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Date: 16th September 2015

Dear Councillor,

Council

A Meeting of the **Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber**, on **Thursday, 24 September 2015** at **18:00**. You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

Chief Executive

To:- **Conservative Group**

Councillor Atkin (Chairman), Councillor Murray (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Brown, Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, MacPherson, Muller, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Roberts, Smith, Stanton, Swann, Watson, Wheeler and Mrs Wyatt.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Chahal, Dunn, Pearson, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Mrs Stuart, Taylor, Tilley, and Wilkins.

AGENDA

Open to Public and Press

- 1 Apologies
- 2 To confirm the Open Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2015 (CL/27-CL/41).
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- 3 To receive any declarations of interest arising from any items on the Agenda
- 4 To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Leader and Head of Paid Service.
- 5 To receive any questions by members of the public pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No.10.
- 6 To receive any questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.
- 7 To authorise the sealing of the documents.

SEALED DOCUMENTS **10 - 10**
- 8 ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15 **11 - 23**
- 9 LOCAL PLAN PART 1 - UPDATE **24 - 31**
- 10 To receive and consider the Open Minutes of the following Committees:-

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- 11** To review the compositions of Committees, Sub-Committees and Working Panels for the remainder of the municipal year.
- 12** To review the compositions of Substitute Panels.
- 13** To review representation on Outside Bodies.

Exclusion of the Public and Press:

- 14** The Chairman may therefore move:-
That in accordance with Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972 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 paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.
- 15** To confirm the Exempt Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2015 (CL/42-CL/44).
Council 2nd July 2015 Exempt Minutes
- 16** To receive any Exempt questions by Members of the Council pursuant to Council procedure Rule No. 11.
- 17** To receive and consider the Exempt Minutes of the following Committees:-
Housing and Community Services Committee 11th June 2015 Exempt Minutes
Finance and Management Committee 25th June 2015 Exempt Minutes
Planning Committee 14th July 2015 Exempt Minutes
Environmental and Development Services Committee 20th August

2015 Exempt Minutes

Planning Committee 25th August 2015 Exempt Minutes

Housing and Community Services Committee 27th August 2015

Exempt Minutes

MINUTES of the MEETING of the
SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
held at the Civic Offices, Civic Way, Swadlincote
on Thursday 2nd July 2015
at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Atkin (Chairman), Councillor Murray (Vice Chairman) together with Councillors Billings, Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Hall, Harrison, Hewlett, MacPherson, Muller, Mrs Patten, Mrs Plenderleith, Roberts, Smith, Stanton, Swann, Watson, Wheeler and Mrs Wyatt.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick, Dunn, Rhind, Richards, Shepherd, Southerd, Mrs Stuart, Tilley and Wilkins.

CL/27 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Mrs. Brown (Conservative Group) and Councillors Chahal, Pearson and Taylor (Labour Group).

CL/28 **MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL**

The Open Minutes of the Annual Council held on 21st May 2015 (Minute Nos. CL/1- CL/23) were approved as a true record.

CL/29 **MINUTES OF THE CIVIC COUNCIL**

The Open Minutes of the Civic Council held on 28th May 2015 (Minute Nos. CC/1-CC/6) were approved as a true record.

CL/30 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Council was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

CL/31 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN, LEADER AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chairman of the Council listed events he had attended during the busy post-election period. He highlighted in particular his visits to the Etwall and Swadlincote Area Forums, where he introduced and promoted the Chairman's Office. He said that he would endeavour to visit them all.

The Leader of the Council asked for his appreciation to be passed to the Leisure Team for their excellent work achieved with the Festival of Leisure.

He then paid tribute to the Chief Executive for his 40 years of long service to the Council.

In particular, he said “Frank McArdle joined the authority as Chief Legal Officer and Public Prosecutor on July 21, 1975, going on to become Head of Law and Administration before taking the top position in May 2000. He has been a great asset to the Council and we are proud to have him as our Chief Executive. No-one is more deserving of recognition – he is South Derbyshire through and through.”

Councillor Kevin Richards, Leader of the Opposition, said: “People look to Frank as Mr South Derbyshire. We are respected up and down the county and beyond and are seen as a progressive authority. That has not happened by accident. I am proud and privileged to have worked with Frank and would like to thank him from the bottom of my heart for what he has done for South Derbyshire.”

The Chief Executive was presented with a commemorative plaque by the Chairman and was given a standing ovation by all members and officers in the chamber.

The Chief Executive responded by saying “It has been an absolute privilege to serve South Derbyshire and its people for so many years. It is a wonderful place to live, work and visit and is always open for business.”

He then reported that a national minute’s silence would be held on Friday 3rd July at 12:00pm to remember victims of the Tunisian beach attack and that a book of condolence would be placed in reception.

The Chief Executive also extended an open invitation to members and officers to attend the opening of Swadlincote Golf Course on 18th July.

CL/32 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/33 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

CL/34 **SEALED DOCUMENTS**

24.03.15 11042 Transfer – 28 Springfield Road, Midway
15.04.15 11070 Transfer – 28 Dundee Road, Midway
15.04.15 11073 Transfer – 40 Chestnut Avenue, Midway
22.04.15 11078 Transfer – 2 Weatherfield, Linton
27.04.15 11081 Transfer – 18 Chestnut Avenue, Midway
27.04.15 11083 Transfer – 633 Burton Road, Midway
30.04.15 11086 Transfer – 37 Harbin Road, Walton-on-Trent

27.05.15 11112 Transfer – 21 Castle Hill, Findern

RESOLVED:

That the Sealed Documents listed, for which there is no specific authority, be duly authorised.

CL/35 **PLANNING CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE**

Council was informed of an amendment to the proposed wording in the report at paragraph 3.1. It was now recommended that Section 7 Site Visits/Inspections be amended to read:-

- ‘Members are encouraged to attend site visits organised by the Council.’

Members were invited to approve the amended wording, adopt the Code and include it within Part 5 of the Council’s Constitution.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the Planning Code of Good Practice (Appendix A) be approved and adopted, as amended.

1.2 That the Planning Code of Good Practice, as amended, be included within Part 5 of the Council’s Constitution and replaces the existing Code.

CL/36 **INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL**

Members considered arrangements for an Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations to the Council on Members’ Allowances. Members were advised that they would be duly consulted throughout the process.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 That Dr Declan Hall be appointed Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel to make recommendations to the Council on Members’ Allowances.

1.2 That the Chief Executive be authorised to appoint two further members from the local community to serve on the Panel.

1.3 That the Members of the Panel be paid any agreed fees and expenses incurred by them in carrying out their duties.

1.4 That the Terms of Reference for the Panel, as detailed in the report, be approved.

CL/37 **OPEN MINUTES**

Council received and considered the open minutes of its Committees.

RESOLVED:-

That the open minutes of the following Committees be approved as a true record:-

<i>Planning</i>	<i>02.06.15</i>	<i>PL/1- PL/18</i>
<i>Environmental & Development Services</i>	<i>04.06.15</i>	<i>EDS/1-EDS/15</i>
<i>Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee</i>	<i>16.06.15</i>	<i>LAS/1-LAS/4</i>
<i>Finance and Management</i>	<i>18.06.15</i>	<i>FM/1-FM/15</i>

CL/38 **THE COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEES, SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING PANELS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR**

Council was informed that Councillor Rhind would substitute Councillor Southerd on the Community Partnership Scheme Assessment Panel.

CL/39 **COMPOSITION OF SUBSTITUTE PANELS**

Council was informed that Councillor Muller would substitute Councillor Mrs Patten on the Etwall Leisure Centre Joint Management Committee.

CL/40 **REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Council was informed that The Derbyshire Economic Partnership (DEP) Board had been deleted from the list of outside bodies and been replaced by the D2 Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity. The Leader would be the representative, and the Deputy Leader the substitute for this committee.

CL/41 **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 for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as indicated in the reports of Committees.

EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL

The Exempt Minutes of the Annual Council, held on 21st May 2015, (Minute Nos. CL/24-CL/26) were approved as a true record.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NUMBER 11

Council was informed that no questions had been received.

EXEMPT REPORTS

Council received and considered the Exempt Minutes of its committees.

RESOLVED:-

That the Exempt Minutes of the following Committees be approved as a true record:-

<i>Planning</i>	<i>02.06.15</i>	<i>PL/19-PL/20</i>
<i>Environmental & Development Services</i>	<i>04.06.15</i>	<i>EDS/16-EDS/18</i>
<i>Finance & Management</i>	<i>18.06.15</i>	<i>FM/16-FM/19</i>

The meeting terminated at 6:50pm

COUNCILLOR N. ATKIN

CHAIRMAN OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 7
DATE OF MEETING:	24th SEPTEMBER 2015	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	DEMOCRATIC SERVICES 01283 595848 / 595722	DOC:
SUBJECT:	SEALED DOCUMENTS	REF: J BEECH
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	VARIOUS	TERMS OF REFERENCE: N/A

1.0 Purpose of Report/Detail/Recommendation

1.1 To authorise the Sealed Documents listed below, which have no specific authority:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>No. of Seal</u>	<u>Nature of Document</u>
18.06.15	11133	Lease (RTB) – 116 Main Street, Linton
07.08.15	11162	Lease (RTB) – 21 West End Drive, Shardlow

2.0 Financial Implications

2.1 None.

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 None.

4.0 Community Implications

4.1 None.

5.0 Background Papers

5.1 Seal Register

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 8
DATE OF MEETING:	24th SEPTEMBER 2015	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	CHIEF EXECUTIVE	OPEN
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	KEVIN STACKHOUSE	DOC:
SUBJECT:	ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members are asked to note the draft Annual Report 2014/15.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform Members of the Council's Annual Report, which summarises 'what we do', 'who we are' and the financial performance of the Council.

2.2 The report has been specifically designed to be both appealing and understandable to members of the public, our partners and to businesses in the District.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Council's Annual Report follows a style and presentation of information which is well received by our residents and key stakeholders. Each year, revisions to the format and layout are proposed to keep the report both unique and informative.

3.2 This Annual Report captures the outcomes from the work that has been done by the Council and in partnership with other organisations over the past year. Throughout the Annual Report, it can be seen that:

- The Council continues to meet its aims and deliver on its promises as set out in Corporate Plan for 2009/15.
- There continues to be a high level of achievement because of the Council's ongoing commitment to partnership working.
- The Council has a robust approach towards the management of its resources and its performance in 'cutting costs not services'.
- It is responsive to the needs and expectations of the community.

- The Council's work is enabling South Derbyshire to keep pace with its status as being one of the fastest-growing districts in the country, for example by starting work on the first Council-owned housing development in South Derbyshire for a generation in Coton Park, Linton.

3.3 The Annual Report has again been managed, developed and designed by the Policy and Communications Team. All photographs used in the report have been taken in South Derbyshire.

3.4 It is important for the Council to continue to inform the community, businesses and partners of the work that has been completed and the plans for the future. This provides another vehicle to explain and receive feedback on our stated vision of *'Making South Derbyshire a better place to live, work and visit'*.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The Annual Report has been produced in-house by the Policy and Communications Team and is accommodated within the current budget.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 This Annual Report reports on and is built around all themes of the Corporate Plan and specifically links to *'VP05 – Continue to communicate and engage with our communities to ensure that the Council is delivering services appropriately.'*

5.2 It also provides information on the performance of the Council against its Corporate Plan 2009/2015, as well as reporting our financial performance for 2014/15 to the people of South Derbyshire.

6.0 Community Implications

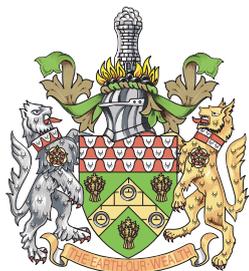
6.1 This report is a direct result of consultation with our residents and will enable a better understanding of what we do as a Council, what we have achieved, what we provide in partnership and how we spend the money. This will promote the work of the Council and enhance our reputation.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 This Annual Report responds to a number of sources of good practice and will be used to champion the work of this Council throughout the coming financial year.

7.2 It is built on the strong outcomes that have been achieved during 2014/15 and looks forward to how we will deliver on our stated priorities in 2015/16. All services have contributed to this Annual Report through their actions in delivering improved customer-focused services for the community.

The Annual Report is available for viewing at Appendix 1.



**South
Derbyshire**
District Council

Annual Report 2014-2015



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It's been a year of milestones in South Derbyshire.

In 2014, the district reached the big 40 – it was formed in April 1974 as a merger of the Swadlincote Urban District along with Repton Rural District and part of South East Derbyshire Rural District.

At that time the Council's motto of 'The Earth, Our Wealth' largely reflected its mining and clay working history, but in the four decades since there has been a remarkable reinvention of the area as a manufacturing, construction and retail economy that has thrived on population growth.

The earth is, indeed, still South Derbyshire's most prized asset – the planting of millions of trees, to the point where the district now boasts nearly a third of the ever-growing National Forest, is testament to that.

An overall vision to make South Derbyshire a clean, green and safe place to be has paid huge dividends. It remains one of the fastest-growing districts in the country, the population having increased by 4% since 2011.

It covers an area of approximately 340 sq km and, according to the Office for National Statistics, more than 98,000 people now call it home.

A focus on South Derbyshire's rural credentials now helps to pull in upwards of two million visitors a year. Popular attractions like Sharpe's Pottery Museum, in Swadlincote, and Calke Abbey show how the area's history is embraced to create a prosperous tomorrow.

Rosliston Forestry Centre, one of the jewels in its crown, also celebrated a landmark anniversary – 20 years ago it was the first visitor centre opened in the National Forest and now attracts

around 180,000 visitors a year.

Business continues to boom, with multinational companies such as JCB, Bison, Nestle and Toyota all taking advantage of the area's dedicated and skilled workforce.

South Derbyshire boasts 3,180 business enterprises, up from 3,100 in 2013, resulting in record numbers of people in work. In April 2015 there were just 494 unemployed people in the District, representing 0.8% of the population aged 16 to 64 and significantly below the national average (1.9%).

For those who do need a helping hand into employment, the Business Advice Service offers free expert advice and has hosted several sessions aimed at budding entrepreneurs and those who have recently become self-employed. It is a scheme that goes from strength to strength.

The annual Swadlincote Jobs Fair again proved popular, attracting hundreds of people to Green Bank Leisure Centre, where more than 1,000 roles were on offer.

The drive to improve leisure facilities and increase people's participation in physical activity continued with the completion of a £600,000 investment at Green Bank.

There is all of this – and yet there's so much more of the South Derbyshire story to tell.

The major features of a £547,000 refurbishment and restoration project at Swadlincote's Eureka Park are now complete, while work begun on Coton Croft, the first council-owned housing development for a generation.

South Derbyshire's Environmental Education Project (EEP), based at

Rosliston Forestry Centre for more than two decades, was recognised by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, emphasising the quality of the learning experiences on offer through the project.

South Derbyshire's reputation as one of the safest places in the county has been strengthened thanks to work to keep crime and anti-social behaviour to a minimum, while recycling rates rocketed following the introduction of the Easy Green Recycling Scheme.

The Council works tirelessly to use taxpayers' money to benefit local people. In March 2014, thanks to a balanced budget and strong financial reserves, council tax was frozen for a fourth consecutive year, while an 'efficiency dividend' scheme was announced to give a portion of council tax bills back to residents.

This Annual Report will show you how we are striving to make life better in South Derbyshire, working with our partners towards this common goal. Providing value for money is our commitment to you.



Bob Wheeler

Bob Wheeler - Leader
South Derbyshire District Council



Frank McArdle

Frank McArdle - Chief Executive
South Derbyshire District Council



Our Values

- Put our customers first
- Set clear targets
- Act decisively
- Lead for success
- Develop our people
- Treat people fairly
- Actively listen and resolve problems
- Maintain value for money through continuous improvement



Open for Business

Unemployment in South Derbyshire continued to fall, with the growth of indigenous companies such as Toyota Motor Manufacturing UK (pictured below right) and JCB (pictured above), and the attraction of new businesses. Inward investments and reinvestments have been seen across all sizes of companies and a variety of sectors, including the following:

Brunel Healthcare Manufacturing, which packages in excess of three billion tablets each year, undertook a £5 million investment in a major new facility that will add 100 jobs.

Rapidly growing bespoke timber staircase manufacturer Two Twenty opened its purpose-built new premises at Foston and added to its workforce of skilled craftsmen.

Advance LED lighting solutions, which specialises in bespoke lighting for retail, refrigeration and transport, relocated to a larger unit at Hilton allowing it to expand and increase its research and development capability.

Clipper Logistics took on a 240,000 sq ft warehouse at Tetron Point in Swadlincote, offering some 200 new jobs.

Thousands attended the opening of 'The Boardwalk' at Mercia Marina in Willington, where the new building has added office space for businesses plus a farm shop, fashion/gift stores, beauty salon and a central bar-restaurant to the existing attractions.

What We Do

Promote and develop economic development, tourism, sport and leisure.

Collect household rubbish and continue to promote recycling.

Manage and maintain more than 3,000 council homes and offer a homelessness prevention service to those in need.

Carry out street cleaning, pest control and work to prevent pollution.

Deal with planning applications, building regulations, tree preservation orders, listed buildings and heritage.

Work to ensure that the food and drink in restaurants, cafes and pubs is safe to consume.

Employ Safer Neighbourhood Wardens to make our communities cleaner and safer.

Provide a 24 hour, 365 days a year emergency Careline service.

Save money and the environment through energy efficiency schemes.

Support voluntary groups, cultural activities and crime prevention work.

Work with organisations on a wide variety of community projects for the benefit of residents.

Collect Council Tax, pay Housing Benefits and Council Tax Benefits.



Your District Councillors



■ Conservative ■ Labour

Get involved in the Council's work

Attending Council meetings

All the Council's committees report back to Full Council meetings where their work can be considered by every Elected Member.

