

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

6th March 2018

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor MacPherson (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Billings, Mrs Brown, Mrs Coyle (substituting for Councillor Coe), Mrs Hall, Harrison (substituting for Councillor Mrs Patten), Hewlett (substituting for Councillor Roberts) and Wheeler

Labour Group

Councillors Chahal, Dunn, Shepherd (substituting for Councillor Tilley) and Taylor

EDS/90 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Coe, Mrs Patten, Roberts and Watson (Conservative Group) and Councillor Tilley (Labour Group).

EDS/91 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th January 2018 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Councillor Taylor referenced Minute No. EDS/86 relating to a request for information on Hartshorne Conservation Area and updated the Committee that this had been provided by Officers and a report would be submitted to a future committee.

EDS/92 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

EDS/93 **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/94 **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/95 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/96 **CORPORATE PLAN 2016-21: PERFORMANCE REPORT (1 OCT-31 DEC 2017)**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the quarterly report to Committee detailing targets and achievements.

RESOLVED:

Members noted progress against performance targets.

EDS/97 **ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report highlighting details of the Council's use of its powers to take appropriate enforcement action.

Councillor Taylor commented that considering the growth in the District, the number of Neighbourhood Wardens employed by the Council has not been increased in line with this and raised concern regarding staffing resources.

Councillor Billings sought clarification on the total number of fly-tipping and waste offences outlined in the report for 2017-2018. The Director advised that the requested information would be provided to the Member in due course.

RESOLVED:

Members were satisfied that on the basis of the report that the Council is using its regulatory powers in a way proportionate to the demands for all regulatory services it provides.

EDS/98 **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – LICENSING DEPARTMENT**

The Chief Executive presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Dunn queried whether regulations prevented operators increasing fares in bad weather and whether complaints of overcharging had been received by the Licensing Department.

Councillor Shepherd sought clarification on section 3.4 of the report regarding the processing period for applications and questioned whether the statistics included the length of time taken for external agencies to process applications.

The Chief Executive advised that he would liaise with the Licensing department regarding both matters and respond to the Committee in due course.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the performance of the Licensing Department in relation to the Key Performance Indicators.

EDS/99 **DRAKELOW PARK UPDATE**

The Planning Services Manager presented the report to Committee advising of the current status of housing and infrastructure delivery on the Drakelow Park site.

Councillor Taylor was joined by Councillor Dunn in expressing disappointment with the issues raised in the report in relation to the delivery of the bridge and affordable housing and requested review of these matters. The Chief Executive responded advising that meetings with the relevant bodies had been scheduled to address these concerns.

Councillor Wheeler, as local Ward Member, echoed the concerns raised earlier in the meeting and added that the impact on local traffic was another concern.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the update on Drakelow Park provided in response to the request made by the Chairman of the Environmental and Development Services Committee on the 25th January 2018.

EDS/100 **DESIGNATION OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AREA**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the report to Committee.

RESOLVED:

Members approved to formally designate the Hilton, Marston-on-Dove and Hoon Neighbourhood Area in accordance with the application from Hilton Parish Council.

EDS/101 **SWADLINCOTE HERITAGE TRAIL**

The Environmental Development Manager presented the report to Committee.

Councillor Hewlett thanked those involved in preparing and developing this project and was joined by Councillor Dunn in also thanking the County Council for their contribution.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the funding received from the Heritage Lottery Fund in order to complete the Swadlincote Heritage Trail.

EDS/102 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:

Members considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/103 **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 on 25th January 2018 were received.

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.

THE FUTURE OF BUILDING CONTROL (Paragraph 3)

Members approved the recommendation contained in the report.

The meeting terminated at 6.45pm.

COUNCILLOR A MACPHERSON

VICE-CHAIRMAN