

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

25th November 2019

OPEN

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Macpherson (Chairman) Councillor Mrs Haines (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs. Brown, Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Patten, and Mrs Wheelton (substituting for Councillor Billings)

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Mrs. Heath, Taylor and Tilley.

EDS/ APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Billings, and Councillor Whittenham. (Conservative Group)

EDS/ MINUTES

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 15th August 2019, were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/ DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

EDS/ 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/ 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/ REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEEEDS/ **CORPORATE PLAN 2016 – 21 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee, explaining that this would be the final report for this particular plan following the approval of the new Corporate Plan (2020 to 2024) by Council on 31st October 2019. The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) highlighted the main areas where improvements are required on the Risk Register.

Following questions from Members regarding the areas for improvement on the Risk Register the Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed the Committee that waste recycling remained a challenge and achieving 50% was difficult. Following an analysis of bin composition there still appears to be a lot of recyclable items in the residual bin. Improvements could be made by introducing weekly food waste collections or reducing the size of the residual waste bin. Lots of ideas were currently being considered to inform the future shape of waste collection services in the District.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee considered progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan.

That the Risk Register and Action Plan for the Committee's services have been reviewed

EDS/ **STAFF TRAVEL PLAN**

The Head of Environmental Services presented the report to the Committee explaining that the plan had been developed using the feedback from the 2018/19 staff survey and the Staff Travel Group set up in the Spring of 2019. The Head of Environmental Services highlighted the main areas of the report and advised the Committee of the predicted costs and savings to deliver the plan over the next five years.

Councillor Fitzpatrick enquired whether staff had been engaged regarding the intention to achieve 70% sustainable travel within the next five years. The Head of Environmental Services informed the Committee that staff had not been involved with the setting of the target but this target would stay agile and with the engagement of staff would be reviewed annually.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the adoption of a Staff Travel Plan 2019-2024 for South Derbyshire District Council (SDDC).

That the Committee approved the adoption of a Staff Travel Action Plan for 2020 to support the delivery of the SDDC Staff Travel Plan.

That the Committee receive a further report outlining the resources required to deliver the Staff Travel Action Plan and other associated environmental activities including Climate Emergency actions

EDS/ **CLIMATE EMERGENCY PLANNING**

The Head of Environmental Services presented the report to the Committee which set out the Council's response to the climate emergency and highlighted the intention to be carbon neutral by 2030 and to be an exemplar for carbon reduction. The Head of Environmental Services also informed Members that this will be reported to the Committee on an annual basis

Councillor Mrs. Brown enquired if there was joint working with other councils and what are the biggest carbon producing elements within the County. The Head of Environmental Services informed Members that a County-wide officers' group has been in place since September 2019 and partnership working will increase over the next year. Members were also told that Leisure Centres, transport and heating of homes are the biggest carbon producing elements, but measures are being considered on how to reduce carbon emissions caused by homes including working with Nottingham City Council to assist with future proofing housing stock.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee noted the progress made since the declaration of a Climate Emergency and approves the proposed approach for developing and delivering a Climate Emergency Action Plan.

EDS/ **LOWES LANE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE PROTECTION ORDER**

The Head of Environmental Services presented the report to the Committee explaining how this tied in with fly-tipping in the area, which has increased despite a range of different techniques that have been used.

Councillor Tilly enquired whether other areas of fly-tipping are also being considered. The Head of Environmental Services informed the Committee that other hotspots were being looked at.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the proposed declaration of a Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) at Lowes Lane, Swarkestone.

EDS/ **LOCAL GREEN SPACES – PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) delivered the report to the Committee outlining the proposed modifications following the Examination in Public in September 2019.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the proposed modifications to the Local Green Spaces Plan and authorises consultation on the proposed modifications.

EDS/ **LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

The Policy Planning Officer (Sustainability) presented the report to the Committee explaining that options regarding the review of the Local Plan have been considered at length and that the Housing Market Area Partners have been fully involved in developing the revised Local Plan for South Derbyshire.

Councillor Tilley fully supported the plan but wanted to be assured that that need of another local authority would not be imposed upon this Council. Members also raised the importance of a Statement of Common Ground and cooperation with other local authorities. The Policy Planning Officer (Sustainability) informed the Committee that cross border issues still needed to be discussed but this would not impact very much on the District's housing stock decisions and housing requirements. The Local Plan will not specify where developments will be but there is due to be a greenbelt review across three districts and constraints to be included within the growth strategy will need to be considered.

RESOLVED

That the Committee endorsed the Council and the authorities comprising the Derby Housing Market Area (HMA) preparation of separate local plans, whilst developing Statements of Common Ground as required.

EDS/ **DRAINAGE AND WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Policy Planning Officer (Sustainability) presented the report to the Committee outlining the proposals by Severn Trent Water to prepare a Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan and the Council's proposed response to Severn Trent Water on the preparation and scope of the Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee authorised the proposed response to Severn Trent Water's (STW) Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan Stakeholder Consultation set out in this main body of this report and this consultation as per Appendix 2 of the report.

That the Committee is aware that a senior officer from STW has been invited to Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 27th November to discuss the Plan and Severn Trent's wider approach to managing drainage and wastewater.

EDS/ **DRAFT STRATEGIC HOUSING AND ECONOMIC LAND AVAILABILITY ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGY CONSULTATION**

The Policy Planning Officer (Sustainability) presented the report to Committee, explaining that the methodology had been drafted in line with Government guidance.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee approved the draft methodology for the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) as per Appendix 1 of the report, for public consultation.

EDS/ **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/47 **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 Meetings held on 15th August 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The meeting terminated at 7.30 pm.

COUNCILLOR MACPHERSON

CHAIRMAN

