on receipt of the relevant details.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the proposed changes to the Private Hire Licensing Policy, to come into effect on 3rd November 2017.

EDS/39 CHARGING FOR REQUESTS FOR FOOD HYGIENE REVISITS

The Environmental Health Manager presented the report to Committee.

Members queried or raised comment in relation to the proposed £150 fee being subject to VAT, the number of food businesses in the District, businesses with exempt status, the frequency of visits, visit action where results are poor, the display of food hygiene results, the potential negative effect of introducing a charge, whether a charge should be deferred until the display of ratings was made compulsory and the rate of revisit applications, all matters addressed by the Environmental Health Manager and Senior Environmental Health Officer.

Councillor Harrison reported that a lobby group was pressing for the display of food hygiene ratings being made mandatory, as is already the case in Wales and Northern Ireland.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the proposal to charge £150 for every request from a food business for a discretionary food hygiene inspection revisit for a trial period of 18 months.

EDS/40 **SWADLINCOTE HERITAGE TRAIL**

The Environmental Development Manager presented the report to Committee.

Members commended the idea and the valuable work undertaken by Magic Attic members and others who had conducted the research and contributed to this outcome.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the development of the heritage trail and the plans to complete it.

EDS/41 **BEYOND THE HORIZON – THE FUTURE OF UK AVIATION**

The Planning Services Manager presented the report to Committee.

The Chairman referred to the East Midlands Airport Liaison Committee, its membership influencing the make-up of the proposed panel.

RESOLVED:

Members approved that:-

- (i) a Member Working Panel be established to formulate and submit a response to the current and planned Department for Transport consultations on the proposed “Aviation Strategy for Britain”;*
- (ii) the Members Working Panel be constituted of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Environmental and Development Services Committee, Ward Member Councillor John Harrison and an Opposition Member, Councillor Neil Tilley.*
- (iii) that the initial response be presented to a future meeting of this Committee for information.*

EDS/42 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME****RESOLVED:**

Members considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/43 **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the on 17th August 2017 were received.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

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

SWADLINCOTE MARKET (Paragraph 3)

Members approved the recommendations contained in the report.

EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDING AND ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS - INFINITY GARDEN VILLAGE (Paragraph 3)

Members approved the recommendations contained in the report.

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO STAFFING IN PLANNING (Paragraph 1)

Members approved the recommendations contained in the report.

The meeting terminated at 7.25pm.

COUNCILLOR P WATSON

CHAIRMAN