

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

28th January 2010

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

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

**Labour Group**

Councillors Mrs. Lane, Rhind, Taylor and Tilley.

**Independent Member**

Councillor Pabla.

**In Attendance**

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

EDS/37. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Mrs. Brown and Watson (Conservative Group).

EDS/38. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 19th November 2009, were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/39. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Timms declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. EDS/44, "Renewal of Stray Dogs Kennelling Contract", as he employed a relative of the owner of the kennels mentioned within the report. Councillor Ford declared a prejudicial interest in Minute No. EDS/45, "Exploring Options for Waste Management Operations", as Chairman of the Derby and Derbyshire Core Waste Strategy Committee.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

EDS/40. **BETTER DESIGN FOR SOUTH DERBYSHIRE**

A report was submitted seeking approval for measures aimed at improving the quality of new build developments in South Derbyshire and to inform Members of the 'Ourplace' initiative that had been developed and was operated by North West Leicestershire District Council.

The Design and Excellence Officer had drawn up a document aimed at developers, which set out a process that should help to achieve high quality design solutions. For residential properties in particular, a mechanism for scoring proposals already existed in the 'Building for Life' scheme. The document, 'Better Design for South Derbyshire', was produced to encourage developers to aim to meet, or if possible, to exceed a score of 14 out of 20 of the criteria used by the 'Building for Life' scheme.

Based upon the 'Building for Life' criteria, North West Leicestershire District Council had developed an award scheme for house builders that would enable potential purchasers to see whether the development would provide an ideal place to live. This scheme was known as 'Ourplace' and had a logo for which a copyright had been secured. North West Leicestershire District Council aimed to recruit other authorities into the scheme in order to provide a consistent approach to assessing developments, and had offered South Derbyshire District Council a free trial membership of the scheme for the first year with an annual fee of around £1,000 thereafter for use of the logo, artwork, the publicity material, and to have details on the 'findourplace' website. It was confirmed that printing costs and future membership would be covered by existing budgets.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That until such time as the principles it contains are formally adopted in the documents included in the Local Development Framework, the document 'Better Design for South Derbyshire' be approved as interim guidance.***
- (2) That the 'Building for Life' Standards be used as a basis for assessing new residential developments of more than 10 dwellings.***
- (3) That South Derbyshire District Council subscribe to the 'Ourplace' initiative, as established by North West Leicestershire District Council.***

EDS/41. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1st OCTOBER to 31st DECEMBER 2009)**

A report was submitted detailing achievements for the quarter ending 31st December 2009, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/2014. The Corporate Plan Action Plan consisted of four main themes, of which this Committee was responsible for actions within the 'Sustainable Growth and Opportunity' theme.

Details on the following were provided in respective appendices:

- Corporate Plan 2009.
- Performance Indicators.
- Financial Performance.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the Council's key achievements and performance for the quarter ending 31st December 2009 be noted.***
- (2) That where performance has failed to achieve the specified target, the response be noted.***
- (3) That the financial performance attached at Appendix C to the report be noted.***

EDS/42. **WORK PROGRAMME**

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

Members requested that a report be added to the work programme illustrating the District Council's policy on the management of listed buildings.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the updated work programme be approved.***
- (2) That a report detailing SDDC's Policy on the Management of Listed Buildings be submitted to the Environmental and Development Services Committee.***

EDS/43. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.***

**RENEWAL OF STRAY DOGS KENNELING CONTRACT (Paragraph 3)**

***Members approved the acceptance of a tender for the provision of the Stray Dog Kennelling Service.***

**EXPLORING OPTIONS FOR WASTE MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS (Paragraph 3)**

***Members authorised the production of a further detailed business case.***

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN

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