

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

30th January 2014

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Roberts (Vice-Chairman), and Councillors Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hall, Jones (substitute for Councillor Ford), Mrs. Patten, and Stanton.

Labour Group

Councillors Frost, Mulgrew, Chahal, Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

In attendance

Councillor Atkin.

EDS/30 **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Ford.

EDS/31 **MINUTES**

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st November 2013 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/32 **DERBY AND DERBYSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY**

A report was submitted on discussions held between Derbyshire County Council, Derby City Council and the eight District and Borough Councils in Derbyshire regarding the establishment of a Joint Committee to deliver economic growth and prosperity across the geographical county of Derbyshire. Members requested, and were provided with further information in relation to the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Committee supports the establishment of a Joint Committee for Economic Prosperity in accordance with the draft terms of reference, working arrangements and rules of procedure as shown in the Annexes to the report, subject to the Council's representatives agreeing to any subsequent amendments that might arise.***

- (2) That the Leader of the Council is appointed as the District Council's representative on the Joint Committee with the Deputy Leader appointed as the substitute representative.***

EDS/33 **TOURISM UPDATE**

A report was submitted which provided an overview of the development of the visitor economy in South Derbyshire, including reporting on proposed changes to the relationship with the Visit Peak District & Derbyshire Destination Management Organisation (DMO) and the associated financial implications in 2013/14 and 2014/15.

Members debated the report and noted it was a promising report endorsing the vision of South Derbyshire going forward.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Committee welcome the emergence of The National Forest as a visitor destination in its own right, reflecting the rapid development of the tourism sector throughout South Derbyshire in recent years.***
- (2) That the Committee endorses the proposals for the funding of the Visit Peak District & Derbyshire Destination Management Organisation for the current year and next year, including the refocusing of activity on the National Forest & Beyond together with business support activities.***

EDS/34 **DRAFT LOCA PLAN CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

A report was submitted which updated Members on the Draft Local Plan Part 1 consultation and set out the timetable for the continued progress of the Local Plan.

It was reported the Council undertook consultation on the Draft Local Plan from September to November 2013, which included a series of 14 public drop-in sessions around the District. The majority of the sessions were well attended with over 550 people having visited the events in order to gain further information about the plan. The most well attended sessions were reported as Mickleover, Etwall and Repton. 1,491 comments were received on the Plan from 368 individuals

Members debated the report and noted concern regarding the number of responses.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Committee notes the contents of the report.***
- (2) That the Committee endorses the revised timetable.***

EDS/35 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the updated work programme.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

EDS/36 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT (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 21st November 2013 were received.

REVIEW OF LAND CHARGES FUNCTION (Paragraph 1)

Members approved the review of the Land Charges function.

P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN