ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

9th June 2009

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Stanton (Vice-Chairman in the Chair) and Councillors Bale, Ford, Mrs. Patten, Timms, Watson and Mrs. Wheeler (substitute for Councillor Bladen (Chairman)).

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Mrs. Lane, Rhind, Taylor and Tilley.

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Brown.

In Attendance

Councillors Mrs. Farrington (Conservative Group) and Richards (Labour Group).

EDS/1. APOLOGY

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Bladen (Conservative Group).

EDS/2. MINUTES

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th April 2009 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Ford and Mrs. Patten declared a personal interest in Minute No. EDS/8, End of Footpaths Agency Agreement, as Members of Derbyshire County Council.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/4. **SERVICE PLANS 2009/10**

It was reported that Service Plans were a key part of the Council's performance management framework, acting as an important link between high-level plans and strategies and personal employee objectives, established through the Performance, Development and Review Scheme. This year's plans captured a number of cross-cutting themes for the Council, such as Value for Money, outcomes for the community and ensuring service budgets were linked to the achievement of Council priorities. Details were provided of the sections contained within each plan. The Service Plans reflected the current themes and priorities within the Corporate Plan 2009/14 and would be reviewed to include actions where appropriate from the emerging Sustainable

Community's Strategy for South Derbyshire that would be in place in June 2009. Service Plans covered a one-year period, and would be reviewed at the end of March 2010.

Members sought further details on various items including recycling, the enforcement process, transport issues and Section 106 Agreements.

The Head of Planning Services agreed to advise Members how many houses were required on a development before it was classed as a 'major' application. It was also suggested that Building Control workshops be offered to Members.

RESOLVED:-

That Service Plans for Planning and Environmental Services be approved as the basis for service delivery, over the period to March 2010.

EDS/5. 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/6. 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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th April 2009 were received.

END OF FOOTPATHS AGENCY AGREEMENT (Paragraphs 1 and 2)

Members were advised of discussions regarding the footpaths function.

M. STANTON

VICE-CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR