

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

4th October 2007

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Bladen (Chairman), Councillor Ford (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Bale, Mrs. Farrington (substitute for Councillor Watson), Mrs. Hood, Lemmon, Mrs. Patten and Timms.

Labour Group

Councillors Mrs. Gillespie (substitute for Councillor Richards), Mrs. Lane, Southerd, Taylor and Tilley.

In Attendance

Councillors Mrs. Coyle, Harrison and Jones (Conservative Group).

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Watson (Conservative Group) and Councillor Richards (Labour Group).

EDS/20. **DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chief Executive announced that this would be the last Meeting of the Committee that Ian Reid, the Deputy Chief Executive would be attending due to his forthcoming departure from the Council's employment. He thanked him on behalf of all the staff for the professionalism and experience that he had brought to the Authority. The Chairman endorsed these comments and several Members paid tribute to Mr. Reid's service during the past 21 years.

Mr. Reid responded by thanking all Members and Officers who had supported him during his time at the District Council.

EDS/21. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 23rd August 2007 and of the Special Meeting held on 4th September 2007 were taken as read, approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/22. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Southerd declared a prejudicial interest on the agenda item relating to 'Mineral Sites Allocations' (Minute No. EDS/23), due to his role as Planning Chairman at Derbyshire County Council. Councillor Ford declared a personal interest in respect of the same item, as a Member of Derbyshire County Council.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/23. **MINERALS SITES ALLOCATIONS – AGGREGATES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT – PREFERRED OPTION CONSULTATION**

A report was submitted to inform Members of the proposed Minerals Sites Allocations which had been identified as capable of meeting future aggregate

needs within the County, focusing in particular on those proposed allocations that directly affected communities in South Derbyshire.

The Minerals Sites Allocations – Aggregates – Development Plan (MSADPD) had been prepared jointly by the City and County Councils as Minerals Planning Authorities, and covered the areas of the City and County outside the Peak District National Park. It was noted that responses to the MSADPD were required to be submitted to Derbyshire County Council by 12th October 2007.

The plan set out the preferred options for:-

- Ensuring that a sufficient and continuous supply of aggregates could be maintained over the preferred Plan Period to 2019.
- Locating new mineral sites needed to ensure such continuity of the supply over the Plan period.
- Ensuring that the use of recycled and secondary minerals increased over the Plan period in order to reduce reliance on 'land won primary minerals' (those taken from quarries or sand and gravel pits), and reduced the amount of construction and demolition waste sent to landfill.

The three main components of the Minerals Sites Allocations – Aggregates were then considered in detail.

The MSADPD sought to ensure the supply of aggregate materials from Derbyshire for the period 2001-2019. The DPD was required to conform to the Adopted Regional Spatial Strategy which set out, in policy 37, sub-regional aggregate targets for the period 2001-2016. The RSS set out a requirement for Derbyshire to supply 26.5 million tonnes of sand and gravel and 153.7 million tonnes of crushed rock towards regional minerals supply. Recent Government advice had recommended that the Plan period should be extended to cover a ten-year period from the date of adoption of the Plan – which was anticipated to be 2009. As existing regional apportionment figures only covered the period 2001-2016, these had been projected forward to include the period 2017-2019 which meant, in effect, an additional 4.98mt of sand and gravel and 28.83mt of crushed rock would need to be identified.

The location of new minerals sites dealt with specific sites identified for working, including Elvaston, Willington, Swarkestone and Shardlow.

The use of secondary and primary aggregates could provide bulk fill for construction projects in concrete manufacture, road surfacing and the manufacture of lightweight aggregate blocks.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the contents of Derby City Council's and Derbyshire County Council's Draft Minerals Site Allocations – Aggregates – Development Plan Document be noted.***
- (2) That Derbyshire County Council and Derby City Council, in their roles as Minerals Planning Authority (MPA) be informed that:-***
 - The District Council objects to the MPA preferred end date of the Plan being set at 2019, on the grounds that this is arbitrary. Extending the Plan period beyond the scope of existing sub-***

regional minerals apportionments, which currently cover the period 2001-2016 will lead to the allocation of additional sites without a sound understanding of actual future aggregates need.

- ***The District Council strongly objects to any future allocations around Elvaston on environmental and local amenity grounds.***
- ***The District Council supports the continued emphasis on the need to make the best use of recycled and secondary aggregates, provided that the sites are subject to strict environmental safeguards to protect local environments and communities.***

(3) That a request be made for the Minerals Sites Allocation report to be amended to include concerns with regard to the future restoration of land.

EDS/24. HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE

A report was submitted to consider the amendment of the terms of reference of the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee and voting rights for County Council representatives.

Members were advised that the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee was established on 3rd June 2004 with the following delegated powers:-

Swadlincote Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS) Grants

- To deal with all matters relating to the Swadlincote HERS as delegated to South Derbyshire District Council by English Heritage.

Historic Building and Conservation Area Grants (HBCA)

- To determine all applications for grant assistance and requests to start work without prejudice to applications.
- To set grant priorities for the fund at the beginning of each financial year.

The HBCA Grant was funded solely by the District Council. The Swadlincote HERS was jointly funded by the District Council and English Heritage. In its final year 2006/07, when the HERS was at risk because of a shortage of local funding, Derbyshire County Council contributed £10,000, and two County Council Members attended the meetings.

2006/07 was the final year of the HERS and following uncertainty about the future of these schemes, English Heritage launched a new round of grant schemes under the title of 'Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas' (PSiCAs). The County Council agreed to continue its contribution and the District Council made a successful bid for a three-year PSiCA with a budget of £100,000 per annum (English Heritage £50,000, South Derbyshire District Council £40,000, Derbyshire County Council £10,000).

The County Council had requested two representatives on the Sub-Committee with voting rights. It was proposed that the request for voting rights be granted and the terms of reference of the Sub-Committee relating to the Swadlincote scheme be amended, to deal with all matters relating to the Swadlincote PSiCA as delegated to South Derbyshire District Council by English Heritage.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the terms of reference of the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee be changed to reflect the fact that the Swadlincote Heritage Economic Regeneration Scheme (HERS) has now ended and a new grant scheme has been set up under English Heritage's new initiative, Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas (PSiCAs).***
- (2) That Derbyshire County Council be allocated two Members on the Sub-Committee with voting rights, in respect of Swadlincote PSiCA applications.***
- (3) That a representative from the Sharpe's Pottery Heritage and Arts Trust and the Swadlincote and District Chamber of Trade and Commerce continue to be invited to attend Meetings of the Sub-Committee in a non-voting capacity relating to Swadlincote PSiCA applications.***

EDS/25. **HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE – 28TH AUGUST 2007**

RESOLVED:-

That the Open Minutes of the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee Meeting held on 28th August 2007 be received and noted.

EDS/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.

STRATEGIC OPTIONS FOR DELIVERY OF WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES (Paragraph 3)

The Committee approved a one-year extension of the current kerbside recycling service and agreed to pursue options relating to the delivery of the wider waste collection function services in the future.

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN