

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

19th November 2009

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

Councillors Mrs. Lane, Rhind, Taylor and Tilley.

Independent/Non-Grouped Members

Councillors Mrs. Brown and Pabla.

EDS/27. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Timms (Conservative Group).

EDS/28. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th October 2009 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS29. **LDF ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT APRIL 2008 – MARCH 2009**

A report was submitted requesting Members consider and authorise the submission of the Local Development Framework (LDF) Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) for 2008/09 to the Secretary of State and sought authorisation to revise the Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDF regulations required the submission of an Annual Monitoring Report by 31st December each year. The AMR had two main purposes:

- to review progress in the preparation of the LDF documents against the milestones set out in the Local Development Scheme, and
- to assess the extent to which development plan policies were being successfully implemented through the use of a number of national and local indicators.

The findings of the AMR for the period 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009 were summarised within the report, and attention was also drawn to issues which had arisen since the close of the monitoring period, which would formally be recorded in next year's AMR. Details were provided under the following headings:

- Progress on LDF documents. – the Local Development Scheme 2008/09.
- Policy Performance.

In addition, the key trends in employment and housing development over the monitored year were also summarised within the report.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the contents of the LDF Annual Monitoring Report be noted.***
- (2) That the AMR be submitted to the Government Office for the East Midlands before 31st December 2009.***
- (3) That a revised Local Development Scheme, reflecting the new procedures for the preparation of the Local Development Framework documents, be prepared in the first quarter of 2010.***

EDS/30. **SALIX INTEREST FREE LOAN FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

A report was submitted advising Members that it was proposed to access Salix Finance, Central Government funded, interest free loans to improve and install high efficiency lighting, voltage optimisation technology, and valve and flange insulation to reduce electricity consumption.

The Department for Energy and Climate Change provided a loan fund to help public bodies in England such as schools, hospitals and councils cut their carbon emissions and reduce their energy consumption. The funding was being administered by Salix Finance, an independent company funded by the Carbon Trust which was already working with 128 bodies, including local authorities, NHS Foundation Trusts and further and higher education institutions to reduce their carbon footprint.

To apply for a grant, a Salix spreadsheet must be completed to confirm that the proposed scheme complied with the requirements of the loan, i.e. that it made financial and carbon savings. The finance company then provided 100% of the capital required to install the improvements and nothing was paid back until March 2011, enabling the organisation to reap the financial savings for 12 months. From March 2011, eight repayments would be split evenly over the following four years. The loan and payback period for accepted and assessed projects was designed to enable the organisation to recoup the costs of the projects directly from the savings made. Further details were given on the issues surrounding borrowing this money and tables which covered overall financial analysis and risk analysis were also included within the report.

The Head of Environmental Services confirmed that since the report was written further quotes had been received, which were more advantageous to the District Council, and amended figures would be submitted to the Finance and Management Committee.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the proposal to apply for the interest free loan be accepted in principle.***

- (2) That this item be forwarded to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.**

EDS/31. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1st July – 30th September 2009)**

A report was submitted detailing performance for the quarter ending 30th September 2009 in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2014. The Corporate Plan Action Plan consisted of four main themes, of which this Committee was responsible for actions within the Sustainable Growth and Opportunities theme. Full details were provided in the report. Further information was provided in response to questions, with particular regard to planning and recycling.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the Council's key achievements and performance for the quarter ending 30th September 2009 be noted.**
- (2) That, where performance has failed to achieve the specified target, the response be noted.**
- (3) That the financial performance attached at Appendix C to the report be noted.**

EDS/32. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and to review its content where appropriate.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

EDS/33. **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.

THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE (Paragraph 1)

The recommendations as detailed in the report for the restructuring of the Environmental Services, Leisure and Community Development and

Planning Division of the Community Services Directorate were approved in principle.

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN