
REPORT TO:	Environmental & Development Services Committee (Special)	AGENDA ITEM: 6
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SUBJECT:	Derbyshire County Council consultation on Draft Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan	REF: KB
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: EDS 17

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chairman, be authorised to issue a response to the draft Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan reflecting the views of this Committee to include the following points:

- Support for the draft Plan in principle as a helpful guide to the County Council's priorities for infrastructure;
- A request that Derbyshire County Council specifically include additional infrastructure items which are important to the sustainable development of South Derbyshire including a bypass at Hatton, flood management and alleviation measures at Egginton, Ambaston and Shardlow in particular, provision of an additional household waste recycling facility and retention of existing recycling facilities and any other items agreed at this Committee;
- A commitment be sought for a periodic review of the Infrastructure Plan to incorporate any new priorities which may emerge in South Derbyshire;
- Making clear that the District Council will only seek developer contributions via Community Infrastructure Levy and/or s.106 for items set out in the Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan having regard to the need to also fund other types of infrastructure, and overall development viability. In particular, it is unrealistic to expect a new secondary school to be funded solely through a South Derbyshire CIL;
- Requesting that the draft Plan be amended to exclude unhelpful references to growth targets currently set out in the East Midlands Regional Plan, given the Government's stated intentions for its abolition;
- Any other points agreed by this Committee.

2.0 Detail

2.1 Members will know that the draft Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan was considered by Environmental and Development Services Committee on 1st March 2012. The report can be viewed via the following link: <http://cmis.south-derbys.gov.uk/CmisWebPublic/Binary.ashx?Document=13428>

2.2 Members expressed concern over the process and content of the draft Plan and accordingly resolved the following:

“That, in relation to the Draft Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan, Members feel that the consultation process is insufficient and request that a meeting be arranged between Derbyshire County Council Officers and Members of the Environmental and Development Services Committee to explain the process and criteria for this document. The wording of the letter to be delegated to the Head of Community and Planning Services in consultation with the Chairman of Environmental and Development Services Committee. A copy of this letter be sent to all Members of this Committee”.

2.3 Derbyshire County Council subsequently agreed to such a meeting which has been scheduled to take place immediately before this Special Committee.

2.4 The deadline for responding to the consultation was 13 March. However, the County Council have agreed an extension to accept this Authority’s response following this Special Committee. It is therefore being recommended that a response be formulated by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman of this Committee to reflect members’ concerns. This is likely to include, as a minimum, itemising infrastructure items which appear to be missing from the draft Plan, a commitment to a periodic review of the Plan to reflect any changing priorities in South Derbyshire and any other matters which this Committee may resolve.

2.5 It is also recommended that the response should reflect the substantive recommendations from the EDS Committee of 1st March 2012, particularly in relation to the need to have regard to overall viability in seeking developer contributions through s106 or Community Infrastructure Levy in South Derbyshire.

3.0 Financial Implications

3.1 The drafting of a Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan raises questions around the future funding of County Council capital projects. Introducing a CIL in this District would have significant financial implications.

4.0 Corporate Implications

4.1 The Draft Plan and Draft Protocol have implications for the first theme in the Corporate Plan, Sustainable Growth and Opportunity.

5.0 Community Implications

5.1 The Draft Plan and Draft Protocol have implications for the Sustainable Development vision as set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy.

6.0 **Background Papers**

- Draft Derbyshire Infrastructure Plan 2012
- Report to Environmental and Development Services Committee 1st March 2012