If you would like to come to see a committee or the Full Council in action, you can find a full calendar of meetings, as well as agendas and the minutes which record what was decided, by visiting the Council and Democracy section of our website at www.south-derbys.gov.uk

Most of the meetings of the Council and its committees are open to the public. Occasionally some final agenda items are "exempt", which means that they can be discussed when only Councillors are present.

Items are exempt due to specific legal and contractual reasons or where individuals are involved.

The Finance and Management Committee ensures that all Council services are organised and funded effectively and efficiently.

The Environmental and Development Services Committee, alongside the Housing and Community Services Committee, set out and monitor the work of Council staff to ensure the best possible services for the people of South Derbyshire.

The Council's Licensing and Appeals Committee handles licensing for entertainment, alcohol and private hire drivers as well as any appeals on employment issues by Council staff.

In 2014-15 the Overview and Scrutiny Committee assisted the Finance and Management Committee to develop the Council's budget proposals and carried out an in-depth analysis of NHS dentistry provision in South Derbyshire, as well as exploring the potential for introducing automated payment machines at the Civic Offices.

The Planning Committee considers applications in relation to planning policy, the representations received from members of the public, consultation responses and the recommendations of the planning officer.

Tenant and resident participation encourages individuals to make a real contribution to the decisions that affect their homes and communities. Ways to get involved in housing include the South Derbyshire Tenants Panel and the Publications Panel on which members look at the content and design of all our publications, including Housing Services' Annual Report, our tenants' magazine Housing News and our suite of leaflets to ensure they are relevant, interesting and easy to read.

Having your say at Area Forums

At these local meetings, local people can raise local issues. You can get involved in the decision-making process, find out more about Council services, express any concerns you might have as well as put forward your own ideas to add to your sense of community.

The quarterly meetings cover the Etwall, Linton, Melbourne, Newhall, Repton and Swadlincote areas. Each starts with a Safer Neighbourhood meeting at 6.15pm, where community safety issues are discussed, with local Derbyshire Police Officers and Police Community Support Officers taking part.

Through the commitment of people who attended these meetings, 10 local Safer Neighbourhoods projects were funded in 2014-15, including CCTV installations at

Overseal Village Hall, Rosliston Village Hall and Frank Wickham Hall in Etwall, as well as the replacement of a damaged boundary fence in Stenson Fields and the fitting security cameras and an alarm system at Hartshorne Community Pavilion.

There is a second meeting, beginning at 7.30pm, which is dedicated to District and County Council matters. Senior and specialist staff take part in the meetings, which are usually attended by District, County and Parish Councillors.

Every year at the Area Forums, local residents are involved in the deliberations about the rate at which council tax should be set.

The dates of Area Forums, agendas and minutes can be found on our website at www.south-derbys.gov.uk/areaforums

Tell us what you think about Council services

To tell us your opinions on Council services or how we have dealt with an issue, please contact Customer Services. Alternatively, download and complete the Comments, Compliments and Complaints form found on our website www.south-derbys.gov.uk

If you wish to make a complaint about a Councillor, please visit the Standards and Behaviour section of our website at www.south-derbys.gov.uk/standards



The **South Derbyshire Business Advice Service** assisted 195 existing and new businesses, with advice ranging from registering a new company to marketing a new product. In addition, 85 individuals attended workshops and seminars staged by the Business Advice Service to help those thinking about starting a business. Its support enabled a number of South Derbyshire businesses to secure grants and loans to expand their operations, purchase new equipment, extend premises and take on additional employees.

One entrepreneur to benefit from the service was Spencer Bloomfield, whose **YOLO Food Company** accessed cash to open a new 2,000 sq ft HQ at the Viking Business Centre in Woodville, producing around 1,000 pre-prepared healthy meals each week.

In a further boost for the District's businesses, a project offering them free **health and safety advice** was extended as part of a drive to create jobs and boost industry.

Demand to attend the annual **Swadlincote Jobs Fair** (pictured above) proved so high that it had to be moved to a larger venue – the town's Green Bank Leisure Centre. Hundreds of people attended, keen to secure one of more than 1,000 roles on offer.

Themes ranging from the Commonwealth Games through to celebrating St George helped to ensure that **Swadlincote Farmers' Market** continued to grow in popularity. It culminated in the market winning the regional heats of the prestigious BBC Food and Farming Awards in the 'Best Food Market' category, beating off competition from Bakewell and Erewash.

The **Swadlincote Festival of Transport** – organised by The Box Motor Club in Woodville and Swadlincote Rotary Club – returned for a second year, when thousands of visitors enjoyed the display of classic and modern vehicles, as well as crafts, live entertainment and even a visit from the Daleks.

The National Forest Walking Festival 2014, in its eight year and part-funded by the District Council, returned with 71 walks spread over 12 days, aimed at people of all ages and abilities. Around 1,100 people – an average of more than 15 per walk – took part.

In a football World Cup year, support was offered by the Council to allow local pubs to stay open late during some England matches, helping to bring the community together and **boost the night-time economy**.

A consultation event was held to give people the chance to have their say on shaping the future of Swadlincote town centre. It was hosted under the **Swadlincote Townscape Heritage Scheme**, a project managed by the Council and seeking to win financial backing from the Heritage Lottery Fund to make the town even more attractive.

The visitor economy of the National Forest is now worth some £337 million and supports around 4,500 full-time equivalent jobs. Around a third of this spend comes from the 720,000 visitors who stay in the area, with the remaining two-thirds from the 6.4 million local residents and people who visit for the day. **Swadlincote Tourist Information Centre** handled more than 9,000 individual enquiries, with thousands more accessing visitor information online.

The **What's On in South Derbyshire** publication is published three times a year both in printed form and online, backed up by the widescale promotion of events across the District via social media.

Work is at an advanced stage on the **Local Plan**, which is designed to help South Derbyshire grow and flourish up until 2028 by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure accompanies future development.

"I don't think we'd be in the strong position we're in today without the support of the South Derbyshire Business Advice Service" - David Guilford, Managing Director of DG Light Haulage



The **Safer South Derbyshire Partnership** continued to work across the District to maintain its position as one of the safest in the county – it had the second-lowest number of incidents of anti-social behaviour in the whole of Derbyshire in 2014-15.

The District's first **Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO)** was secured against a prolific shoplifter, closely followed by a second. The CBO replaced the ASBO and was introduced to give communities more power to deal with anti-social behaviour.

The 12th annual **Liberation Day** was a huge success, with hundreds of over-55s enjoying a day of nostalgia and picking up information on how to stay safe and secure.

The then Government Planning Minister Nick Boles visited Davidsons Homes' award-winning 'Millbrook' development in Melbourne, the first development in South

Derbyshire to be given the highest rating in the **Ourplace quality design scheme**, adopted by the District Council.

A scheme to fit **tamperproof numberplate screws** to vehicles was stepped up at a series of events across South Derbyshire, including in Melbourne, Scropton, Willington and Castle Gresley.

Swadlincote Skate Park was relaunched following a £50,000, year-long modernisation and upgrade project, shaped and sculpted by youngsters. A permanent mural (pictured below) was also created and unveiled in tribute to former user Mark 'Frodo' Haywood, 21, who was tragically killed in a road accident.

More than 20 banners were put up outside primary schools across South Derbyshire as part of national **Road Safety Week**, to encourage parents to make safety their top priority on the school run.



Work began on the first council-owned housing development in South Derbyshire for a generation. The **Coton Croft project**, in Coton Park, Linton, will be made up of 23 affordable one, two, three and four-bedroom houses. We will invest £108 million over the next 30 years to ensure that the Council maintains and exceeds the Decent Homes Standard.

Trent & Dove Housing celebrated the completion of 41 new social homes at **'Majestic Place'** in Swadlincote, delivered in partnership with the District Council.

Midway is set to get a much-needed **community centre** on land owned by the District Council. Work is ongoing to deliver the 400 sq m facility at Chestnut Avenue Recreation Ground, which will sit alongside two newly laid football pitches and a children's play area.

Our **Careline Service** (pictured below right), which helps around 1,600 vulnerable people to remain independent, is blossoming at Oakland Village in Swadlincote. A total of 37,970 calls were dealt with between April 2014 and the end of March 2015.

An Iraq war survivor was one of four inspirational individuals chosen to help encourage South Derbyshire youngsters to fulfil their potential in life. The **'Your Choice'** event saw the quartet speak to pupils at Newhall's William Allitt School, Granville Sports College in Woodville and Swadlincote's Pingle School.

The Friday Night Project – set up to offer activities to youngsters in Woodville and held at Granville Sports College – toasted its sixth birthday.

The Council's **Dreamscheme**, which works with youngsters on community projects and then rewards them for their hard work, teamed up with Overseal Parish Council to transform a local youth shelter and IT suites in the village hall.

"Keepmoat is pleased to be working alongside South Derbyshire District Council to help provide vital new homes."
Martin Smithurst, Keepmoat.



The annual **Festival of Leisure** weekend at Church Gresley's Maurice Lea Memorial Park attracted around 10,000 people as it cemented its reputation as one of the highlights of the local calendar.

Swadlincote's new-look **Eureka Park** was officially reopened following a £547,000 restoration project. Its features include a new performance area, a giant sundial (pictured bottom left), refurbished world war memorial gates and terraced areas of planting to inject some floral colour.

A £15,000 **outdoor gym** (pictured bottom right) was unveiled at Newhall Park as part of a wider scheme to improve this well-used public space.

State-of-the-art facilities were unveiled at **Green Bank Leisure Centre** (pictured below) in Swadlincote following a £600,000 investment. Work included the creation of a 30-cycle spin studio, an upgrade of the fitness changing area as well as a modernised café, reception, crèche and meeting room.

The high-quality facilities at **Etwall Leisure Centre** persuaded Australia's national badminton team to make it their training base ahead of the Commonwealth Games.

South Derbyshire Sport served up an ace with news that the courts at both Swadlincote's Eureka Park and Maurice Lea Memorial Park, in Church Gresley, would be free for everyone to use, 365 days a year.

The Village Games project introduced 'walking football' to South Derbyshire for the first time, aimed at getting those aged over 50 physically active.

The District Council donated 100 bags on nutrient-rich compost to aid the planting of **150 fruit trees** at Melbourne's Whistlewood Common, while a free trees scheme returned for a 12th year to offer Crab Apple, Field Maple, Wild Cherry and Whitebeam to residents, schools and community groups.



The **South Derbyshire Sports Awards** recognises outstanding performers, volunteers and unsung heroes in the District. Etwall's Thomas Taylor (pictured above) was named Sportsman of the Year for helping to secure gold for the Archery GB Junior Men's team at the World Youth Games in Moscow.

The Tale of Jemima Puddleduck was the first of a series of family shows held at outdoor arena The Glade, at Rosliston Forestry Centre. **Gladefest** – 12 hours of live music and entertainment – returned for a third year and pulled in 300 people.

More than **9,000 events** – a record number – to entertain youngsters during the summer months and school half-term holidays were held. Activities included track and field athletics as well as an inflatable arena for football, hockey, table tennis and dodge ball.

Rosliston Forestry Centre celebrated its 20th birthday in style with a photographic exhibition, food fair and bake-off challenge.

Figures showed that more food businesses were meeting the **top food hygiene rating** than anywhere else across the East Midlands, with more than 75 per cent given perfect marks by the District Council's Environmental Health team.

The efforts of green-fingered gardeners were rewarded in the 10 categories of the Council's annual **Can You Dig It?** awards, which recognise those going above and beyond to spruce up their homes and communities.

Work continued apace to enhance leisure facilities at Melbourne's Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground under the **Melbourne Sporting Partnership** project. Designs for the clubhouse, tennis courts, car parking and artificial grass pitch were all finalised and tenders were sent out.

The successful delivery of a range of Public Health-commissioned services included **Healthy Lifestyle Hubs** (GP Referral scheme), **Walking For Health** and **Five/60** (young people's physical activity and nutrition programme).





Improving your experiences with the Council

South Derbyshire District Council's work focuses on providing the best possible services for local businesses and residents.

The Community Partnership Scheme has been developed to provide support, advice and grant funding to community projects in South Derbyshire and helps community groups to bring external funds - such as lottery money - to South Derbyshire.

Events are a great way to bring people together, to celebrate our strengths and to support our economy and the year saw something for all tastes and ages.

Dozens were organised to mark the 100th anniversary of the First World War, with services of remembrance, music shows,

photographic exhibitions and poppy planting among them.

The memorial gates at Swadlincote's Eureka Park were restored as part of a wider revamp and the Council's Environmental Education Team worked with local schools to research the impact the war had locally.

A sight for straw eyes – Swadlincote's scarecrow hunt – made a welcome return. Dozens of creations were displayed in shops, enabling shoppers to explore the town centre and the great businesses it has.

The Swadlincote Pancake Races (pictured below) took place on Shrove Tuesday, with schools and businesses all fielding teams.

Christmas would not be the same without Swadlincote's Christmas lights switch-on and the event delivered the usual mix of entertainment for all the family.

While the economic outlook started to brighten this year, we are aware that challenges remain and that is why South Derbyshire District Council aims to provide value for money to residents and hard-working families.

We know every penny counts and so Council Tax for 2014/15 was frozen for the fourth consecutive year, helping protect our residents from pressures on their finances.

In addition, council tax payers were handed back a £6.20 slice of their bills under an initiative known as an 'Efficiency Dividend'.

To help clamp down on Council Tax, Business Rates and Housing cheats, the Council was awarded £176,000 by the Government to help with its counter-fraud work.

The council's bid, submitted alongside other authorities under the Derbyshire Joint

Fraud Initiative (DJFI), was one of only 52 successful ones from across the UK.

The money will cover two years of staffing and research costs.

Our auditors Grant Thornton reported that: "The Council has proper arrangements for challenging how it secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness."

Recycling in the district continues to go from strength to strength – making a positive contribution to the environment and saving the costs of landfill.

The introduction of the Easy Green Recycling Scheme has seen residents in South Derbyshire double the amount they were recycling previously. Under the new scheme, plastics and cardboard can be recycled alongside tins, cans, aerosols, foil, mixed glass, paper and textiles.

"The Council has proper arrangements for challenging how it secures economy, efficiency and effectiveness." - Grant Thornton





By working in partnership with funding and other organisations and by offering sustained support to voluntary and other local groups, South Derbyshire continues to achieve more for less.

Evidence of the value of these partnerships appears throughout this report. Partners with whom we work include:

Active Nation

Active Nation manages the Green Bank Leisure Centre in Swadlincote and Etwell Leisure Centre in partnership with the Council. Each of these centres has undergone extensive refurbishment work.

Citizens Advice Bureau

South Derbyshire District Council helps to fund the CAB so that it can continue providing vital support and advice on issues such as employment and debt.

Derbyshire County Council / Parish Councils

South Derbyshire District Council, Derbyshire County Council and Parish Councils work in conjunction on a vast array of projects designed to benefit local people.

Law:Public

When required Law:Public offers the Council's legal team additional expertise across its broad range of legal services.

Melbourne Sporting Partnership

South Derbyshire District Council is working with clubs from five different sports to develop facilities costing £2.5 million at Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground.

Northgate Public Services

Northgate Public Services (NPS) has worked with the Council to provide its corporate services and deliver extra value for money. During the partnership, NPS has guaranteed to make savings of £2.1 million and spend £1.9 million on the upgrade of IT systems and services.

Safer South Derbyshire Partnership

This is the statutory Community Safety Partnership for South Derbyshire. It brings together agencies to reduce and prevent incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour in the district.

South Derbyshire CVS

South Derbyshire CVS chairs the Strategic Volunteering Partnership which is assisted by the District Council to support all forms of volunteering in South Derbyshire.

South Derbyshire Sport

South Derbyshire Sport focuses on increasing sports participation by young people. This included supporting refurbishment work at Green Bank Leisure Centre and Etwell Leisure Centre, which has seen expansion of the gym and development of a spin studio and additional studio space.

The National Forest Company

The National Forest Company is a co-sponsor with Rolls-Royce of the Environmental Education Project which works to develop knowledge, respect and understanding of the environment. It also supports events and walking schemes.

The South Derbyshire School Sports Partnership

The partnership is managed by the Council's Sport and Health team. It has had great success with activities for young people including competitions and festivals, school games, leadership and volunteering and Bikeability.

The South Derbyshire Partnership

This partnership of the public, private and voluntary sector promotes South Derbyshire through three groups which focus on community safety, sustainable development and health and wellbeing.

Village Games

Supports local activity through a range of events, from chair-based exercise to youth group support.

