

RECORD OF OPEN DECISIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

At the Meeting of the Environmental and Development Services Committee held on Thursday, 21st January 2021 the following decisions were taken.

Urgent decisions or those exempt from call-in are indicated in the third column of the table. These decisions cannot be called in and are effective immediately.

All other decisions may be called in until 5.00pm on Friday, 29th January 2021.

A request to call in a decision must be made by at least three Members, including at least one Member of the controlling group. The request must be made in writing to the Chief Executive.

If no request to call in a decision is received within this time limit, then the decision becomes effective immediately.

| <u>Agenda Item No.</u> | <u>OPEN REPORTS</u> | <u>Urgent/ Call-in Exempt</u> |
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| 6. | AGENDA ITEM PICTORIAL WILDFLOWER PLANTING TRIAL-OUTCOMES AND NEXT STEPS | |
| | DECISION: 1.1 The Committee noted the outcome of the pictorial wildflower planting pilot scheme which was undertaken at four locations within the District during 2020. 1.2 The Committee approved the continuation of wildflower planting in the four pilot areas in 2021, adapted to reflect the lessons learned in the initial scheme in 2020. 1.3 The Committee welcomed Derbyshire County Council's agreement for the Council to trial a different mowing regime at four sites and at two "gateways" into the District to encourage indigenous/native wildflowers, under the terms of its Agency Agreement subject to the Committee's approval. 1.4 The Committee endorsed a communications campaign under the banner "First Impressions" for the work on the "gateway" sites into the District. 1.5 The Committee noted that the above work would inform the potential development of a revised specification for its | |

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| | <p><i>Agency Agreement with the County Council in the longer-term.</i></p> <p><i>1.6 The Committee noted that the continuation of the wildflower trial and amendments to highway verge management on the proposed trial and gateway sites would be accommodated within existing budgets. However, should the Committee wish to see a District-wide expansion of the proposed trials in the longer-term then the resource implications of so doing would be the subject of a future report to this Committee and also be referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.</i></p> | |
| 7 | <p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT</p> | |
| | <p>DECISION:</p> <p><i>The Committee noted the content of the Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) and authorised the publication of the document on the Council's website.</i></p> | |
| 8 | <p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u> INTRODUCTION OF PRE-PLANNING APPLICATION CHARGING</p> | |
| | <p>DECISION:</p> <p><i>1.1 The Committee endorsed the proposed Model 2 scheme in Appendix 1 of the report, for charging for planning pre-application advice to be provided by the Planning Service.</i></p> <p><i>1.2 The Committee granted delegated authority to the Head of Planning and Strategic Housing to produce, finalise and refine supporting guidance, detailed fees schedule, required documentation for submissions and application forms to deliver the scheme.</i></p> <p><i>1.3 The Committee agreed that proposals for how the potential income generated by the adoption of pre-application charging could be reinvested in the Planning Service, be the subject of separate reports to Environment and Development Services and Finance and Management Committees.</i></p> | |

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| 9 | <u>AGENDA ITEM</u> REVIEW OF PRIVATE HIRE FEES | |
| | DECISION: 1.1 <i>The Committee approved the proposed fees for private hire drivers, vehicles and operators.</i> 1.2 <i>The Committee agreed that the fees take effect from 1st March 2021.</i> | |
| 10 | <u>AGENDA ITEM</u> ENVIRONMENT POLICY | |
| | DECISION: <i>The Committee approved the revised Environment Policy as per Appendix 1 of the report.</i> | |
| 11. | <u>AGENDA ITEM</u> COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME | |
| | DECISION: <i>That the Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.</i> | |

DATED: Friday, 22nd January 2021, Chief Executive

- 1 Although it is not necessary to use a prescribed form, copies are available from the Chief Executive.
- 2 NOTE – this gives an outline of the committee decision for call-in purposes, but it does not necessarily reflect the final wording for minute purposes.
- 3 Insert both the agenda item number and its heading.