

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

4th June 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

Councillors Southerd, Taylor and Tilley.

EDS/1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors MacPherson, Roberts and Stanton (Conservative Group) and Councillor Chahal (Labour Group).

EDS/2 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on the 5th March 2015 and 9th April 2015 were approved as a true record.

Councillor Taylor referred to Minute No. EDS/101 9th April 2015, stating that the minutes did not refer to the state of paving disrepair within Swadlincote as discussed at the Meeting. Accepted as an amendment to the Minutes.

EDS/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no Declarations of Interest had been received.

EDS/4 **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/5 **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/6 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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

EDS/7 **ROLE OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE**

The Director of Community and Planning Services, the Planning Services Manager and the Planning Policy Manager summarised, in turn, the role of Environmental and Development Services Committee Members in relation to Planning, Building Control, Planning Policy and Economic Development, whilst the Director of Housing and Environmental Services made reference to the Environmental Health and Direct services within his directorate.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/8 **DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA**

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee, drawing attention to the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) regarding supporting the Neighbourhood Planning process and the need to designate the Repton Neighbourhood Area to enable this process.

RESOLVED:

That the Repton Neighbourhood Area be formally designated in accordance with the application from Repton Parish Council.

EDS/9 **LOCAL PLAN PART 1 – FURTHER INFORMATION**

The Planning Policy Manager delivered her update report on the Local Plan Part 1 to Committee, outlining the next steps to be taken to progress matters.

Queries raised by Members relating to progress with Derby City and Amber Valley Borough Council's, as well as potential methods of fostering progress were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:

That Members noted the update report.

EDS/10 **PROMOTION OF KERBSIDE RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING COLLECTIONS**

The Direct Services Manager presented the report to Committee.

Queries raised by Members regarding the promotional content, appropriate recycling materials, the rejected bin rate, roadshow locations and other methods of promotion were noted and responded to.

RESOLVED:

That the communication plan and associated costs for promotion of the kerbside recycling and composting collection schemes be approved, to be undertaken through June / July 2015, including additional promotional locations in Swadlincote and Melbourne.

EDS/11 PROPOSED PERMANENT DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO.3 (PART) IN KINGS NEWTON (PARISH OF MELBOURNE)

The Planning Services Manager delivered the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That an Order be made under Section 257 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 in respect of the Proposed Permanent Diversion of Public Footpath No.3 (Part) in Kings Newton (Parish of Melbourne); and***
- 2) That the subsequent confirmation of the Order be agreed in the event of there being no objections received during the formal consultation stage.***

EDS/12 PLANNING CODE OF GOOD PRACTICE

The Director of Community and Planning Services presented the report to Committee.

Comments regarding the wording of the Code in respect of official site visits, the availability of Members in full time employment and private site visits were noted.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the wording of paragraph 7 of the proposed Planning Code of Good Practice relating to site visits be delegated to the Director of Community and Planning Services and the Chairman of the Environment and Development Services Committee for determination.***
- 2) That, upon approval of the aforesaid wording, that the proposed Planning Code of Good Practice be recommended for approval at Council.***

EDS/13 CORPORATE PLAN 2009-15: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT YEAR END REPORT 2014/15

The Director of Community and Planning Services and the Director of Housing and Environmental Services jointly presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:

That progress against the performance targets be considered and approved.

EDS/14 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

RESOLVED:

That the updated work programme be considered and approved.

EDS/15 **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 9th April 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.

REVIEW OF LAND CHARGES FUNCTION

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the following change to the restructure of the Land Charges Team within the Finance and Corporate Services Directorate be recommended to the Finance and Management Committee.*
- 2) That the current part time post of Land Charges Assistant (18.5 hours) is increased to a full time post (37 hours) upon the retirement of the current post holder.*
- 3) That guidance on organisational change to be followed to implement this change that includes formal consultation with employees and Trade Union representatives.*

- 4) That, owing to the exigencies of the service, any adjustments to the dates as outlined in the report is delegated to the Director of Finance and Corporate Services in consultation with the Chief Executive, Leader of the Council, Leader of the Opposition and Chairman of the appropriate Committees.**
- 5) That the timescales and actions outlined in the report for the completion of the review are approved in principle.**
- 6) That the grades of any existing or new posts are subject to the Council's Pay and Grading Review.**

The meeting terminated at 7.15pm

COUNCILLOR P WATSON

CHAIRMAN