The Forestry Commission

South Derbyshire District Council jointly owns Rosliston Forestry Centre in partnership with The Forestry Commission

Other partnerships the Council works in conjunction with include:

- Aurora Country Developments Ltd
- Derbyshire Sport
- John Port School
- People Express
- Public Health England
- Rolls-Royce
- Sport England
- The Community Partnership Scheme
- The Football Foundation
- The National Lottery
- The NHS

"The partnership has developed significantly. Joint initiatives have seen considerable service improvements." - Dave Meaden, Chief Executive, Northgate Public Services



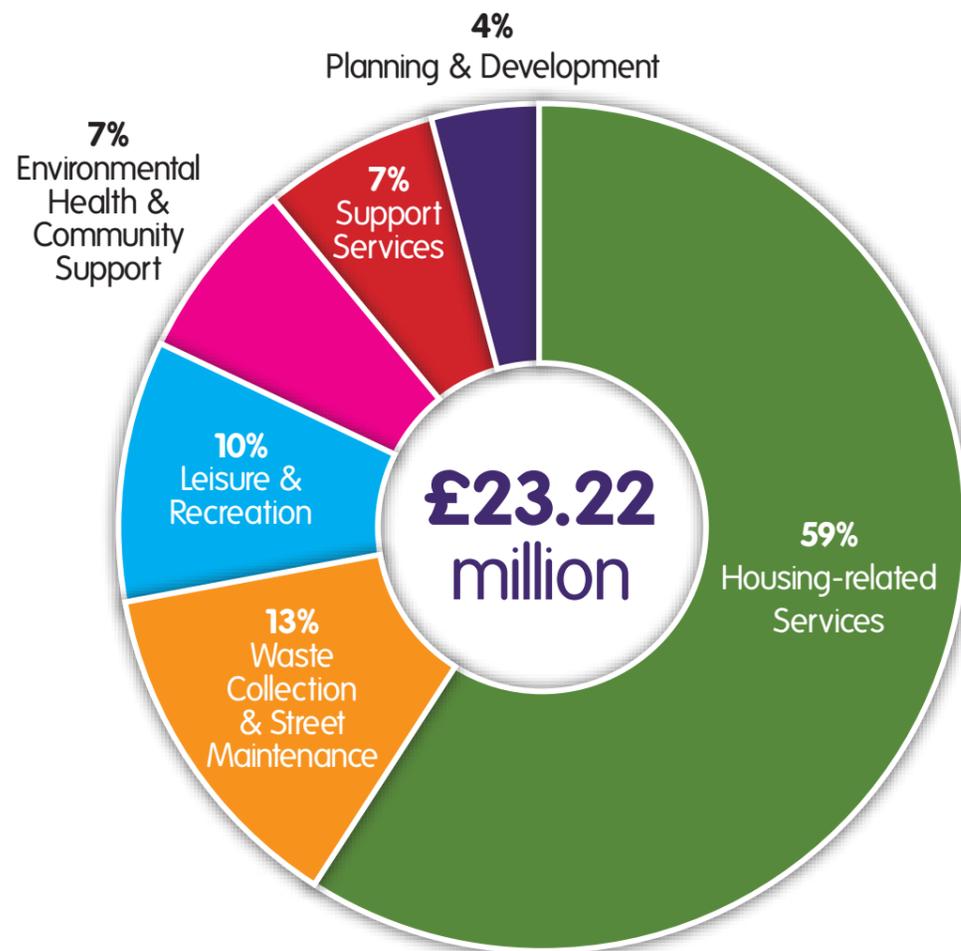
What we spent on services

During the year 2014-15, the Council's net expenditure on day-to-day services was just over £23 million.

£13.79m	Housing-related Services	£1.69m	Environmental Health & Community Support
£2.93m	Waste Collection & Street Maintenance	£1.57m	Support Services
£2.39m	Leisure & Recreation	£0.85m	Planning & Development

£23.22m Total

In percentage terms, this is shown in the following chart:



The Council spends more than half of its money on housing-related services, which includes managing and maintaining its 3,000 homes, together with dealing with homelessness and supporting the elderly and vulnerable.

Our capital account sets out the money we spend on buying and improving our land and property so we can offer first-class public facilities. In 2014-15 we spent £7.5 million on our land and property assets, financed by a combination of Government grants, external contributions and the Council's own resources saved up in reserves.

What we spent on land and property



The expenditure on leisure schemes included the upgrade to facilities at Green Bank Leisure Centre (£600,000) and improvements at Eureka Park (£500,000).

At the end of the financial year we draw up a balance sheet that shows how much our land and buildings are worth, what we owe others, what others owe us and how much cash we have. Our net worth is £37.4 million, up from £35.7 million in March 2014.

Our balance sheet: 31 March 2015

Revenue reserves & balances		Net Assets	
£13.7m	Provisions/Unusable Reserves	£112.1m	Value of Land & Property
£9.1m	Capital Reserves	£18.7m	Liquid Assets
£8.5m	General Reserves	£93.4m	Less money owed by us
£6.1m	Earmarked Reserves		
£37.4m	Net Worth	£37.4m	Total

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services' statement



"The Council ended the year in a stable financial position following a period of volatility and restructuring to meet reductions in Government funding. The District continues to grow and the Council is well positioned to meet the challenges of further reductions in funding following the Government's summer 2015 Budget. The Council will try to ensure there is limited impact on its services.

The Government's public spending watchdog, the Audit Commission, appointed Grant Thornton Accountants to review our 2014-15 accounts and we received an unqualified audit opinion. Full Council approved our 2014-15 accounts on September 24, 2015. A full copy of the audited statement of accounts is available on our website at www.south-derbys.gov.uk/council_and_democracy/council_budgets_spending/statement_of_accounts".

Follow us on:



South Derbyshire Sport

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Rosliston Forestry Centre

Roger Badger

Environmental Education Project at

Rosliston Forestry Centre

Sharpe's Pottery Museum

Swadlincote Tourist Information

National Forest Walking Festival



REPORT TO:	FULL COUNCIL	AGENDA ITEM: 9
DATE OF MEETING:	24th SEPTEMBER 2015	CATEGORY:
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND PLANNING	OPEN PARAGRAPH NO:
MEMBERS' CONTACT POINT:	NICOLA SWOROWSKI (x5983) nicola.sworowski@south-derbys.gov.uk	DOC:
SUBJECT:	LOCAL PLAN PART 1 – UPDATE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

Subject to further consultation and assessment through an updated Sustainability Appraisal to agree in principle the following:

- 1.1 the addition of a strategic site to the Local Plan Part 1 for a site to the West of Mickleover that includes the New House Farm site and the site west of Ladybank Road for around 1,650 dwellings in the Local Plan Part 1 as a main modification; and
- 1.2 the drafted housing policy for the land west of Mickleover subject to any modifications agreed by the Director of Community of Planning, Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Environmental and Development Services Committee following the updating of the Sustainability Appraisal and/or further consultation.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 The report is submitted to provide Members with an up to date position on the Local Plan Part 1 and to seek endorsement on an additional strategic site being considered through an updated Sustainability Appraisal and consultation.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 The report is seeking approval subject to consultation and assessment through an updated Sustainability Appraisal the addition of a further strategic site to the west of Mickleover. This site will include the sites referred to as New House Farm and land west of Ladybank Road. The site will be assessed for around 1,650 dwellings.
- 3.2 The Sustainability Appraisal will be updated and a further assessment of this site undertaken. This will be consulted upon for a period of six weeks before reconvened South Derbyshire specific hearings take place.

4.0 Detail

Background

- 4.1 South Derbyshire's Local Plan was suspended following hearings that started on 25th November 2014 and concluded on the 5th December 2014. Ms Kingaby, the Planning Inspector who is examining the Plan, felt further information was required in order to continue the examination into the Plan's soundness in regard to viability of the affordable housing target, site specific infrastructure requirements and also the five year housing supply. Ms Kingaby has allowed a period of suspension since December 2014 to allow for this work to be undertaken along with the Housing Market Area (HMA) work discussed in 3.3 below.
- 4.2 Ms Kingaby was quite specific that further consideration should be given to South Derbyshire's housing land supply in her letter of 16th December 2014 and that *"It may be necessary to identify additional sites for housing to provide a contingency and give more flexibility, in the event that development on sites requiring major new infrastructure do not proceed as rapidly as predicted. As long as the need for any additional sites is modest, and does not undermine the spatial strategy for the District, this should be acceptable. A number of potential strategic sites have been identified in representations to the Examination and the Council may wish to re-consider these"*.
- 4.3 There was also additional work required at a Housing Market Area level that resulted from the joint hearing session held by South Derbyshire's Inspector and Amber Valley Borough Council's (AVBC) Inspector. This work resulted in an addendum to South Derbyshire's Sustainability Appraisal that included a joint piece of work between the three Authorities for Derby's capacity cap and how Derby's unmet need could be met across South Derbyshire and AVBC.
- 4.4 Derby's unmet housing need has been further clarified as 5,388 dwellings through the HMA Sustainability Appraisal joint work. This work forms part of the Sustainability Appraisal Addendum and is currently being consulted on and finishes on the 12th October. Whilst still subject to the consultation, it does identify a preferred option for meeting Derby's unmet needs in South Derbyshire and Amber Valley which is based on the proportion of growth identified though the Housing Requirements work. However, this position could change as responses are received and the Inspectors give their considerations to the work through a joint hearing session.
- 4.5 The time taken to reach this point has meant that a further year of completions has been included in the housing supply. There were 420 net completions in the year 2014/15 which is 306 dwellings less than the annualised requirement before taking into account additional buffer requirements.
- 4.6 In order to rectify this situation and allow for the Local Plan Part 1 to be found sound, it is considered that a further additional strategic housing site is required in Part 1 whilst still retaining the Part 2 sites of 600 dwellings.
- 4.7 Members will recall that a reserve site policy was considered through the Draft Local Plan consultation which considered that one of New House Farm, Lowes Farm and Woodville Regeneration Area could be included in the Local Plan as a reserve site should a further site be required. This policy was not included in later iterations of the Plan. Woodville Regeneration Area was included in the Plan. Lowes Farm has

transport concerns that so far have not been addressed. New House Farm has now been tested through a section 78 appeal where a Planning Inspector considered two applications (two different highways solutions) both for 300 dwellings and granted them both permission. The appeal was in relation to part of a larger site that has been promoted to the Local Plan for around 1,650 dwellings in total.

4.8 When considering the application for the development of the portion of the site at appeal, the Planning Committee's two areas of concern were landscape and highways and the impact that these would have on the local area. The highways issues were concerned with how the site was to be accessed via either a roundabout or a signal controlled junction. Notwithstanding that the signalised junction proposal was also a concern to the County Council as Highway Authority, the Inspector allowed both appeals.

4.9 In regards to the impact on the surrounding landscape, the Inspector considered this both through evidence submitted at a public inquiry but also on a site visit. The following quotes are directly from the Inspectors report (dated 18th August 2015) who also dismissed the landscape case:

"I would not disagree with the general descriptions in the character assessments summarised above, but it is also important to note that the edge of Mickleover/Derby is directly adjacent to the site, and therefore when standing on the site or viewing it from a distance there is a clear feeling that one is on the fringe of an urban area. There is a disagreement between the parties as to whether the existing edge of the housing possesses a 'hard' or 'soft' edge – to my mind, the houses in Mickleover are clearly visible and give a hard edge to the settlement."

"However the broader landscape is well able to accommodate this change, and this is not a sufficient reason to dismiss the appeal."

"In addition, there are a relatively small number of public receptors who would experience this change from the near distance. Longer distance views from the west, northwest and north (including footpaths/cycle routes) would also change although, from those directions, the appeal site is seen in part against a backdrop of existing urban development. The consequence of the proposal would be to move the urban edge (which could be softened by new planting) into the countryside."

4.10 This site along with others has been kept under review and there has been no material change in any other site than this one which has now been tested on appeal albeit that the appeal related to a smaller site, in a detailed way.

4.11 In the light of the decisions from the section 78 Inspector and the remarks made by the Local Plan Inspector in her letter of 16 December, it is suggested that the entirety of this site is considered through a Sustainability Appraisal assessment and consultation.

4.12 New House Farm has been promoted throughout the Local Plan process and was considered as a non-preferred site due to the impacts on the A38 corridor. This resulted from Highways England responses which preferred not to see considerable development to the west of the A38. Since the submission on the Local Plan interim improvements have taken place on the two principal junctions on the A38 in Derby (Markeaton and Little Eaton). This was alongside the Government's commitment, subject to confirmation of value for money and deliverability, that it will deliver the grade-separation of the two junctions along with improvements at Kingsway with implementation by 2021. The site is not fully delivered before that date. Since

the initial promotion of this site there are now two developers involved; one that will account for 1,400 dwellings and the other the remaining 250 dwellings. This alongside the fact that 300 dwellings have been granted permission will allow for some early delivery on the site that will help boost the five year housing supply position.

- 4.13 This site will offer a sustainable form of development to the west of Derby City. Due to the size of the site a new primary school will be required with consideration also to be given to part of the site for a new secondary school or significant contributions to an existing school in South Derbyshire. The development will also include a District Centre with shops and community facilities (GP Surgery and community building) plus public open space as both informal and formal along with structured landscaping particularly along the western boundary of the site. There will also be consideration given to how the site will be best served by a new or extended bus route plus pedestrian and cycle links and in particular links to the Sustrans route along the old railway line to the north of the site. The site will deliver affordable homes and South Derbyshire's target of 30% was agreed by the developer and the Inspector at the appeal.
- 4.14 A draft Housing policy has been written for the site to be included in the Local Plan Part 1 alongside the other strategic housing sites. This may require modifying as discussions continue with the developers of the site, although any changes would be subject to approval (see recommendation 1.2). As undertaken with the Boulton Moor site in the Local Plan, it will be recommended to the developer that a development brief/framework is considered for the site that includes a vision for the whole of the urban extension and guiding development principles. Once written and agreed then it will help ensure consistency as applications are received across the site.
- 4.15 If this report is approved then the Sustainability Appraisal will be updated and consulted upon for a period of six weeks. Following this South Derbyshire specific hearings will be reconvened where any issues raised through the consultation will be discussed. Following the hearings then a further consultation on the modifications will be undertaken which the Inspector receives a copy of the responses. The Inspector will then write a report as to whether the South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1 is sound or not.
- 4.16 An update of the 5 year housing supply position will be undertaken prior to the hearings and submitted as the most up to date evidence.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 A lack of an up to date Local Plan has the potential to impact on themes within the Corporate Plan as the Local Plan sets out development requirements up to 2028. An adopted Local Plan is a corporate priority as it will provide the Council with a clear plan for development and provide a robust defence in terms of planning appeals.

7.0 Community Implications

- 7.1 An adopted Local Plan will ensure that development across the District is achieved in as sustainable manner as possible and in a way that provides the infrastructure of community facilities for both the [New Residents](#) but also existing residents.

8.0 Background Papers

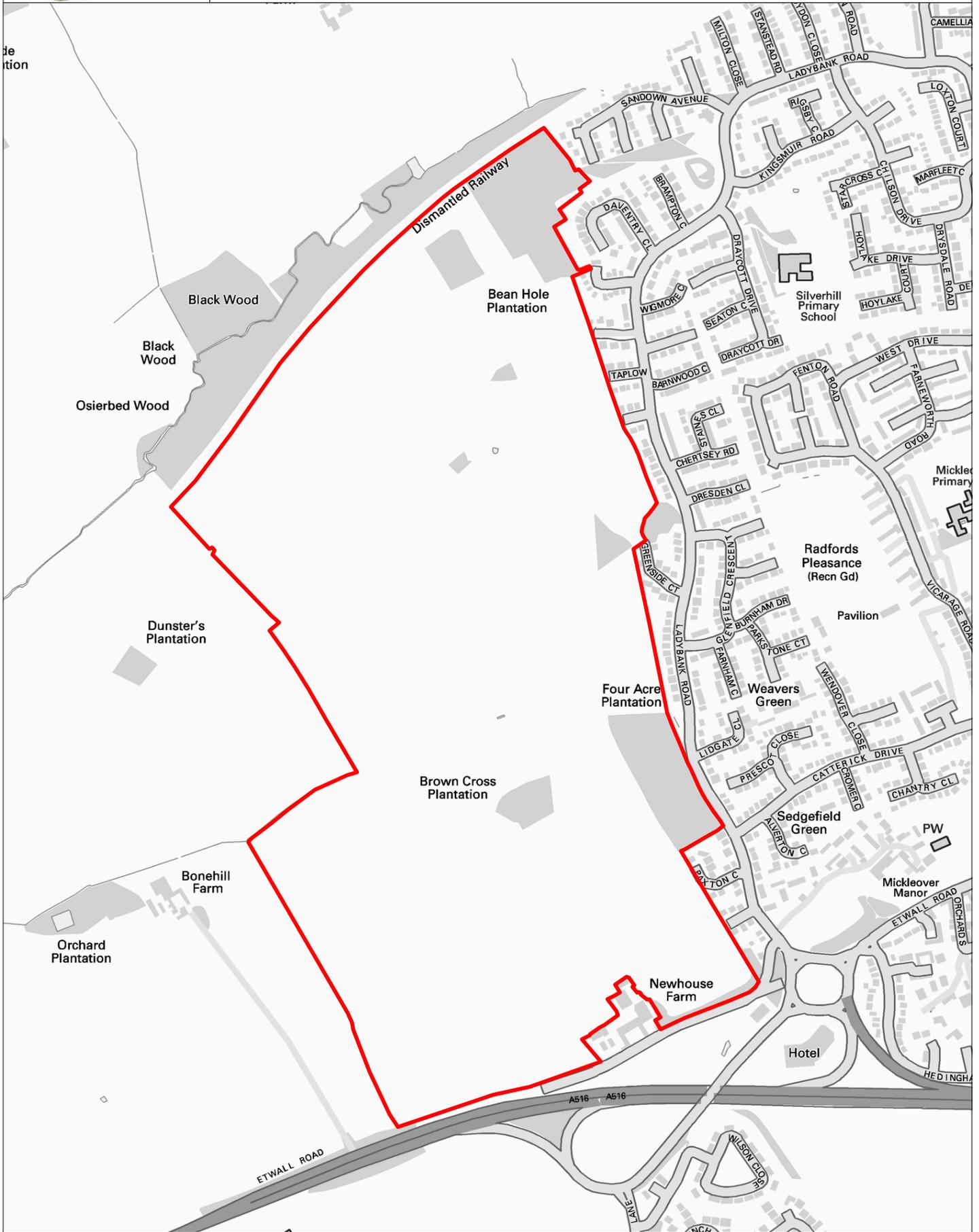
- 8.1 Submission Local Plan Part 1 (August 2014)
- 8.2 Sustainability Appraisal Main Report (July 2014)
- 8.3 Sustainability Appraisal Main Report – Non Technical Summary (July 2014)
- 8.4 Sustainability Appraisal Main Report – Technical Appendices (July 2014)

Appendix

- 1 West of Mickleover Map
- 2 Draft housing policy for West of Mickleover



Newhouse Farm



Housing Policy HXX: West of Mickleover

The site lies to the west of Mickleover in Derby City. To the north of the site is a former railway line now a Sustrans cycle way and to the south of the site is the A516. The western edge of the site adjoins existing residential development of Mickleover.

The site offers an opportunity to deliver a sustainable urban extension to the western edge of Derby City.

