

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

5th March 2009

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

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

**Labour Group**

Councillors Mrs. Lane, Rhind, Taylor and Tilley.

**In Attendance**

Councillor Atkin (Conservative Group) and Councillor Richards (Labour Group).

EDS/46. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillor Southerd (Labour Group) and Councillor Mrs. Brown (Independent Member).

EDS/47. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meetings held on 20th November 2008, 6th January and 29th January 2009 were taken as read, approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/48. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Bladen declared a prejudicial interest in Item No. 7 (Derby and Sandiacre Canal) (Minute No. EDS/49), as a Director of the Trust.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

EDS/49. **DERBY AND SANDIACRE CANAL**

A short presentation was delivered by Rob Hartley of the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust on it's current proposals and planned developments.

He advised Members that the project had moved forward considerably in the last year, specifically in regard to two sections, at Spondon and Draycott. He gave further details on the developments proposed at these sites. He also advised that the Derby Arm was currently being considered for development, and there was a design competition being held for this location. He added that, in regard to this development, they had encountered several planning issues, and must now submit further information, including a further flood risk assessment and an environmental impact assessment. He advised that the Trust was exploring commercial use of the Canal, and gave a further update on the River Lights project.

Further to a question, he advised Members that it was very difficult to identify a timescale for completion of the whole project, and they were focusing on delivering the projects at Spondon Mill and Draycott. He also confirmed the current financial position of the Trust.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That £1,000 be contributed to the Derby and Sandiacre Canal Trust in 2008/09.***

(Councillor Bladen left the meeting during the consideration and determination of this item).

EDS/50. **PUBLIC SPEAKING AT DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Members were advised that at its Meeting held on 20th January 2009, the Development Control Committee had considered and approved a report on the public speaking process. A copy of the report and appendices were attached as an Annexe to the report.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the recommendations of the Development Control Committee, dated 20th January 2009 be approved.***

EDS/51. **TOURISM UPDATE**

A report was submitted informing Members of the impact of changes to public sector delivery of tourism services, to outline recent performance of the tourism sector in South Derbyshire, and also to agree a one-year Service Level Agreement for 2008/09, with the Visit Peak District and Derbyshire Destination Management Partnership.

Background information was given on the establishment of Destination Management Partnerships (DMP's), and it was confirmed that a substantial amount of additional funding had been made available and DMP's were required to achieve ambitious targets. The DMP known as Visit Peak District and Derbyshire, was now the official tourism body, and it delivered services previously provided by regional tourist boards. Further detail was given on the funding of DMP's.

The report provided further detail on the National Forest, which was now recognised as an iconic tourism brand, both in the regional tourism strategy and through significant direct investment.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the work that has been undertaken to ensure the sustained growth of the National Forest as a major new visitor destination and brand be noted.***
- (2) That the terms of the current Service Level Agreement with the Visit Peak District and Derbyshire Destination Management Partnership be agreed.***
- (3) That a review of the arrangements for delivery of tourism services in the light of changing circumstances be supported.***

EDS/52. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and to review its content where appropriate. Members requested that a report providing an update on parking enforcement was submitted to this Committee.

**RESOLVED:-**

- (1) That the updated work programme be approved.***
- (2) That a further report be submitted to the Environmental and Development Services Committee providing an update on Parking Enforcement.***

EDS/53. **HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the Minutes of the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee Meetings held on 18th March and 23rd June 2008 be received.***

EDS/54. **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 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.***

**BUILDING CONTROL PARTNERSHIP UPDATE (Paragraph 2)**

***Members received an update on the progress of the formation of a partnership to deliver a joint building control service.***

**RESTRUCTURE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (Paragraph 3)**

***Members approved, in principle, the proposed changes to the structure and posts within Environmental Services.***

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN