

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

27th May 2021

OPEN

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Taylor (Chair), Councillor Heath (Vice-Chair)
Councillors, Dunn, Shepherd (substituting for Councillor Tilley) and Singh.

Conservative Group

Councillors Brown, Corbin, Haines, Patten and Redfern.

Independent Group

Councillors Fitzpatrick and MacPherson

In Attendance

Councillors Bridgen, Gee and Richards.

EDS/01 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Wheelton.

EDS/02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

EDS/03 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/04 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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/05 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2020-2021 QUARTER 4 – 1 JANUARY TO 31 MARCH)

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee advising that despite the pandemic, the performance measures were on track and noted the success achieved by the team in maintaining services throughout lockdown. The Committee was informed that the Risk Register had been refreshed to reflect that kerbside services were now delivered in-house.

Members raised queries regarding fly-tipping including actions taken against serial offenders and litter along the A38/A50 corridor and at Dove Valley Park.

The Head of Environmental Services confirmed that there were few repeat fly-tipping offenders and that once a fixed penalty fine had been issued then the next step would be a summons issued to attend Court. The Committee was informed by the Head of Operational Services that litter clearance for the A38/A50 areas was a multiagency responsibility made difficult due to the risk of high-speed traffic.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that the Chief Executive had written to all companies last year with reference to the Big Clean campaign organised by the Keep Britain Tidy project and advised that every secondary school in Derbyshire had received a Theatre in Education waste and recycling workshop, delivered by Derbyshire County Council.

RESOLVED:

1.1 *The Committee considered progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.*

1.2 *The Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.*

EDS/06 **SERVICE PLANS 2021-22**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the Service Plan to the Committee which covered the breadth of work covered by the Service Delivery Department and highlighted the range of duties undertaken by officers.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the service plan for the Service Delivery Directorate as the basis for overall service delivery over the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

EDS/07 **ANNUAL ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT 2020-21**

The Head of Environmental Services presented the Report to the Committee outlining the three main workstreams covered and highlighting the expanding brief for Covid Marshalls. The Committee was informed of increased incidents related to air quality, anti-social behaviour and the increase of fixed penalty notices issued to landlords regarding energy efficiency following a new laws which came into effect as of April 2020.

Members welcomed the report and recognised the stressful conditions that the officers had worked under during the pandemic.

RESOLVED:

The Committee noted the contents of the report and approved that the Council was using its regulatory powers in a way proportionate to the demands for all regulatory services it provides.

EDS/08 **CLIMATE EMERGENCY ACTION PLANNING**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) introduced the report to the Committee which had been refined following the climate emergency declared in 2019.

The Head of Environmental Services presented the headlines of the work involved to enable applications for external funding in the future.

The Climate and Environment Officer delivered an overview and of the Action Plan for 2021 to 2030 highlighting costs involved and the steps necessary to reach carbon neutrality by 2030.

Members raised queries and concerns; regarding how the plan would be measured and reported; the plan for phasing out gas fired boilers and protecting the environment from pollution; the relationship with the Local Plan and planting and tree protection in relation to new developments.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed the Committee that the Plan would be updated annually and monitored as part of the Corporate Plan performance reporting and that the Head of Housing would be discussing gas boilers with Nottingham City Council to achieve an Energy Performance Certificate rating of C and that the replacement of gas fired boilers would be included on the maintenance programme for the Housing 2050 target. The Committee was also informed that the Council had commissioned a Plan for Nature with the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing maximising the benefits through development management.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1. The Committee approved a revised Climate and Environment Action Plan 2021 – 2030, which built on the work of the previous Plan adopted in 2020.***
- 1.2. The Committee welcomed the actions completed to date and the ambition outlined in the Plan to achieve the Council's Carbon reduction targets for the Council by 2030 and for the District as a whole by 2050, whilst recognising the scale of the challenge to achieving these outcomes.***
- 1.3. The Committee acknowledged the predicted costs and timescales for the delivery of the Climate and Environment Action Plan and the potential implications of this on corporate decisions up to the end of the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and beyond.***

- 1.4. The Committee referred the high-level ambition, resource and financial implications of the Climate and Environment Action Plan to Finance and Management Committee.**

EDS/09 **STRATEGIC PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE**

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing presented the Report to the Committee and summarised the difficulties within the proposed.

Members raised queries regarding the impact on current collaborative initiatives and if there would be any disadvantages by not being part of the framework.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing confirmed that numerous initiatives would continue through the Joint Advisory Board such as education, health, infrastructure and nature and advised that as other Councils had mechanisms to continue with co-operative arrangements there were no known disadvantages.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee resolved that South Derbyshire District Council would not become part of the Strategic Planning Framework in its present form.**
- 1.2 The Committee requested that a letter be written to Derbyshire County Council setting out the points made in the Conclusion, appended to the report.**

EDS/10 **CHANGING THE FREQUENCY OF THE COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing presented the report to the Committee requesting approval for four weekly Planning Committee meetings following the success of a trial carried out in 2020/21.

The Chief Executive confirmed that a special committee meeting could be arranged with the approval of the Chair along with a clear five days' notice given.

RESOLVED:

The Committee endorsed the proposed change to the frequency of Planning Committees to every four weeks and the necessary change to the Council's Constitution.

EDS/11 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

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

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/12 **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.

EDS/13 **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 19:35 hours.

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

CHAIRMAN