The Highways Agency had previously raised concerns about development to the west of the A38 but interim improvements have taken place in 2015 and the Government has offered commitment to the grade separation of three roundabouts (Kingsway, Markeaton and Little Eaton) in Derby City subject to confirmation of value for money and deliverability.

Access to the site will be from the A516 and will also be connected to the north of the site onto Ladybank Road.

POLICY:

- A Residential development on land to the west of Mickleover will provide for around 1,650 dwellings.
- B The Council will require the below listed site specifics and accordance with other Local Plan policies:
 - i) That South Derbyshire District Council and the developers work together with Derby City to ensure that the proposals offer a holistic vision for an urban extension to be delivered in a comprehensive manner. Delivery mechanisms will need to be established to ensure the necessary level of coordination to effectively deliver the infrastructure and facilities to support the development;
 - ii) A jointly prepared development framework by South Derbyshire District Council and the developers shall be produced that sets out guiding principles for the site;
 - iii) The provision of a one from entry primary school on site;
 - iv) A new district centre offering a range of shops and facilities shall be provided that is commensurate with the needs of the community. The scale and nature of these facilities will be determined by evidence submitted with a future planning application;
 - v) The provision of a community centre. The ownership and management of this centre will be considered in more detail as part of a future planning application;

- vi) Consideration of a GP surgery on site subject to discussions with the Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group;
- vii) High quality pedestrian and cycle routes shall be provided within the site and links between the site and existing residential development and the adjacent Sustrans route;
- viii) The northern and western edge of the site will require a significant green buffer to help soften the housing development against the landscape;
- ix) The urban extension shall protect and enhance where possible the wider setting of Radbourne Hall and other heritage assets;
- x) In order to safeguard the operation of the Strategic Road Network an assessment of the impact of development traffic will be carried out and developer contributions sought;
- xi) As assessment will be carried out of the impact of development traffic on the Local Highways network including into Derby City and developer contributions sought;
- xii) The provision of sustainable transport measures including contributions to a bus service through the site;
- xiii) Improvements to existing green infrastructure shall be made within the site along with provision of new green infrastructure on the site;

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

11th June 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Hewlett (Chairman), Councillor Smith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings Mrs Coe, Coe, Mrs Coyle, Harrison, Muller and Mrs Wyatt.

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Rhind, Richards and Taylor

HCS/01 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence from the Meeting had been were received.

HCS/02 **MINUTES**

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

HCS/03 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Harrison declared a prejudicial interest in the Sport and Recreation Facility Development and Strategy update item by virtue of being the Chairman for the Melbourne Sporting Partnership.

HCS/04 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

HCS/05 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

HCS/06 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

HCS/07 **HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES 2015 PRESENTATION**

The Director of Community and Planning Services presented an overview of the Community and Planning Services, with the Cultural Services Manager providing further details in relation to Cultural Services, and the Communities Manager providing further details in relation to Communities.

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services gave an overview of the Housing and Environmental Services introducing his Managers, Martin Guest, Performance and Policy Manager, Beverly Wagstaffe, Strategic Housing, Development & Regeneration Manager, Lee Carter, Housing Asset Manager and Chris Holloway, Housing Operations Manager.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/08 **SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGY UPDATE**

The Director of Community and Planning Services introduced an update of the programme being delivered across the district which supports individuals in achieving their potential, along with a progress report on the individual projects stated below;

- Etwall Leisure Centre
- Melbourne Sporting Partnership
- Melbourne Assembly Rooms
- Grove Active Zone
- Wheeled Sports projects
- Eureka Park Outdoor Gym
- Chestnut Avenue Community Facilities
- Swadlincote Town Hall
- Overseal Recreation Ground

RESOLVED:-

That progress on the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and project development be noted.

That the allocation of section 106 Funds to the identified projects be approved and grants awarded as follows;

£31,588 to Etwall Leisure Centre.

£213,000 to Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground, Melbourne.

£20,000 to Skatepark project at Newhall Park.

£6,669 to Grove Active Zone project.

£10,000 to Overseal Recreation Ground.

That the recommendation to Finance and Management Committee that £213,000 be provided from reserves in lieu of identified Section 106 funds be made.

HCS/09 **SAFER SOUTH DERBYSHIRE PARTNERSHIP PLAN - 2015 REFRESH**

The Communities Manager presented a report to inform members on progress and additions made to the original document, and that the core budget, which is held by the South Derbyshire District Council, allocated for implementing initiatives to address the priorities identified in the 2015/16 Partnership Plan, was £290.000.

RESOLVED:-

That Members accept and adopt the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership's new Partnership Plan 2014-17 (2015 Refresh).

HCS/10 **CORPORATE PLAN 2009 – 15: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT YEAR END REPORT 2014 -15**

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services presented the report to members and stated that during the final quarter's performance review, all Performance Indicators had now acquired green status.

Three queries relating to performance management were raised;
LP04 - Retaining Green Flag at Maurice Lea Memorial Park
LP05 - Reducing the number of vulnerable households experiencing fuel poverty;
SO1 - Average time (in working days) taken to re-let Council homes

These queries were responded to and noted accordingly.

RESOLVED:-

That progress against performance targets be considered and approved.

HCS/11 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015-16**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and review its content where appropriate.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

HCS/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 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 2015 were received.

**TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 7:05pm

COUNCILLOR J. HEWLETT

CHAIRMAN

PLANNING COMMITTEE

23rd June 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Roberts (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Brown (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Hall, Stanton and Watson.

Labour Group

Councillors Pearson, Richards, Shepherd and Southerd.

In attendance

The following Members also attended the Meeting: Councillor Wheeler (Conservative Group) and Councillor Tilley (Labour Group).

PL/21 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received on behalf of Councillor Dunn; Councillor Richards substituted for Councillor Dunn.

PL/22 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

PL/23 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

PL/24 **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES**

The Director of Community and Planning Services submitted reports for consideration and determination by the Committee and presented oral reports to the Meeting to update them as necessary. Consideration was then given thereto and decisions were reached as indicated.

PL/25 **OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO BE RESERVED) FOR THE ERECTION OF PAIR OF SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS ON LAND ADJACENT TO 44 VALLEY RISE SWADLINCOTE**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

Mr J Steedman (Agent for Applicant) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Councillor Tilley addressed Members as the local ward member for Swadlincote expressing the concerns of local residents.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

1.2 That the reserved matters application be referred to Committee for determination.

PL/26 **CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO PROVIDE AN EXTENSION TO THE CEMETERY COMMON PIECE LANE FINDERN DERBY**

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

PL/27 **PROPOSED SOLAR PARK LAND AT FORMER DRAKELOW POWER STATION LAND AT SK2220 7725 WALTON ROAD DRAKELOW SWADLINCOTE**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

Dr A Arcache (Agent for Applicant) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

1.2 That a maintenance obligation be made an additional condition of the application to ensure the effectiveness of the floodplain following the installation of boundary fencing.

PL/28 **OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS EXCEPT FOR ACCESS TO BE RESERVED) FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 62 DWELLINGS AND MEANS OF ACCESS ON LAND OFF CAULDWELL ROAD LINTON SWADLINCOTE**

The Area Planning Officer informed the Committee of an update to the report and advised Members that, if they resolved to grant the application, the Council's Environmental Health Officer required additional conditions to be made to the application in relation to contaminated land.

Ms S Derenzy-Tomson (Agent for Applicant) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Councillor Wheeler addressed Members as the local ward member for Linton expressing the views of local residents.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be refused in accordance with the recommendation set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

PL/29 **PROPOSED TREE PRESERVATION ORDER 392 AT NEWTON ROAD NEWTON SOLNEY**

RESOLVED:-

That the Tree Preservation Order be confirmed with the modifications outlined in the report.

PL/30 **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 was 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.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE No 11.

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

The meeting terminated at 6.50pm.

COUNCILLOR ANDREW ROBERTS

CHAIRMAN

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

24th June 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs. Farrington (Chairman), Councillor Swann (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs Coe and Mrs Patten.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick and Mrs Stuart.

OS/1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Atkin (Conservative Group) and Councillor Pearson (Labour Group).

OS/2 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 11th February 2015 and 25th March 2015 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

OS/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee were informed that no declarations of interest from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/4 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee were informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/5 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

OS/6 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – REPORT ON USAGE**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services outlined the report, emphasizing that whilst the Council has the option to use such powers, it seldom does, but is still required to submit a quarterly report.

RESOLVED:-

That the internal report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 be noted.

OS/7 **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2014/15**

RESOLVED:-

That the Annual Report be noted and approved.

OS/8 **SETTING THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

The Committee considered options for inclusion in the Work Programme, summarised below;

- Section 106 fund / NHS England claims.
- Community dental provision.
- Cemetery provision.
- Election services.
- Fibre optic works.
- Complaints process.
- Community Grant Fund process.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee further consider the above options, initially with a scoping exercise session in the near future.

The Meeting terminated at 6.45pm

COUNCILLOR MRS G FARRINGTON

CHAIRMAN

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

25th June 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin (substituting for Councillor Smith), Billings, Mrs Coe (substituting for Councillor Watson), Mrs Coyle, Hewlett and Stanton (substituting for Councillor Wheeler).

Labour Group

Councillors Rhind, Richards, Southerd and Wilkins

FM/20 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors MacPherson, Smith, Watson and Wheeler (Conservative Group).

FM/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in Item 8 by reason of being the Chairman of the Melbourne Sporting Partnership.

FM/22 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

FM/23 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

FM/24 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no reports of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

FM/25 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee, drawing particular attention to the early repayment of a loan and the sums currently being held on deposit.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2014/15 be approved.**
- 1.2 That the Treasury Management Stewardship Report and Prudential Indicators for 2014/15 and that the Council complied fully with all requirements be noted.**
- 1.3 That the Statement on the Minimum Revenue Provision for 2014/15 be recommended for Council approval.**

FM/26 BUDGET OUT-TURN AND FINAL ACCOUNTS 2014/15

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services delivered a short presentation in support of the report.

Councillor Atkin queried the personal searches element of the report, to which the Director clarified the verification exercises that have been undertaken to ensure the validity of the claims.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 To approve the final out-turn position for:**
- **The General Fund Revenue Account 2014/15**
 - **The Housing Revenue Account 2014/15**
 - **Capital Expenditure and Financing 2014/15**
 - **The Collection Fund 2014/15**
 - **The Balance of Reserves and Provisions at 31st March 2015.**
- 1.2 That a net appropriation of £328,000 in 2014/15 be made from the General Fund Reserve to other Earmarked Reserves.**
- 1.3 That the following contributions be made to Bad Debt Provisions in 2014/15:**

Sundry Debtors	£66,040	General Fund
Bed and Breakfast Charges	£49,375	General Fund
Housing Benefit Overpayments	£28,139	General Fund
Council Tax Arrears	£396,309	Collection Fund
Business Rates Arrears	£64,452	Collection Fund
Business Rates Appeals	£54,180	Collection Fund
Housing Rent Arrears	£9,610	Housing Revenue Account

- 1.4 That the following Provisions be increased in accordance with Accounting Standards and charged to the General Fund in 2014/15:**

Planning Appeals	£122,000
Personal Search Refunds	£56,000

The Chairman left the Chamber at 6.20pm, due to his declared interest in the next Item.

FM/27 **MELBOURNE SPORTING PARTNERSHIP**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report, the matter having been referred to this Committee by the Housing and Community Services Committee.

Queries raised by Members relating the level of risk involved and the make-up of the funding were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:

That the provision of £213,000 from the General Fund Reserve in lieu of identified Section 106 funds towards the construction of the Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground Clubhouse and ancillary facilities be approved.

The Chairman returned to the Chamber at 6.25pm.

FM/28 **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.

TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

THE SINGLE FRAUD INVESTIGATION SERVICE (Paragraph 2)

The Committee agreed proposals for changes in the Single Fraud Investigation Service.

The Democratic Services Officer left the Chamber at 6.30pm, due to the content of the following Item.

PAY AND GRADING REVIEW: APPOINTMENT OF AN EXTERNAL FACILITATOR (Paragraph 3)

The Committee approved the recommendations relating to the appointment of an external facilitator.

The meeting terminated at 6.35pm.

COUNCILLOR J HARRISON

CHAIRMAN

PLANNING COMMITTEE

14th July 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Roberts (Chairman), Mrs Brown (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Mrs Hall, Stanton and Watson.

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Pearson, Shepherd and Southerd.

In attendance

The following Members also attended the Meeting: Councillors Murray and Smith (Conservative).

PL/31 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received on behalf of Councillor Grant.

PL/32 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd June 2015 (PL/1–PL/18) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Shepherd referred to Minute No. PL/3 2nd June 2015, requesting an amendment to his personal interest declaration at that meeting, in relation to application **9/2015/0119**, from the ‘applicant being known to his daughter’ to ‘his daughter lives in the new development next to the application site’.

PL/33 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

PL/34 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

PL/35 **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES**

The Director of Community and Planning Services submitted reports for consideration and determination by the Committee and presented oral reports to the Meeting to update them as necessary. Consideration was then given thereto and decisions were reached as indicated.

PL/36 **RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESSWAY LAND AT REAR OF 84 WESTON ROAD ASTON ON TRENT DERBY**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

Councillor H Wheeler, Chairman of Aston on Trent Parish Council (objector) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Councillor Watson addressed Members as the local ward member for Aston on Trent expressing the views of local residents.

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to potential overdevelopment, buildings height, the buildings being out of scale / character, drainage, the demolition of an existing property, boundary issues, impact on neighbours, access and parking were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

PL/37 **OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS EXCEPT MEANS OF ACCESS, LANDSCAPING AND LAYOUT TO BE RESERVED) FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF LAND OFF GRESLEY WOOD ROAD CHURCH GRESLEY SWADLINCOTE**

Mr T Redfern (agent in support) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Councillor Mrs Farrington left the Meeting at 6.45pm.

Councillor Southerd addressed Members as the local ward member for Church Gresley.

Several Councillors spoke in favour of the application, with the Vice-Chairman requesting some feedback on how the eventual funds will be allocated.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

Councillor Smith left the Meeting at 6.55pm.

PL/38 **DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDINGS AND REDEVELOPMENT WITH NEW BUILDINGS AT SHARPES INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ALEXANDRA ROAD SWADLINCOTE**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

The Planning Services Manager reported on the comments made by the Council for British Archaeology, in that some parts of the site are evidence of the functional ancillary buildings for the pottery, that the character of the boundary wall should be retained and that, in the event of permission for demolition being granted, these buildings should be recorded prior to their loss. A condition in the recommendations to the report reflects this.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

PL/39 **LISTED BUILDING CONSENT TO DEMOLISH EXISTING BUILDINGS AND ERECT NEW BUILDING UNIT K SHARPES INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ALEXANDRA ROAD SWADLINCOTE**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

RESOLVED:-

That listed building consent be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

PL/40 **THE ERECTION OF NEW SCHOOL BUILDINGS TP PROVIDE CLASSROOMS, GYM, CHANGING ROOMS, OFFICES AND OTHER ANCILLARY USES, THE ERECTION OF 4 NON RESIDENTIAL BLOCKS OF LIVING ACCOMMODATION PLUS ASSOCIATED PARKING AND ACCESS WORKS (RESUBMISSION OF 9/2014/0636) AT HIGH GRANGE SCHOOL HOSPITAL LANE MICKLEOVER DERBY**

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to police consultation, noise nuisance, security, building materials and landscaping were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services, and;

1.2 Additional conditions were agreed, as set out below;

- ***Extra flood prevention conditions as recommended by Derbyshire County Council.***

- *Crime Prevention Scheme conditions as recommended by the Crime Prevention Consultant (Police).*
- *Further negotiation on the external finish of buildings to be agreed between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, the Planning Services Manager and the applicant.*

PL/41 **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 was 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.

EXEMPT MINUTES

The Exempt minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd June 2015 (PL/19– PL/20) were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE No 11.

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

The meeting terminated at 7.35pm.

COUNCILLOR A ROBERTS

CHAIRMAN

LICENSING AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

23rd July 2015 at 10am

PRESENT:-

Members of the Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee

Councillor Mrs J Patten (Chairman) (substituting for Councillor Watson),
Councillor Wheeler (Conservative Group) and Councillor Mrs L Stuart
(Labour Group)

District Council Representatives

A Kaur (Legal and Democratic Services Manager), A Edwards (Senior
Legal Officer), E McHugh (Senior Licensing Officer), T Lindgren
(Democratic Services Officer)

Applicant

Tim Shield (Solicitor), Paula Quinby (Designated Premises Supervisor),
Ron Brookes (Business Manager of Marstons Plc)

Other Persons

Councillor J Harrison (Melbourne Ward)
Stephen Spear
Daniel Knappett

LAS/5 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

The Sub-Committee appointed Councillor Mrs Patten to be the Chairman for
the hearing.

LAS/6 **APOLOGIES**

The Sub-Committee was informed that an apology had been received from
Councillor Watson.

LAS/7 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO SUB-COMMITTEE

LAS/8 **APPLICATION FOR THE VARIATION OF A PREMISES LICENCE – ALMA
INN, 59 DERBY ROAD, MELBOURNE, DERBYSHIRE, DE73 8FE**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the variation of a Premises
Licence, under section 34 of the Licensing Act 2003, for the Alma Inn, 59
Derby Road, Melbourne, Derbyshire, DE73 8FE.

RESOLVED:-

That the application for the variation of the Premises Licence be granted, as detailed in the Decision Notice, a copy of which is incorporated into the signed minute book at “SMB1”.

The Meeting terminated at 12.43pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS PATTEN

CHAIRMAN

PLANNING COMMITTEE

4th August 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Roberts (Chairman), Mrs Brown (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Hall, Stanton and Watson.

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Pearson, Shepherd and Southerd.

In attendance

The following Members also attended the Meeting: Councillors MacPherson, Smith (Conservative Group) and Richards (Labour Group).

PL/44 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received.

PL/45 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Southerd declared a non-pecuniary interest in application number **CW9/2015/0002** by reason of his being Chair of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

Councillor Dunn declared a non-pecuniary interest in application number **CW9/2015/0002** by reason of his being a Substitute Member of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

Councillor Ford declared a non-pecuniary interest in application number **CW9/2015/0002** by reason of his being a Member of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

PL/46 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

PL/47 **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES**

The Director of Community and Planning Services submitted reports for consideration and determination by the Committee and presented oral reports to the Meeting to update them as necessary. Consideration was then given thereto and decisions were reached as indicated.

PL/48 **OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS EXCEPT FOR ACCESS RESERVED FOR SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL) FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ON LAND AT SK2816 1036 LINTON HEATH LINTON SWADLINCOTE**

Mr R Kinson (objector) and Ms J Hodson (agent in support) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to NHS funding, traffic issues, its sustainable settlement status, parking, intrusion into the countryside, speed limits, the lack of response from the Derbyshire County Council Flood Team, the previous application and the likely appeal outcomes if the application were to be refused were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be refused contrary to officer recommendation on grounds of visual intrusion into the countryside.

PL/49 **CREATION OF A 5MW SOLAR FARM WITH ASSOCIATED INVERTER/TRANSFORMER INFRASTRUCTURE, ON-SITE SUBSTATION, PERIMETER FENCING, CCTV AND EXPORT CABLE ON LAND AT SK3220 9010 SHORT HAZELS FARM MANCHESTER LANE HARTSHORNE SWADLINCOTE**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

Dr A Kirby (agent in support) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to visual impact, tree planting, the panels surface finish, the potential for a proliferation of such schemes, the change in status from green field to brown field land, the effect on public footpaths, screening, fencing, potential disruption during delivery / construction phase and site traffic management were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

PL/50 **THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AT 13 NELSON STREET SWADLINCOTE**

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

PL/51 **DEMOLITION OF KENNEL FACILITIES AND THE ERECTION OF 3 DWELLINGS AT LITTLEHOLM KENNELS COTON PARK LINTON SWADLINCOTE**

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

Councillors Dunn, Ford and Southerd left the Chamber at 7.05pm.

PL/52 **ERECTION OF A 15MW RENEWABLE ENERGY CENTRE AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE (COUNTY REF: CW9/0615/48) ON LAND AT SK2319 0645 FORMER DRAKELOW POWER STATION WALTON ROAD DRAKELOW SWADLINCOTE**

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to the amount of electricity to be generated, air quality standards, the source and make-up of the biomass materials and the removal of ash waste were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

That no objection to the proposed development be raised subject to the conditions set out in the report of the Director of Community & Planning Services.

PL/53 **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 was 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.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE No 11.

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

The meeting terminated at 7.20pm.

COUNCILLOR A ROBERTS

CHAIRMAN

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

20th August 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Muller (Vice-Chairman), Atkin (substituting for Councillor Mrs Coe) Mrs. Brown, Mrs Hall, MacPherson, Mrs Patten, Roberts and Stanton

Labour Group

Councillors Chahal, Southerd, Taylor and Tilley.

EDS/19 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor Mrs Coe (Conservative Group).

EDS/20 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on the 4th June 2015 were approved as a true record.

EDS/21 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Roberts declared a prejudicial interest in Item 8 on the agenda due to his profession as a Private Hire Driver.

Councillor Mrs Patten declared a prejudicial interest in Item 9 on the agenda in her role as a County Councillor.

Councillor Southerd declared a prejudicial interest in Item 14 on the agenda as being consulted on this item in his role as a County Councillor.

EDS/22 **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/23 **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/24 REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Committee was informed that there were no Overview & Scrutiny Committee reports for it to consider.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**EDS/25 ADOPTION OF CONDITIONS FOR CAT BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS UNDER THE ANIMAL BOARDING ACT 1963**

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report to Committee on the proposed model conditions produced by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health (CIEH), which states the basic minimum standards considered necessary, to ensure animal health and welfare are maintained in boarding establishments.

RESOLVED:

That Members approved the conditions contained in Appendix 1 of the report relating to cat boarding establishments to come into effect upon adoption by Council.

Councillor Roberts left the Committee meeting whilst the following item was debated.

EDS/26 DEREGULATION ACT 2015 – CHANGES TO PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report to Committee to advise Members of the changes to private hire licensing, introduced by the Deregulation Act 2015. The Senior Licensing Officer also provided Members with the necessary information to approve the proposed fees.

The Committee discussed concerns regarding the current procedure South Derbyshire Police use to inform the Licensing Department of offences committed by licenced Private Hire Drivers. The Senior Licensing Officer advised Members that she is currently in talks with the Police regarding this issue and will report back to Committee on the outcome.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That the proposed changes to the Private Hire Licensing Policy be approved to ensure full compliance with the provisions of the Deregulation Act 2015 by 1st October 2015.

1.2 That the proposed fees for private hire drivers and operators be approved.

EDS/27 LOCAL PLAN PART 1 – EVIDENCE BASE

The Planning Policy Manager updated Members on work that had been ongoing with the Local Plan evidence base around the Gypsy and Traveller

Accommodation Assessment and the Open Space, Sport & Community Facilities Strategy. The strategy will be considered through the Housing and Community Services Committee also. The strategy will include consultation with Members, Parishes and residents. The Committee discussed the need to reach residents most affected by the Local Plan and to ensure that consultations are evenly distributed across the district, concerns were noted and responded to accordingly.

RESOLVED:

That Members noted the updated report.

EDS/28 **DIESEL ROAD ROLLER LOAN**

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee of the Council's ownership of an Aveling Barford diesel Road Roller currently stored at Snibston Discovery Park which recently closed, highlighting the five options identified for its removal:

1. Storage somewhere in South Derbyshire
2. Agree a loan agreement with another Local Authority
3. Place an advert in an enthusiast's magazine for someone willing to enter into a loan agreement with the Council
4. Place an advert in an enthusiast's magazine for someone willing to purchase the Road Roller with agreement to maintain it
5. Dispose of the roller in the most cost efficient way.

The Committee discussed the five options in detail, and agreed to add restoration to option one, and delete option five on the list.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved that option one should now read restoration and storage somewhere in South Derbyshire.

1.2 The Committee approved that option one be investigated and a report brought back to Committee.

1.3 The Committee approved that option five be deleted from the list.

EDS/29 **DERBYSHIRE CYCLE PLAN CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee to update them on the work which County and City Councils, Derbyshire District and Borough Councils, Derby University, Sustrans, Peak District National Park, The National Forest and British Cycling have undertaken in the last 12 months.

A discussion took place around the provision of safer cycling, the use and maintenance of bridleways and disused train lines in the district, comments were noted and responded to accordingly.

RESOLVED:

1.1 That Members comments be forwarded along with Planning Policy comments as part of the Councils response to the Derbyshire Cycling Plan consultation exercise.

1.2 That Members approved the development of a South Derbyshire Action Plan for Cycling and that it be reported to Committee for future consideration.

EDS/30 **LOCAL PLAN PART 1**

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to update Members on the Local Plan and the Derby Housing Market Area (HMA) position. The agreement across the HMA was that the full housing requirement of 33,388 dwellings can be met across the Derby HMA from 2011 – 2028. Derby City confirmed their aim to deliver 11,000 dwellings in that period meaning that 5,388 dwellings will need to be delivered outside of the City boundary through the 'Duty to Co-operate' requirement by South Derbyshire District Council and Amber Valley Borough Council.

The Planning Policy Manager highlighted the work undertaken by a Consultant, which concluded that a target of 30% for affordable housing on housing sites was considered viable across the majority of sites in South Derbyshire.

A discussion took place around the Local Plan Part 2 and the five-year housing supply, comments were noted and responded to accordingly.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the continued approach to the Local Plan work

EDS/31 **PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDERS AND FIXED PENALTY NOTICE SANCTIONS UNDER THE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CRIME AND POLICING ACT 2014**

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services presented the report to Committee to inform them that The Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 (The Act) had introduced various new discretionary powers for the police and local authorities to tackle anti-social behaviour. The Act revokes 19 forms of legal intervention contained in previous statutes and replaces them with six new forms of intervention, Civil Injunctions and Criminal Behaviour Orders, Dispersal Powers, Closure Powers, Community Protection Notices and Public Spaces Protection Notices (PSPN) which is subject to consultation

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 That Members approved the proposed consultation process for the production of District-wide Public Spaces Protection Order or Orders (PSPOs).**
- 1.2 That Members approved the proposed procedure for the development of future PSPOs where they are of limited geographical scope.**
- 1.3 That Members approved the proposed Fixed Penalty Notice charges under the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014.**

EDS/32 DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee to inform Members of the proposals set out in the current consultation of the Minerals Local Plan, which is being undertaken by the Minerals Planning Authorities for Derbyshire, (Derby City Council and Derbyshire County Council).

The Committee noted that the SMP1 Policy was not consistent with the National Planning Policy Framework and courteously requested that it be sent back to the Minerals Planning Authority as part of the consultation response.

RESOLVED:-

- 2.1 That the contents of Derby City Council's and Derbyshire County Councils 'Towards a Minerals Local Plan Consultation be noted; and**
- 2.2 That Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council, in their role as Minerals Planning Authority, (MPA) be informed that:**
 - Policy SMP2 (Climate Change) is unlikely to conform with the NPPF as drafted and should be strengthened to ensure that new development be made safe without increasing flood risk elsewhere;**
 - That the Authority noted the proposed sand and gravel apportionment and the MPAs preference for extensions in the Trent and Derwent Valley over the opening up of new sites on the western part of the Trent Valley or Lower Dove Valley;**
 - That the Authority supported a coherent and comprehensive approach to managing change within the Trent Valley, including through the restoration of existing and future minerals sites;**
 - That appropriate provision was made for considering cumulative effects through the plan making and development control processes to ensure that communities affected by continued and further development, particularly to sand and gravel working in the Trent Valley, are not unacceptably impacted by minerals operations;**

- *That a specific coal extraction policy be included in the plan reflecting the potential for this resource to be worked in South Derbyshire to ensure that communities, businesses and the local environment are not unduly effected should further development come forward within the Plan period;*
- *That further liaison regarding the scope and wording of a minerals safeguarding policy may be beneficial between the MPA and this Authority.*

EDS/33 **LEICESTERSHIRE MINERALS AND WASTE LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee on proposals relevant to South Derbyshire set out in the current consultation on the Minerals Local Plan undertaken by Leicestershire County Council.

RESOLVED:-

2.1 That the contents of Leicestershire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Consultation be noted; and

2.2 That Leicestershire County Council, in their role as Minerals Planning Authority, (MPA) be informed that South Derbyshire has no objection to the policies and allocations in the Plan.

EDS/34 **CORPORATE PLAN 2009 - 15; PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1 APRIL – 30 JUNE 2015)**

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services presented the report to Committee to inform them that during the first quarter (1 April to 30 June) all targets for relevant projects and performance measures were achieved or were on track to be achieved.

RESOLVED:-

That progress against performance targets be considered and approved.

EDS/35 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be considered and approved.

EDS/36 **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 4th June 2015 were approved as a true record.

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.

The meeting terminated at 7:25 pm

COUNCILLOR P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN

PLANNING COMMITTEE

25th August 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Roberts (Chairman), Mrs Brown (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs Farrington, Ford, Grant, Mrs Patten (substituting for Councillor Mrs Hall), Stanton and Watson.

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Pearson, Richards (substituting for Councillor Southerd) and Shepherd.

In attendance

The following Members also attended the Meeting: Councillors Billings, Mrs Coyle, Muller and Murray (Conservative Group) and Councillor Taylor (Labour Group).

PL/54 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. Hall and Councillor Southerd.

PL/55 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Atkin declared a prejudicial interest in application number **9/2014/1040/MAF** by reason of a family member owning the land.

Councillor Dunn declared a non-pecuniary interest in application number **9/2014/0740/OM** by reason of being a Substitute Member of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

Councillor Mrs. Farrington declared a prejudicial interest in application number **9/2014/0740/OM** by reason of being the Chairman of the Area Forum. Councillor Mrs. Farrington declared a prejudicial interest in application **9/2015/0215/OS** by reason of being a Governor at John Port School.

Councillor Ford declared a non-pecuniary interest in application number **9/2015/0615/FM** by reason of being a Member of the Derbyshire County Council Planning Committee.

Councillor Muller declared and prejudicial interest in application number **9/2015/0215/OS** by reason of being a member of Etwall Parish Council.

Councillor Mrs. Patten declared a prejudicial interest in application number **9/2015/0215/OS** by reason of being a member of Etwall Parish Council

Councillor Pearson declared a prejudicial interest in application number **9/2014/0740/OM** by reason of being a Governor at Eureka Park Primary School

PL/56 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.11**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

PL/57 **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND PLANNING SERVICES**

The Director of Community and Planning Services submitted reports for consideration and determination by the Committee and presented oral reports to the Meeting to update them as necessary. Consideration was then given thereto and decisions were reached as indicated.

PL/58 **OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS RESERVED EXCEPT FOR ACCESS) FOR UP TO 400 DWELLINGS AND PROVISION OF NEW SCHOOL PICK UP/DROP OFF AREA, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED HIGHWAY WORKS, PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, LANDSCAPING, PARKING AND ATTENUATION FACILITIES ON LAND AT BROOMY FARM WOODVILLE ROAD HARTSHORNE SWADLINCOTE**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

Mr S. Greaves (objector) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to traffic safety, access options/design, parking, speed limits, capacity of surrounding roads and timing of the Regeneration Route, the lack of a bus route in the area and the possible need for the Highway Authority to undertake a more in-depth safety assessment were noted and responded to accordingly. Other queries and comments were made relating to health service and schooling impacts and landscaping buffers to existing dwellings.

RESOLVED:-

That determination of the application be deferred for the Planning Services Manager to revert to the Highway Authority and Applicant to investigate alternative access possibilities and clarify highway related questions from the Committee.

Councillor Atkin left the Chamber at 7.10pm whilst the following item was debated.

PL/59 **THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW CREMATORIUM WITH ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING, MEMORIAL GARDENS AND ACCESS OFF LAND AT SK4030 8696 DERBY ROAD ASTON DERBY**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

Councillor H. Wheeler – Aston Parish Council Chair (objector) and Mr. P. Downes (agent in support) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to application lying within green belt, the possible pollution impact it may have as well as if there is a need for a new crematorium in the area were noted and responded to accordingly.

RESOLVED:-

That the Planning Committee resolved to refer the application to the Secretary of State with a view to granting permission as per recommendation.

PL/60 **OUTLINE APPLICATION (ALL MATTERS TO BE RESERVED) FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF UP TO 7 DWELLINGS TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS AND PARKING ARRANGEMENTS AND ALTERATIONS TO 43 REPTON ROAD HARTSHORNE SWADLINCOTE**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

Mr M. Mudge (applicant) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to access to dwellings, the application being outside the village envelope, number of dwellings and overdevelopment of the site, and lack of requests for financial contributions were noted and responded to accordingly.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be granted as per recommendation with amendment that contributions towards healthcare and education would not to be pursued.

PL/61 **OUTLINE APPLICATION WITH ALL MATTERS RESERVED FOR DEVELOPMENT CONSISTING OF 52 DWELLINGS, A RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME, COMMUNITY HUB, AND FORMATION OF ACCESS ROAD, PROVISION OF OPEN SPACE AND ASSOCIATED WORKS ON LAND AT SK2732 1638 MAIN STREET ETWALL DERBY**

It was reported that members of the Committee had visited the site earlier in the day.

Ms C. Chave (agent in support) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

Queries and comments made by Councillors relating to the layout of the development, the lack of healthcare options and the fact that the development is not included in the Local Plan were noted and responded to accordingly.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be refused as per recommendation.

PL/62 **THE ERECTION OF A DETACHED DWELLING AT LAND TO THE REAR OF FIELDGATE HOUSE MARLPIT LANE SUTTON ON THE HILL DERBY**

Mr. N. Thomas (objector) attended the Meeting and addressed Members on this application.

RESOLVED:-

That planning permission be refused as per recommendation.

PL/63 **PLANNING AND OTHER APPEALS**

The Committee noted the planning appeal decisions in relation to the following applications;

- 9/2014/0385 Littleholm Kennels, Coton Park, Linton,
- 9/2014/0504 Nutwood, St. Brides, Stanton Hill, Stanton by Bridge
- 9/2014/0566 Land Northeast of Coalpit Lane, Coton in the Elms
- 9/2014/0792 31 Peacroft Lane, Hilton, Derby, DE65 5GH
- 9/2014/1049 89 Eggington Road, Etwall

PL/64 **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 was 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.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE No 11.

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

14 WESTON HILL ENFORCEMENT 2015

The report was noted.

RESOLVED:-

Agreed as per recommendation.

The meeting terminated at 8.25pm

COUNCILLOR A ROBERTS

CHAIRMAN

LICENSING AND APPEALS SUB-COMMITTEE

27th August 2015 at 10am

PRESENT:-

Members of the Licensing and Appeals Sub-Committee

Councillor Stanton (Chairman), Councillor Watson (Conservative Group) and Councillor Dunn (Labour Group)

District Council Representatives

A Kaur (Legal and Democratic Services Manager), E McHugh (Senior Licensing Officer), L Kinsey (Licensing Officer) and T Lindgren (Democratic Services Officer)

LAS/9 **APOLOGIES**

The Sub-Committee was informed that no apologies had been received

LAS/10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO SUB-COMMITTEE

LAS/11 **DETERMINATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE GRANT OF A PREMISES LICENCE - COUNT OF TEN LTD, CATTON HALL ESTATES, OS MAP REFERENCE SK2128315227**

The Sub-Committee considered an application for the grant of a Premises Licence for Count of Ten Ltd, Catton Hall Estates, OS Map reference SK2128315227.

RESOLVED:-

That the Premises Licence be granted as detailed in the Decision Notice, a copy of which is incorporated into the signed minute book at "SMB1".

The Meeting terminated at 10.15am

COUNCILLOR STANTON

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

27th August 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Smith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Coyle, MacPherson (substituting for Councillor Hewlett) Muller, Murray (substituting for Councillor Mrs Coe), Swann (substituting for Councillor Coe) and Mrs Wyatt.

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Rhind, Shepherd (substituting for Councillor Richards) and Taylor.

HCS/15 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hewlett, Mrs Coe, Coe, Harrison (Conservative Group) and Councillor Richards (Labour Group).

HCS/16 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Billings declared a prejudicial interest in Item 9 on the agenda in his role as a Parish Councillor for Hilton Ward.

HCS/17 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

HCS/18 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

HCS/19 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

HCS/20 **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S ALLOCATIONS POLICY**

The Housing Operations Manager presented a report to advise members of proposed amendments to the Council's allocations policy. This Policy will

enable the Council to deliver a more efficient service to applicants in need of both permanent and temporary accommodation.

The Committee asked questions about temporary accommodation and requested clarification of the different Housing Band categories, such as the term 'emergency banding', which people are assigned to on the Councils waiting list.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee approved the amendments to the Council's allocations policy specified in section 3.0

HCS/21 **DERBYSHIRE CYCLE PLAN CONSULTATION**

The Director of Community and Planning Services presented the report to Committee to update Members on the work which County and City Councils, Derbyshire District and Borough Councils, Derby University, Sustrans, Peak District National Park, The National Forest and British Cycling have undertaken in the last 12 months. He highlighting some of the many benefits the plan will bring in providing sustainable and healthy communities.

A discussion took place around the provision of safer cycling, the use and maintenance of bridleways and disused train lines in the district.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the Committee approved the recommendation that Members comments be forwarded along with Community Services comments as part of the Councils response to the Derbyshire Cycling Plan consultation exercise.

1.2 That the Committee approved the development of a South Derbyshire Action Plan for Cycling to be reported to Committee for future consideration

HCS/22 **OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITY STRATEGY UPDATE**

The Open Space and Facilities Development Manager presented a report to update Members on the progress of the strategy since its initial adoption in 2005. The provision of open space in terms of quality and quantity and access to funding, has radically changed in the last 10 years, and the ongoing consultation and engagement with local people, community sports groups and Parish Councils, will identify opportunities for significant investment and improvement in sport, recreational and community facilities across the District.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee approved the process for the development of the Open Space, Sport and Community Facility Strategy

Councillor Billings left the Chamber whilst the following item was debated.

HCS/23 COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS SCHEME

The Community and Partnership Officer updated members on applications for funding received by the Community Partnerships Scheme and to seek approval for recommendations from the assessment panel in relation to the scheme.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 That the Committee considered the recommendation of the Community Partnerships Scheme Assessment Panel and awarded grants of:

- ***£8,319.50 to Swadlincote 50+ forum – Grant to contribute towards the refurbishment of the building to establish a secure and safe environment.***
- ***£11,000 to Etwall Cricket Club – Grant towards the costs of a new sit-on roller to help volunteers to prepare the ground.***
- ***£24,968.50 to Hatton Parish Council – Grant towards play equipment targeted at young people between the age of 7 and 12.***
- ***£24,968.50 to Hatton Salt Brook Heritage Trail – Grant to support the development of an art based heritage trail.***
- ***£9,085 to Hilton Village Hall – Grant to contribute towards a major refurbishment of the main hall at the village hall.***
- ***£24,968.50 to Melbourne Assembly Rooms – Grant towards the renovation of the kitchen area, as well as renovation of the entrance areas and library frontage.***
- ***£24,968.50 to Melbourne Sporting Partnership – Grant to enable the development of the Melbourne Sporting Partnership club house/pavilion by fitting out the kitchen and club room areas.***
- ***£24,968.50 to recreation in Aston – Grant to support the next phase of the pavilion development by increasing the number of changing rooms available.***

- **£10,000 to Rosliston Astronomy Group – Grant to contribute towards the construction of an Observatory,**
- **£5,840 to Smisby Village Hall – Grant towards the costs of the provision of suitable audio visual facilities, additional sound and heating insulation (noise reduction and reduction of heating bills) and re-sanding and sealing the floor in the Main Hall.**
- **£5,560 to Weston on Trent Parish Council - Grant to contribute towards play equipment targeted at young people over the age of 8.**

HCS/24 **CORPORATE PLAN 2009-15: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1 APRIL – 30 JUNE 2015)**

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services and the Director of Community and Planning Services presented a report to update Members of progress during the period 1 April to 30 June 2015, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009 – 2015. Members were asked to note that, until the new Corporate Plan have been reviewed and agreed, the progress for Quarter 1 is measured against performance targets set in the existing Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered and approved the progress against performance targets.

HCS/25 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015-16**

The Director of Community and Planning Services reported that the South Derbyshire District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Volunteering Policy are currently out for consultation, and that reports on both policies will be brought to the next Committee.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee considered the updated work programme.

HCS/26 **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.

**TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL
PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

MODERNISING THE IN-HOUSE REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE SERVICE

The Director of Housing and Environmental Services provided Members with details of the proposals to modernise the in-house Repairs & Maintenance Service.

RESOLVED:-

- 2.1 That the Committee approved the suggested approach to improve the in-house Repairs & Maintenance Service.*
- 2.2 That the Committee approved that the Director of Housing & Environmental Services enter into negotiations with the UCATT Union in order to reach an agreement on amending the terms and conditions of employment for craft employees, then seek agreement from the Committee to implement recommendations.*
- 2.3 That the Committee approved the transfer of funds from HRA reserves to cover the costs of undertaking office alterations, and moving staff from the Depot to the Civic Office in advance of the Depot moving to new premises.*

LAND AND PREMISES IN SWADLINCOTE

The Chief Executive presented a report to Committee detailing the proposed disposal of Council owned land and entering into a joint venture.

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the Committee approved the recommendation that the land in question be deemed surplus to requirements.*
- 2.2 That the Committee approved the recommendation of a disposal of land in accordance with the joint venture terms, subject to Finance and Management Committee approval and prior advertising of the proposed disposal under Section 123, 2(A) Local Government Act 1972.*

DERBYSHIRE CARELINE PARTNERSHIP

The Performance and Policy Manager presented a report to Committee updating Members on progress made in establishing the Derbyshire Careline Partnership.

RESOLVED;-

- 2.1 That the Committee noted progress made so far in delivering the Derbyshire Careline Partnership project.***
- 2.2 That the Committee noted the sums allocated towards the legal costs in establishing the governance arrangements of the Derbyshire Careline Partnership.***
- 2.3 That the Committee noted the allocation of monies, as identified from the Housing Revenue Account in the report, to Housing and Community Services dated 9th October 2014.***

The Meeting terminated at 7.35pm

COUNCILLOR P SMITH

CHAIRMAN

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9th September 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs. Farrington (Chairman), Councillor Swann (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs Coe and Mrs Patten.

Labour Group

Councillors Bambrick and Mrs Stuart.

OS/9 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Pearson (Labour Group).

OS/10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ARISING FROM ITEMS ON AGENDA**

The Committee were informed that no declarations of interest from Members of the Council had been received.

OS/11 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 10**

The Committee were informed that no questions from members of the Public had been received.

OS/12 **QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

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

OS/13 **DOMICILIARY DENTAL PROVISION IN DERBYSHIRE**

Laura Burns, Assistant Contracts Manager (Dental & Optoms), North Midlands, NHS England, made a verbal presentation to the Committee, outlining the recent background to dental provision in the County, the current situation in this respect and the challenges being posed by an aging population. Mrs Burns referred to the limited availability of domiciliary visits and the options to facilitate access to dental services. It was confirmed that, due to funding issues, no work had been possible with regard to attracting new dental practices, despite the need to address the requirements of an expanding population, particularly in South Derbyshire.

Queries raised by Councillors relating to housebound patients, waiting lists, costs, visits, facilities at local NHS establishments, dentists practices transferring from NHS to private practice and the redeployment of NHS funds were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 The Committee noted and thanked Mrs Burns for her attendance and presentation.

1.2 That the matter be revisited at the next Committee, to be held in Hilton Village Hall, when Mrs Burns will again attend, hopefully along with her GP services counterpart.

OS/14 **SECTION 106 HEALTH BASED PLANNING CONTRIBUTIONS**

The Planning Services Manager delivered a verbal update on the current situation regarding Section 106 Contributions, reporting that since the recent meeting with NHS England the position had improved, with more take up being recorded in recent planning applications.

The other issue reported to Committee related to the position regarding previously unallocated Section 106 monies. Whilst some funds on the list had now been allocated, a sizeable sum remained. Further letters had this week been issued to the relevant parties and it was hoped that, given the recent improvement in feedback, progress can be made.

RESOLVED:-

1.1 The Committee noted the update on the Section 106 Contributions matter.

1.2 That a letter be sent to the relevant Clinical Commissioning Groups on behalf of the Committee, expressing concern at the lack of provision (health and dental) in areas of the District, also offering help via the Section 106 monies.

Councillor Bambrick left the meeting at 7.05pm.

OS/15 **REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) – QUARTERLY REPORT ON USAGE**

The Director of Community and Planning Services outlined the report, emphasizing that whilst the Council has the option to use such powers, it seldom does, but is still required to submit a quarterly Nil report.

RESOLVED:-

That the internal report on the Council's use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 be noted.

OS/16 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

The Chair suggested two amendments to the Committee Work Programme;

- 1) To replace the Rent Arrears topic scheduled for December 2015 with Council Tax Arrears, and
- 2) Further to distribution of notes from the meeting scheduled to be held with Sky on 10th September 2015 that the Fibre Optic Works topic be removed from the Committee Work Programme.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee Work Programme be amended accordingly.

The Meeting terminated at 7.15pm.

COUNCILLOR MRS G FARRINGTON

CHAIRMAN

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

SWADLINCOTE

Tuesday 30 June 2015
at Woodville Methodist Church

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor G Rhind (Chairman); Councillors N Atkin; R Coe; Mrs Coe; P Dunn; Mrs Farrington; M Mulgrew; T Southerd; S Swann; S Taylor; N Tilley; and Mrs Wyatt.

F McArdle (Chief Executive); M McKeon (Services Assistant)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Chilton; P Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer)

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

M Gee (Woodville Parish Council); A Jones (Hartshorne Parish Council)

Members of the Public

H Bancroft; J Barnett; M Blockley; S Blockley; R Causer; Z Elliott; P Goldby; S Hyde; J Mackrill; J Moore; A Musgrove (Burton Mail); D Redfern; A Robey; J Robey; J Seaton; D Sharpe; D Smith; B Stuart; P Yates;

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made by the panel.

SA/01 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

SA/02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

SA/03 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair had no announcements to make.

SA/04 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Swadlincote Area Forum held on 27 January 2015 were noted.

SA/05 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Derbyshire County Council Issues:

Forum Liaison Officer reported back on issues raised at the last meeting:

Moira Road, Woodville – potholes – The kerb at the church entrance has been lowered so is now flush with the plateau which should resolve the access issue.

There has been a site meeting regarding the gradient on traffic calming plateaus. The lab have carried out tests and a report has gone to team to establish whether it needs re-profiling – awaiting to hear back further.

Belmont Street, Swadlincote – lamp post cited in footpath adjacent to Belmont Street Club – Has been reported to Street Lighting Team – feedback is awaited.

Hearthcote Road, Swadlincote – surface water flooding near Chiltern Road - The highway gully and chamber at this location has been cleaned and jetted by the maintenance team and tarmac from recent resurfacing works was removed from the gully. Enquiries with the local Highways Inspector have established that they are not aware of any flooding problems since.

Springfield Road Island – loose brickwork – The Highways Inspector for the area reported that the traffic island had been struck by a vehicle previously. Repairs have been carried out to secure the loose brickwork.

Roundabout at Midway fishponds – post holes – there are funds available and work is programmed for late August.

Councillor Trevor Southerd, Derbyshire County Councillor reported back on an issue raised at the last meeting:

Flooding issues at Woodville to be raised at County Council – from a recent meeting it was confirmed that the area is liable for flooding. Since it is on the border with Derbyshire and Leicestershire, there is an agreement that both counties will work together to alleviate the problem.

Councillor P Dunn read an email he had received that morning in respect of this issue saying that “investigations show that the existing drain that should take the water away runs under a nearby industrial unit but is damaged under the

building. Discussions with a nearby landowner are on-going about the possibility of abandoning the damaged drain and installing a new one across his land. It sounds like this may be possible but we need to weigh it up against the feasibility in repairing the existing one.”

South Derbyshire District Council Issues:

Chief Executive reported back on issues raised at the last meeting:

John Street, Swadlincote – assess grassed area and possibility of fencing off – we are currently looking at the whole site around the area as a possible improvement area.

Ward’s Recycling, Woodville – noise monitoring – being monitored and we will report back.

Roundabout at Morrisons – source sponsor – we are in discussions with a local company and are hopefully about two weeks away from reporting on some good news.

East End car park – traffic wardens to monitor car park – SDDC staff have been to the location and meeting with regular users of the car park i.e. the private hire firm who have been very busy at the moment which has caused problems with the public and car parking spaces. Will be calling a meeting with local businesses and the private hire firm to try and resolve issues.

South Street fencing – fence position to be adjusted – work has now been carried out on this issue.

Swadlincote and Newhall Area Forum boundaries – provide a detailed plan – we have commissioned plans on a large/small scale.

SA/06 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Resident raised an issue with St George’s School whose child attends a “wake up/shake up” at 8.40am at the school. The children cannot enter the school until the gates open at 8.40am so there is a long queue of children, on a narrow footpath, outside the school waiting to go in.

Cllr Coe, a school governor from St George’s School said he would be happy to take the issue to the Head Teacher and the other School Governors to see if anything can be done by opening the gates earlier so the school children can wait inside the playground.

ACTION: COUNCILLOR R COE TO DISCUSS WITH THE SCHOOL AND REPORT BACK

Resident complained that Arriva have cut bus services locally due to lack of passenger number and Church Gresley have lost the No 8 bus route through its

area; the National Forest Hopper Route from the top of Swadlincote to Moira has been cut; and also Midland Classic have diverted one of their routes away from Church Gresley. The issue is that this week is “Catch a Bus Week” and there seems to be nobody promoting users to get on public transport. Resident asked if we can look at this at next year’s event to promote the use of public transport.

Resident from South Street, Woodville had a number of concerns:

1. He is in discussions with the Planning department at SDDC over a walk way between South Street and the development at Dovedale Park to try and move the access to where it was originally planned due to fear of danger to pedestrians, cyclists;
2. Young children from Dovedale Park are using the unsurfaced area outside his property as an area to skid with their bikes and the walk way to access the new development. Their actions are breaking up the structure of the stone surface, causing stones to be scattered. Together with speeding vehicles there seems to be large amounts of dust in South Street, and he say, as a resident he is obliged to maintain this surface.
3. A fence has been put in but stops at the walkway and he believes the fence should have continued past the walk way to prevent it being used as a shortcut for deliveries.
4. Plants have been pulled up from border area by local children. Having been in contact with Chris Smith.

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO DISCUSS AND OBTAIN AN UPDATE ON PLANNING ISSUES WITH THE PLANNING TEAM AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ISSUES WITH SAFER SOUTH DERBYSHIRE OFFICER AND REPORT BACK

A resident asked whether a meeting could be arranged between residents and the managers at Oaklands Village to discuss a large number of issues the residents are having surrounding the building with parking, anti-social behaviour, late night noise etc.

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE TO DISCUSS WITH DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND REQUEST A MEETING BE CALLED

Councillor Taylor reported on issues surrounding Sky contractors and their recent activities when putting in telegraph poles in the area. Councillor Taylor’s concern was the way in which the workers were leaving gaps in trenches of between 3-4 inches deep causing a danger to the public. He has reported this to Derbyshire County Council and forwarded photographs and believes it has been passed on.

Cllr Dunn circulated a 2 page document in relation to SKY Broadband – Swadlincote Area detailing the background of installing a faster broadband; proposals in the area, compliance and current issues. Cllr Dunn said Sky Broadband presented to Derbyshire County Council an outline of their proposals and when they were asked if they were going to inform residents they said they did not have to but would notify people but residents do not recall being notified. Cllr Dunn said there are a couple of complaints DCC are looking into but there's very little generally they can do about this matter. Issues need to be raised directly with SKY or Hollybox.

Councillor Mrs L Chilton said there are lots of issues surrounding this and SKY have a statutory undertaking under government contract to undertake works within the area. She has a number of constituents who have encountered problems on various issues. There really isn't a lot we can do but people are working on this issue.

A resident said the big issue they have is the way SKY are delivering these works and under the Code of Practice it clearly states that they should use shared existing infrastructure when it is available and appropriate rather than putting up new poles adjacent to existing poles. SKY has a legal right to consult with local residents and adopt their views. There have been no communications with residents. The matter is being taken up with Heather Wheeler who is in discussions with SKY and the residents have submitted a petition to the County Council. The resident asked for support from the County Council to do all it can.

The general consensus from residents is that they are not happy with the lack of communication from SKY regarding works in their area and also the work and the way it is undertaken by the contractors. Heather Wheeler, MP for South Derbyshire has taken up the issue along with the County Council.

Councillor Mrs K Coe reported that she and Councillor Mrs Farrington have been trying to set up a public meeting with a representative from SKY to come along and talk about issues. After ignored correspondence Cllr Mrs K Coe received an email from the Programme Director to say there was no way that anyone from SKY would come out and talk at a public meeting and they will deal with every case as an individual case. The email was fairly lengthy and invited anyone to view it to see her after the meeting.

The Area Forum Liaison Officer said the only powers to intervene with these works by SKY is when there is a road safety element so very limited on what can be done. Several issues have been taken up with SKY within the area. Highways Inspector can monitor what is happening.

A resident discussed a recycling plant in Woodville with their long operating hours, seven days a week and the dust that is produced by the plant in the heart of a residential area. Can we bring them to task? The Chief Executive said we have the ability to take action where an offence has been committed.

Councillor Tilley asked whether the Chief Executive could look into sports facilities across the district. He said some of them are tired and in poor condition and now Green Bank Leisure Centre have lost the squash courts facilities. He said he feels, as a district, we are lagging behind others in terms of sporting facilities.

The Chief Executive replied to say he was just coming to that with his announcements and that the South Derbyshire's Sport, Recreation, Community facility strategy is a strategy for the future provision of built community facilities, including formal open space and play is being developed. The Strategy will aim to provide a plan for the provision of community infrastructure for the growing population, building on the significant progress made in recent years. Parish Councils and Community groups will be consulted and a workshop will be held in September to allow more in depth discussion with stakeholders. The Chief Executive said he will be meeting with his members in September and will be discussing this in further detail.

The Chief Executive was asked about the Swadlincote Regeneration Route and what the status of the Route is within the area. His reply was that the Council is bidding for money from growth funds in Europe and is very close to achieving an outcome. Residents have been consulted and a planning application will come forward this summer from the County Council. There will be a considerable amount of money put into facilitating the project and hopefully, by the end of the Summer, it could become a reality.

SA/07 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None.

SA/08 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Chief Executive reported on:

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Councillor Neil Atkin, Chairman for South Derbyshire District Council, gave an introduction to the Chairman's office and ways he can help within the district. The Chairman's theme for the civic year is called "Unsung Heroes in the Community".

SA/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance – a date will be confirmed in due course for the next meeting.

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CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30pm

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

ETWALL

1st July 2015 at Hilton Village Hall, Hilton

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Andy Billings (Acting Chairman) and Councillors: Neil Atkin, Martyn Ford, David Muller, Mrs Patten and Mrs Plenderith

Frank McArdle - Chief Executive
Ardip Kaur – Legal & Democratic Services Manager
Julie Marson - Clerk

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Patten and Martyn Ford

Paul Jameson (DCC)

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

I.Bennett, N.Ireland (Etwall Parish Council); B.Myring (Etwall Neighbourhood Watch), C.Hall (Burnaston Neighbourhood Watch); S Cooper (Hilton Parish Council)

EA/1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Brown and Andy Roberts

EA/2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

EA/3 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUCEMENTS**

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MEMBERS AND PARISH COUNCIL BRIEFING
2015/16 PROGRAMME

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EA/4 **TO NOTE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 28th January 2015**
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The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

EA/5 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Paul Jameson gave a report back on the issues raised at previous meetings.

REMOVAL OF STREET LIGHTING DERBY ROAD, MARSTON ON DOVE, HOON.

After identifying a highway asset as not being required, DCC monitored the situation for approx. 12 months to see if any reasons emerged to retain it. In this case no reasons were found and the columns were removed.

DCC have an ongoing maintenance liability on anything in the public highways so while there is costs incurred to removing lamps there is also a cost to keep them. Also if anyone was to be involved in a collision with an asset we had identified as not being required – and nothing had been done about removing it the council could be criticised.

The repeater signs were placed in error on this road following the removal of the street lighting. They are to be removed and will be reused elsewhere but this is a low priority.

DIGITAL DERBYSHIRE QUERY

The Broadband Project Manager has said that the service from Devil's Elbow will be available by the end of July. B T is laying Fibre Optic lines in Sutton Lane Etwall at present.

MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Enquiries had been made with DCC's Right of Way Team, following a request at the last forum for an officer to attend to explain the reduced maintenance of public footpaths. In response, the Rights of Way Team have advised that they have had to reduce the number of cuts to vegetation on footpaths as a consequence of a reduction in the budget they receive. There is little more an officer could add by attending the Forum and therefore it is not considered necessary at this time.

Paul Jameson contacted the Councillor who raised the issue to offer to provide feedback on any specific issues relating to public footpaths in the Hatton Area. There has been none received.

**HARTSHORNE ROAD/REPTON ROAD, REPTON-SWADLINCOTE:
CARRIAGEWAY DETERIORATION.**

DCC's Rapid Response Team undertook repairs on 4th February, at the locations as specified at the last meeting. Councillor Ford says no surface dressing has been done at present but it is improved.

EA/6 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Councillor Plenderlith raised the issue about Pot Holes on Welland Road and Alders brook up to the Surgery. They have been reported in the correct way they are square and shallow there is a run of them up to the surgery. DCC are to patch one up in 10 days' time but the others are not due for any works. Why is this the case surely it would be more productive and cost saving to patch up all the potholes in one go as they have all been reported.

Action: Paul Jameson to follow up and report back.

Steve Cooper raised the issue about Street lighting at the bottom end of The Mease has been switched off overnight under the part night lighting programme. However, parish councillors reported that the route attracts a lot of runners and dog walkers; it was also reported that youths have started to congregate under the bridge here. Could a request be made to have the lighting along this stretch turned back on overnight please?

Paul Jameson – We would need very clear justification for turning the lights back on. For example, if there has been a significant increase in night-time crime, anti-social behaviour, etc. As part of the consultation process we will have spoken to the Police who would have flagged up any issues of this nature. The parish councillors advised that they had made a request for these lights to stay on during the consultation but this had been refused.

The noise level on the A50 Etwall to Egginton Road – This is a matter for the Highways Agency as they are responsible for the A38 & A50). Councillor Atkin said that they had a similar issue in his area and he contacted the Highways agency to try and meet a solution.

Action: Cllr Andy Billings to contact Highways Agency and obtain the contact details from Cllr Atkin.

Is there any further information on the Ash Die Back situation within our district?

Action: Julie Marson to contact Martin Buckley – Tree Officer to provide an update on the matter for the next meeting.

The new leaflet that has been distributed by SDDC on the new recycling requirements. The leaflet is quite confusing to members of the public could they be made simpler as to what is meant by 'black plastic'. Also not every resident received a leaflet some bins were not emptied, the tags put on the bins which explains why the bin was not emptied is not clear. The Chief Executive said 'Black Plastic' is the ready meal type plastic and he would ask the team about a more photographic leaflet being produced and to look at the tags and how they can be made clearer.

EA/7 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

Paul Jameson was asked to pass on the thanks from Cllr Ford to those involved in arranging the extension of the 30mph speed limit. The work has been processed very quickly.

Buses parked on the road outside the Swimming Pool in Etwall this is causing ongoing problems, could a layby be put in to help the problem. Cllr Plenderith said that the buses would be more suited to parking in the bus park at the school and for the children to be escorted the short distance back up to the leisure centre.

Action: Paul Jameson to look into layout of the area and to see if there any any feasible solutions. It is also recommended that the District Councillors approach the manager of the Leisure centre to discuss solutions.

Cllr Ford raised the issue in relation to car parking charges to be imposed at Willington Station. It was raised that if charges were imposed people would stop using the station and also people visiting the villages would no longer come.

There is a consultation on line for members of the public to complete.

Reports were received of trees overhanging the entire carriageway on Burnaston Lane. Residents felt that the situation was becoming dangerous and asked that action be taken. It is suspected that the trees are on private land.

EA/8 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

There is a planning application in at present for Dove Valley Park – this shows a picture of recovery, growth and confidence within South Derbyshire.

The Festival of Leisure was held at the end of June and 10,000 people attended. It is the biggest event that SDDC arrange and with a small amount of Officers to organise and facilitate.

Unemployment for the area is at a record low of 0.7%.

A Jobs fair was held at Greenbank Leisure Centre with 74 exhibits aimed at school leavers and was a great success.

A register of electors form will be sent out in the post to all households over the next few weeks.

There will be a Police Crime Commissioner's election held on 5 May next year.

Ardip Kaur, Legal and Democratic Service Manager outlined two Parish Councils, namely Burnaston and Dalbury Lees did not have sufficient Parish Councillors to be quorate. She informed the meeting District Councillors had been appointed to the aforementioned Parish Councils on a temporary basis so that they were quorate and able to transact business. She further advised Notices of Election would be put up in the relevant areas in the next couple of days advising the nomination process would soon commence and individuals interested in undertaking the role of Parish Councillor could contact the Elections Office at the District Council offices in order to obtain the necessary paperwork for completion.

Cllr Patten said that being a Parish Councillor is a good thing to do as they are on the radar and they obtain information. Also they have a voice in planning matters and that people should be encouraged to be put forward for Parish Councillors.

The question was raised as to why Swadlincote had not got a Parish Council. Newhall and Stanton are being petitioned to become a Parish Council but no formal application has been made so far.

EA/9 COUNCILLORS ATKINS INTRODUCTION TO CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

Councillor Atkin addressed the meeting to introduce himself as the new Chairman and how the SDDC Chairman's office can help the residents.

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The Chairman's nominated charities are Rainbows Hospice for Young Adults and Children.
SSAFA – Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Families Association.

EA/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Meeting is Wednesday 11th November 2015

Councillor Andy Billings

ACTING CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.20pm

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

LINTON

15 July 2015 at Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Murray (Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Grant; Mrs Hall and Councillor Wheeler

S Batchelor (Director of Community and Planning); L Brewster (Service Assistant)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

P Jameson (Forum Liaison Officer).

County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs Lauro

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

O & J Pallett and C Wright (Castle Gresley Parish Council); K Bradford & A Lees (Coton in the Elms Parish Council); J Powell (Linton Parish Council); PJ McGibbon & A Stone (Netherseal Parish Council) S Jones (Overseal Parish Council); P Marbrow (Rosliston Parish Council); M Horne (Walton on Trent Parish Council)

Members of the Public

L Grosvenor (Burton Mail)

LA/01 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Heather Wheeler MP

LA/02 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

LA/03 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor Pat Murray introduced himself as the new Chairman of the Linton Area Forum and District Councillor for the Seales Ward.

Councillor Beth Hall was proposed as Vice Chair by Councillor Bob Wheeler and duly seconded by Councillor John Grant.

Councillor Neil Atkin introduced himself as the new Chair of South Derbyshire District Council and outlined his aims for the coming year. He named his theme for the year as Unsung Heroes in the Community.

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In addition, following the meeting, Safer Neighbourhood Wardens visited both Pound Stretcher and B&M stores to seek reductions in the levels of external litter. Verbal requests for action were made to the store managers at both sites and within two weeks significant improvements in the levels of external litter were observed at both sites.

LA/06 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY RESIDENTS**

Discussion followed regarding a County Council Scheme aiming to encourage residents to park off-road. Clearer information regarding the exact costs involved to install dropped kerbs would be helpful to residents. A suggestion was made to convert wide grass verges currently being churned up by vehicles into laybys. The Forum Liaison Officer agreed to clarify the issue next time.

ACTION – Forum Liaison Officer to report back to a future meeting

An empty house in Netherseal has been falling into a state of disrepair for many years since the owner died and his son is in prison. Apparently the property does not appear on the land registry so the District Council has advised that nothing can be done.

ACTION – Stuart Batchelor to investigate any possible action and report back to future meeting

Improved signage regarding width and weight limits is required around the Bailey Bridge in Walton on Trent. Large vehicles have nowhere to turn around resulting in chaos. Discussion followed regarding the timescales involved in building the Walton bypass bridge.

ACTION – Forum Liaison Officer to review the issue and report back to a future meeting

Concerns were expressed regarding the impact of the new housing development and the new Power Station proposed at Drakelow in terms of increased volumes of traffic. The Forum Liaison Officer replied that these issues will have been discussed with the Planning Authority and a traffic impact assessment will have been carried out.

A Planning Enforcement Committee is due to be held at 6.30pm on 14 October 2015 when the plans will be discussed.

Additional concerns were expressed regarding the shortage of school places. A study into this has revealed that it is possible to build onto existing schools.

Continuing issues regarding potholes at Linton Heath and Netherseal were raised. The Forum Liaison Officer asked that any dangerous potholes be reported to the County Council.

LA/07 **COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES**

None

LA/08 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Director of Community & Planning highlighted the forthcoming Summer Play Scheme commencing on 27 July. The Summer Activities 2015 Programme has been widely distributed to all schools in the district and feedback is invited from parishes commending the good work of staff involved.

Posters to advertise the provision in individual parishes have yet to be distributed.

ACTION – Stuart Batchelor to chase up distribution of posters

Discussion continued regarding tackling dog fouling and a request was made to look into enforcing the new anti-social behaviour tools.

ACTION – Stuart Batchelor to refer the matter to the Director of Housing & Environmental Services for advice

LA/09 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 18 November 2015, venue Walton on Trent Village Hall

P MURRAY

CHAIRMAN

The meeting terminated at 8.25 pm

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

NEWHALL

16th July 2015, The Newhall Day Centre

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Bambrick (Chairman)
Councillor Dunn
Councillor Richards
Councillor Mrs Stuart
Councillor Wilkins

Frank McArdle (Chief Executive)
Julie Marson (Clerk)
Nichola Kiddy (SDDC)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Bambrick
Councillor Dunn
Paul Jameson (DCC)

Members of the Public

B Woods; C Maddock; R Hughes; Mr & Mrs Foster; N Cockayne; J Cockayne; J Pass; R House; J Seaton; A Argent; R Trim; A Jones; M Lunn; D Smith; P Bambrick; M Mulgrew; A Omisore (Burton Mail).

NA/1 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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NA/2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Atkin & Pearson; Bill Parker and Mr & Mrs Foy.

NA/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None were declared.

NA/4 **COUNCILLOR ATKINS INTRODUCTION TO CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE**

Councillor Bambrick read out the brief below in Councillor Atkins absence.

The Chairman's theme for the civic year is called 'Unsung Heroes in the Community' and a publicised request for members of the community take some time to consider if any Voluntary group in the district should be acknowledged for their contribution to the community whether they are an individual or company that they believe may deserve some recognition.

The Chairman wishes to attend and support local community events no matter how big and small they are. The office would also like to promote what South Derbyshire has to offer and what it does best.

The Chairman's nominated charities are Rainbows Hospice for Young Adults and Children.

SSAFA – Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Families Association.

All Contact details can be found on the Council's Website.

Councillor Stuart was welcomed to the meeting and thanks given to Mick Mulgrew and Mrs Mead for all the work they have done for the area over the years.

NA/5 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Newhall Area Forum held on the 17th February 2015 were agreed as true and accurate.

NA/6 **REPORT BACK ON ISSUES RAISED AT THE LAST MEETING**

Improved signage on the A511:- Councillor Dunn raised the issue about HGV's on Sandcliffe and Park Road.

PJ – Both the Police and DCC Trading Standards can take action in regard to the offence of contravening weight restrictions. The Police are able to stop

vehicles and issue Fixed Penalty Notices whilst our Trading Standard Officers will normally issue warning letters for first time offenders and will consider prosecuting repeat offenders.

You can report the details to DCC – contact Paul Jameson for details how to do this.

The timing of the signals at the A444/ Park Road junction at Stanton. Traffic engineers have checked on a number of occasions following reports at this forum, where it has been established that the timings are within Department for Transport recommendations.

Speed signs in Dunsmoor Lane and Nether Hall Road. P J is unaware of any requests received for VAS signs on either of these roads; neither of which meet the required criteria.

NA/7 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON ISSUES RAISED BY THE RESIDENTS**

Finance of the Council – in relation to the rebate of £6.20 why wasn't the money transferred back into the Council if we have a short fall.

The decision was made by the Controlling Group of the Council to return the monies to the rate payer as an efficiency discount.

Councillor Dunn said that Labour Members voted against it.

Development at Chestnut Avenue: - Where was the consultation for the positioning of the Play area. The Pavilion has been moved and people were not consulted.

Planning has been approved and it is being built in accordance with the approved plans.

A resident raised the issue about dust from the development. Chief Executive asked for their contact details and he would contact them himself. He also thought it might be a good idea to have a Site Visit with the Developers to have an update on the progress.

Councillor Wilkins raised the issue of the road being blocked by lorries going to the development on numerous occasions and the vibrations these lorries caused. He said there has been no consultation with the builders.

Mr Mulgrew said that the MUGGA had been swapped to the other side of the development but the Community Centre is in the same place.

31 Houses have been sold out of the 61 to be built all but 3 are to local people.

The link to the District Map when will that be up and running: - At present we are experiencing IT problems. Keep trying the website and the map will be up and running ASAP.

Issues were raised with the new recycling leaflet. It was asked why the black trays cannot continue to be put in the green bin as before. They are not recyclable with the rest of the recycling so they need separating.

In Winchester Drive it was raised that Sky Broadband were carrying out works under a Permitted Development Order, without any consultation and people are not receiving replies to letters being sent to the company. The question was raised why could they not go underground like in other areas of the district. Local councillors have received many complaints from residents. Councillor Wilkins says that as individual's you are able to take the company to County Court.

The residents of The Sandlands & Lady Fields stopped Sky from putting Poles in their streets. Each resident parked and refused to move their cars to let them put the poles in the pavement and they have now received an official letter to say they won't be putting any poles in those areas. Councillor Dunn says that DCC have limited powers as this area was chosen as a trial.

The speed humps in Welland Road are breaking up and causing damage to cars.

Action: Paul Jameson to carry out enquiries in regard to any required repair works.

Brambles are encroaching onto the footway along Park Road (B5353), which is reducing the width to as little as 18 inches in places.

Action: Paul Jameson to look into.

In an update on the two Solar Farm Applications off Sunnyside in Newhall, Councillor Bambrick said that they were still under consultation.

Have there been any developments in creating a Combined Authority? The Chief Executive said he is working together with all County Executives to progress a Combined Authority, including all Derbyshire Councils.

Residents asked what is happening with the Willington Power Station Cooling Towers and as it is classed as Brown field is there any chance of the Towers being demolished. Once the Gas Pipe Connection is laid then the land can be developed.

Residents asked what is happening with the new proposed bridge at Walton on Trent. A condition within the Planning consent states that once a limited number of houses have been built they must start works on the bridge before any more can be built.

It was confirmed that the annual Fairground on Newhall Park pay rates to the Council.

NA/8

COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES

The street sign at the bottom of Bretby Road has been defaced. This is not a County Council issue it is dealt with by the District Council.

NA/9 **DISTRICT COUNCIL ISSUES**

The Chief Executive gave a budget update and stated that there will be changes to the Housing Revenue Account due to the Government Budget reductions.

Swadlincote Golf Course Driving Range is to open on Saturday the 18th July at 10.30am. The Golf Course itself will be a pay as you go and privately funded.

Residents raised issues with Street Signs that were rusted and wanted to know if they can be renewed. The Street Signs were for Bakewell Green, Johns Drive and Fairfield Crescent.

Action: Details to be sent to Chief Executive by clerk.

Members and the public thanked Chief Executive for his 40 years working for SDDC.

NA/10 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next Meeting is Wednesday 4th November 2015

Councillor Sean Bambrick

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30 pm

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

REPTON

21 July 2015 2015 at Findern Methodist Church

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Stanton (Chair); Councillor Shepherd; Councillor MacPherson;
Councillor Ford

Mike Haines (Director of Housing & Environmental Services); M McKeon
(Clerk)

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs L Chilton; Forum Liaison Officer

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

H Hall (Findern Footpaths Group); M Goodall (Findern Parish Council); T
Skeith (Repton Parish Council); F Hill (Newton Solney Parish Council); P
Bonnell (Stenson Fields Parish Council);

Members of the Public

J Orme; G Varty; H Foster; A Evans; P Pearson; F Hollway; L Nash

RA/01 **Apologies**

Councillor Chahal; Councillor Davison; Councillor Smith; Parish Councillor
Lisewski; Parish Councillor Fellows.

RA/02 **Declarations of Interest.**

None.

RA/03 **Chairman's Announcements**

South Derbyshire Sport, Recreation, Community facility Strategy

A strategy for the future provision of built community facilities, including formal
open space and play is being developed. The Strategy will aim to provide a
plan for the provision of community infrastructure for the growing population,
building on the significant progress made in recent years. Parish Councils and

Community groups will be consulted and a workshop will be held in September to allow more in depth discussion with stakeholders.

Derbyshire Cycle Plan

The County, City, Districts and a number of other bodies are producing a Plan for Cycling which aims to raise the participation of cycling in the County significantly over the next decade. The consultation process will be promoted from next week via the Derbyshire Sport website and the District Council will host a briefing session for interested parties. A South Derbyshire Action Plan will be developed from that briefing session and will feed into infrastructure development and cycle participation and events.

Members and Parish Council Briefings

Following on from the sessions that were delivered in previous years, a new series of briefing sessions are planned for the coming year starting with Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and Development on 16th September. The full programme of dates will be sent out to parish councils in July.

The Chair read out an 'Introduction to the Chairman's office' from Councillor Neil Atkin who is the Chairmain for South Derbyshire District Council. The theme for this Civic Year is called 'Unsung Heroes in the Community'. Details can be found on the website.

RA/04 To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 February 2015

The minutes were noted as a true and accurate record (by Councillor Shepherd and seconded by Councillor Ford).

RA/05 Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting

Area Forum Liaison Officer (AFLO) reported back on issues raised at last meeting as follows:

Hall Lane, Willington: Visibility Concerns at Junction

The signage 'STOP' and the line have been checked and are in good condition. It may have been refurbished since the last meeting. AFLO said he has been to the area a couple of times recently and both the sign and the line are visible as is the warning sign and the slow markings on Repton Road approaching the Hall Lane junction.

Repton Road, Willington: Zebra Crossing Improvements

Reference was made to the zebra crossing outside the Co-op at Willington. Recent improvements have been made to the facility which included the

replacement of the belisha beacons with LED zebrite halos, with cowlings to restrict light pollution.

The pole on the east side of the crossing (opposite the Co-op) is sited close to the carriageway edge and the cowling has been struck by a high-sided vehicle.

It was the understanding of the Local Member and Parish Council that the proposed improvements included the relocation of the pole to the back edge of the footway and for downlights to be added (Similar to the lighting on the crossing near the doctor's surgery).

AFLO advised that the Project Engineer, who arranged the work, had transferred to another department and was currently on leave. The replacement Engineer is seeking clarification as to what was promised in regard to improvement work for the zebra.

Stenson Road, Stenson Fields: Request for Crossing

A request was made at the last forum for DCC to give consideration to a pedestrian refuge near to the junction with Pilgrim's Way. Residents from the new development have a need to cross here to access the various facilities on Pilgrims Way and it was felt that this would be an alternative to the request for a light-controlled crossing which had been refused.

AFLO advised that the carriageway is of insufficient width at this location to accommodate a pedestrian refuge. A refuge would ideally need to have a width of 2m (to safely accommodate pushchairs, mobility scooters, etc.) whilst maintaining running lanes of 3.5m either side, although this could be reduced to 3m. Effectively, this means that the carriageway width would need to be in the region of 8m for a pedestrian refuge to be a viable option.

The carriageway width at the existing tactile dropped crossing at the junction of Pilgrims Way is roughly 6m, well below the required width.

Councillor Shepherd asked if DCC could reassess the issue and use the wide strip of grass verge to extend the highway, if needed. The problem being that the development is for 500 houses, mainly family homes, and all the facilities i.e. school, public house, shops etc. are located on the eastern side of Stenson Road.

AFLO reiterated that DCC had not categorically rejected the possibility of a light-controlled crossing. Monitoring by officers throughout the construction phase, and early occupation of the new homes, indicated that pedestrian activity falls well below the criteria required to justify a crossing. It remains the intention of DCC to assess pedestrian activity again, on completion of the local developments, so that it can establish whether pedestrian activity has increased sufficiently to justify putting forward a proposal for a light-controlled facility.

Councillor Shepherd referred to page 3, item 27 of the minutes and asked whether there has been a response from Chief Executive to his question regarding the stretch of road on the eastern side, facing on to Stenson Road with no barrier between the road and the grass area. Director of Housing & Environmental Services said he had nothing to report on this but would raise it with the Chief Executive and report back.

Action: Director of Housing & Environmental Services to speak with Chief Executive report back.

RA/06 **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

The Green, Willington: Withdrawal of School Crossing Patrol

A resident made reference to DCC's proposals to remove all School Crossing Patrol Wardens where they currently operate on a zebra or light-controlled crossing facility, as is the case for The Green, Willington.

The resident quoted the recent Cabinet member report of 7 July 2015:

A full and comprehensive assessment of all Derbyshire's current sites was undertaken during 2014. These assessments were conducted in line with the recently updated School Crossing Patrol Guidelines, issued by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), on the SCP service and were used to inform the Council's work in preparing the proposals put forward to Cabinet on 20 January 2015.

The proposed changes to the SCP service, approved by Cabinet to consult on, were as follows:

- 1. That any individual SCP site served by a light-controlled or zebra crossing facility be withdrawn, with effect from the end of the summer term, July 2015.*

However, the resident contested that the RoSPA criteria indicates that far from supporting the withdrawal of the lollipop lady in Willington, the complexity of the traffic flow and street furniture at the B5008/A5132 junction, with its mini islands, the case exists that the crossing point should be controlled by traffic lights.

Newton Road, Newton Solney: Overgrown Footway

A resident reported on overgrown hedgerows that were obstructing the footway, from opposite Bladon House School, back towards Newton Solney.

Frizam's Lane junction Heath Lane, Findern: Overgrown Vegetation

A resident raised concerns that vegetation here is obstructing visibility. Councillor Ford advised that he had already reported the issue at the location on the bridge at Hells Brook.

Heath Lane Jct. Main Street, Findern: Request for Chevrons

It was asked whether chevron boards could be erected at the bend in the road. The boundary wall of the property on the bend has been struck on more than one occasion and it was felt that the chevron boards would highlight the bend in the road better.

AFLO said he met with Councillor Ford on site and said he would look at arranging some speed surveys at either end of the village. There are already measures in place with a bend warning sign in place. There is a criterion that needs to be met on the severity of the bend for chevron boards but DCC will look into this.

Bretby Lane Bretby: Drainage Issues

Cllr Chilton raised the ongoing issue of drainage problems on Bretby Lane and requested an update.

AFLO advised that a scheme has previously been drawn up to alleviate the flooding problems. The first element of the scheme – to reconstruct the outfall and headwall – was completed late last year.

The on-road element of the scheme will need to be funded through the Area Maintenance Care manager's local budget. AFLO has been seeking confirmation from the Care Manager as to whether he will approve funding of the scheme this financial year; the response has been that they are currently considering options. Both AFLO and the officer who designed the scheme have impressed on the Care Manager that the matter has been on-going for several years and a resolution is required.

Action: AFLO will continue to press ahead with the matter to get a response from the Care Manager

Canal Bridge, Willington: Signal Damage

A resident reported that one of the signal poles has been struck and is leaning slightly. The resident confirmed that the signal itself is still working

Footpath by Trent Avenue – part-time lighting at night

A resident asked if anything further has been done about the lighting at this location. Councillor Ford said the Parish Council needs to understand what

the issues are and then to report back to County Council but since AFLO is there, he could take the issue back.

Action: AFLO to report back on this matter

RA/07 **County Council issues.**

No issues.

RA/08 **District Council issues.**

No issues.

RA/09 **Date of Next Meeting.**

To be confirmed in due course.

M STANTON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.10 pm

SOUTH DERBYSHIRE AREA FORUM

MELBOURNE

22nd July 2015 at Shardlow Village Hall

PRESENT:-

District Council Representatives

Councillor Harrison (Chairman) Councillor Watson (Vice Chairman);
Atkin, Hewlett

K Stackhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services);
Sharon Dixon (Clerk).

Derbyshire County Council Representatives

Councillor Mrs L. Chilton, Councillor Davison; N. Bennett; J. Brown,
P. Jameson (Liaison Officer)

Parish Council/Meeting Representatives

L. Collison (Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council); A. Mitchell
(Shardlow & Great Wilne Parish Council); T. Scott (Shardlow & Great
Wilne Parish Council); N. Hawkesworth (Shardlow & Great Wilne
Parish Council); C. Blackmore (Barrow upon Trent Parish Council); A.
Record (Weston on Trent Parish Council) D. Smith (Melbourne Parish
Council); M. Sharp (Melbourne Parish Council)

Members of the Public

Three members of the public were present

MA/1 **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs Coyle.

MA/2 **Declarations of Interest**

None.

MA/3 **Chairman's Announcements**

The **South Derbyshire Sport, Recreation, Community Facility Strategy** – The Chair reported that a strategy for the future provision of built community facilities, including formal open space and play is currently being developed. The Strategy will aim to provide a plan for the provision of community infrastructure for the growing population, building on the significant progress made in recent years. He reported that Parish Councils and Community groups will be consulted and a workshop will be held in September to allow more in depth discussion with stakeholders.

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The **Members and Parish Council Briefings** – the Chair reported that there will be a new series of briefing sessions planned for the coming year, commencing with Sport, Recreation and Open Space Strategy and Development on 16th September. The full programme of dates will be sent out to parish councils in July.

No questions were received relating to the Chair's announcements.

MA/4 **To note the Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th February 2015**

The minutes of the Melbourne Area Forum held on 4th February 2015 were noted as a true and accurate record.

MA/5 **Report back on issues raised at the last Meeting**

The Chair reported on those items raised at the last meeting

1. **Swarkestone Causeway**

A question was asked at the last meeting of whether the fines on the Causeway were graduated and/or how they would be determined.

Fixed penalty fines were given as opposed to graduated one and were dealt with by the Magistrate's Court. Revenue would go back into the central government fund and not to the County Council or Police authority.

MA/6 **Introduction to the Chairman's Office**

The Chair told the meeting that there was an additional item on the agenda.

Councillor Atkin gave an introduction of the District Chairman's office. He brought to the attention of the meeting simple guidelines relating to how precedence works in the district.

He told the meeting that his theme for the civic year is "Unsung Heroes in the Community". He asked if people could take some time to consider if any voluntary group in the district could be acknowledged for their contribution to the community. This could also be on an individual basis.

Councillor Atkins wished the meeting to know that he welcomed any invitations to attend and support any local community events no matter how big or small. A policy is in place to pay towards the cost of tickets to attend events and functions unless otherwise stated. He also welcomes any contributions and support towards his two nominated charities; Rainbow Hospice for Young Adults and Children and SSAFA (Soldiers, Sailors, Airman, Families Association).

Councillor Atkin can be contacted via Julie Titterton (Chairman's Office) Tel. 01283 595895 for by email chairsoffice@south-derbys.gov.uk Information can now also be found on the District Council's website.

No questions were received.

MA/7 **Public questions on issues raised by residents**

A resident was concerned about speeding and illegal activities that were taking place on Arleston Lane. She asked whether bollards could be positioned at the top of the lane to stop traffic coming out of Derby and thereby restrict access from the north (A50 junction). She was concerned that it was becoming dangerous for leisure users e.g. horse riders with near misses occurring. N. Bennett said that maybe an order could be imposed on Arleston Lane but he wasn't able to discuss this at the meeting.

N. Hawkesworth asked a question on behalf of the Shardlow Village Hall Management Team. She asked if they could have more than 2 grey/black bins as the excess rubbish is stacked in black bags and provides an attraction for vermin. Also when bags are torn it causes a nuisance by rubbish spreading to surrounding properties in windy weather. She also asked if there would be any extra cost incurred.

Councillor Watson said that he would get an answer for her before the Shardlow and Great Wilne Parish Council meeting the following week.

A question was asked when farmers of South Derbyshire would get a decent cattle market as currently it was too far to travel for a cattle market.

Derby market was due to close in May 2016 and a site off the A50 was suggested as a suitable alternative and thought this could provide the District Council with additional revenue.

The Chair asked if she would contact him after the meeting on this issue.

Councillor Atkins asked if 7.5 tonnes weight of a heavy vehicle was the total actual weight limit for Swarkestone Causeway. He was told that 7.5 tonnes was the maximum permitted weight of a vehicle when fully loaded.

He went on to ask about what happens to the information that the public supply when they record vehicle number plates. He was told that there was need for a legal process to be put in place so that owners of the vehicles in question can be written to. Also there was a necessity to look at exemptions and how they could be put in place relating to agricultural vehicles and agency drivers.

He also expressed concern about the causeway being too narrow to pass safely but was informed that there was no restriction on width only weight. It was advised that drivers should just be sensible. It was a concern that farmers which heavy, wide loads such as combine harvesters should exercise caution when crossing the causeway.

Councillor Watson asked when the enforcement arrangements were in place would it include vehicles from Eire and the EU. PC Brown said there would be certain access to vehicle information in Northern Ireland but it would be very difficult to enforce against foreign vehicles.

Councillor Watson pointed out that the signs on the causeway were incorrect and that the sign Except for Licensed Vehicles was ambiguous and unnecessary as farmers have exemption certificates. PC Brown said that exemption also applies when farmers are travelling from field to field.

Councillor Mrs Chilton reported that all weight restriction signage had been checked from M42/A42. She stated that it was important that all signage was correct as heavy vehicles were unable to turn around if they needed to change their route. Councillor Chilton went on to say that there was a document about weight limits on the Derbyshire County Council website that was very informative. It gave information about prosecutions and other various actions taken. She said that complaints from the general public were going down but offences had increased.

It was suggested that more signage was needed prior to reaching Swarkestone Causeway as there was sympathy for the drivers of heavy goods vehicles who realised they are in the wrong place and cannot turn around. It was suggested that appropriate signage should be placed at Woodville island. PC Brown was in agreement.

A resident of Weston on Trent asked if householders in the village could be supplied with a second brown refuse bin. Councillor Watson said that he would look into it and let her know.

MA/8 **County Council Issues**

Swarkestone Causeway Weight Restriction Enforcement Project

N. Bennett gave an overview of the Swarkestone Causeway Weight Restriction Enforcement Project.

The issue of traffic flows and weight enforcement on the bridge and causeway had been raised. It was questioned whether an automated system could be put in place to effectively monitor the weight of vehicles on the causeway. A lack of resources had so far limited this but a further possibility was being reviewed with the Police.

PC Brown said that the new system needed to be fit for purpose. It was necessary to look how offenders were prosecuted and to also look for any loopholes in the process. He said that the system was a good system with potential provided that everything fitted into place; how to capture offences, how to put resources in place and the need to make sure processes are legally sound.

MA/9 **District Council Issues**

K Stackhouse (Director of Finance and Corporate Services) reported on the following;

Programme of Training Sessions for Parish Councils by SDDC

A number of training sessions for Parish Councils had been developed by South Derbyshire District Council. A training session in Emergency Planning had recently taken place. The feedback given was that the session was good, having been well received by parish council members.

Combined Authority for Derby and Derbyshire

Ten councils in Derby and Derbyshire have made a submission to central government for the establishment of a combined authority for Derby and Derbyshire. The Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive have been asked to take leading roles in the process.

Budget Cuts for Local Authorities

It had recently been confirmed that there would be further cuts to local authority budgets. Funding could be reduced by a worrying 40/45% and that further details would be known about Christmas time. The Council needed to be careful in the meantime to try to lessen the effect on the finances later in the year.

Council Housing Stock

Central government had in recent years given greater flexibility to councils who still had their own housing stock. As a result of this, the Government was allowing councils to increase their own rents, possibly with gradual increases and monies invested back into housing. Unfortunately, the Government had recently announced that local councils should reduce rents, thereby giving SDDC less money to invest on housing stock.

Government Announcement

The Government had announced a new living wage. This would take effect from April 2016 and would be set at £7.20 per hour for employees 25 years and over. It was thought that SDDC did not have many employees that would be affected by this increase but would remain an extra cost to the council.

The Chair asked K. Stackhouse to explain how the budget would offset reductions elsewhere. He replied that many new houses and growth in business would help and that SDDC was fortunate to receive the New Homes Bonus. This is a grant paid by central government to local councils for increasing the number of homes and their use. It is calculated on council tax revenue. The revenue received would go back into service provision.

MA/10 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Meeting is to be arranged in due course.

J. HARRISON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 8.30 pm