

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

6th March 2014

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Roberts (Vice-Chairman), and Councillors Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Hall, Harrison (substitute for Councillor Ford), Mrs. Patten, and Stanton.

Labour Group

Councillors Chahal, Frost, Mulgrew, Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

In attendance

Councillor Richards.

EDS/39 **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Ford.

EDS/40 **MINUTES**

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Special Meeting on held on 9th January 2014 and Ordinary Meeting on 30th January 2014 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/41 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs. Brown declared an interest in Minute No. EDS/46, as a Governor of John Port School, Etwall.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/42 **ADOPTION OF CONDITIONS UNDER THE ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT 1963**

A report was submitted by the Senior Licensing Officer for the committee to approve conditions under the Animal Boarding Establishments Act 1963 in line with model conditions. It was explained that a consultation process had taken place and details of responses were contained in the report.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee approve the conditions contained in Annexes 1 to 4 of the report relating to animal boarding to come into effect upon adoption by Council.

EDS/43 CONTAMINATED LAND INSPECTION REPORT

A report was presented to Members to approve the adoption of the revised Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy. The Officer advised Members of the statutory and policy framework and explained that in 2012 the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) published a revised statutory guidance document. The guidance sought to clarify Part 2a of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and Local Authority responsibility by redefining land categorisation and gearing the regime towards a more targeted approach. It's aimed at reducing the burden on development while still ensuring precautionary approach taken. The officer explained to Members that as a response to the guidance revisions and regulatory amendments South District Council has produced a revised version of its contaminated Land Inspection Strategy which lays out South Derbyshire Council's approach and aims to manage the risks associated with contaminated land. The Officer went on to explain that the changes to the current strategy included land inspection prioritisation and determination process in line with new DEFRA guidance. A determination score based on the Councils current level of land quality understanding will be applied to all land in the district. Land in the district will then be classified on the determination score.

The Officer answered questions from Members.

RESOLVED:-

That Members approve the adoption of the revised Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy.

EDS/44 RATIONALISATION OF WASTE BRING SITES

A report was submitted for members to consider the reduction in the number of recycling centres (bring sites) from the current 83 to 10, which should provide a saving of £50,000, this would help meet the additional costs of the new kerbside recycling scheme. Details of the proposed sites recommended for removal and any current issues surrounding the sites were shown in Appendix A of the report. The report also provided members with an explanation of the impact the new District Wide kerbside recycling 'green bins' scheme has had on the usage of the Councils recycling centres as the service had been received well by residents. From Oct to Jan there was a 13% increase in tonnage from the new recycling scheme.

Members raised various points on whether the tonnage capacity of the retained sites would be adequate, fly tipping and the costs involved, whether the sites being removed were the correct ones and whether information could be provided regarding the tonnage of each site. Members debated the report.

Councillor Taylor proposed an amendment to the recommendation to delay the reduction of recycling centres (bring sites) from 83 to 10 until further information was provided by officers to confirm the tonnage collected at the sites that are proposed to be removed. The amendment was seconded by Councillor Tilley.

Officers confirmed that it would be difficult to provide tonnage for each site as information is currently provided over a number of sites.

Members voted on the amendment to the recommendation which failed.

6.35pm Councillor Richards left the meeting.

RESOLVED:-

That Members approve the reduction in the number of recycling centres (bring sites) from the current 83 sites to 10 sites as listed in Appendix A of the report.

(All Labour Members wished that it be recorded that they had voted against the above resolution)

EDS/45 **PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON DRAFT VISION AND PLAN FOR ELVASTON CASTLE AND ESTATE**

A report was submitted which provided the committee with an overview of the consultation document on the draft vision and plan for Elvaston Castle and Estate. It was reported that the consultation document consisted of three core parts which are the guiding principles, actions and estate materplan, more information was provided on each of these core parts. It was confirmed that the closing date for comments was the 5th March but the National Trust agreed to take account of any comments made at the meeting.

Members welcomed the consultation document and made the following comments, Elvaston Castle is an asset to South Derbyshire they would like to see it remain, prosper and open to the public and it was nice to see it being restored. The proposed free access on foot, cycle or horse was also welcomed. Positive comments were made regarding the structural repairs that have already started including the County Council that have tackled the re-roofing of part of the Castle itself and are preparing to re-roof a further part. Finally Members commented that although the report was silent on new management arrangements it does mention trust funds, which would create opportunities to resolve any problems.

RESOLVED

That the Committee welcomes the consultation document and gives it written support to the vision and proposed strategy outlined in it.

EDS/46 **PRE-SUBMISSION LOCAL PLAN PART 1**

A report was submitted for members to endorse the Pre-Submission Local Plan Part 1 prior to public consultation which included changes from the Draft Local Plan. The next stage of the Local Plan process was explained as the Pre Submission stage which is the final opportunity to comment on the Local Plan before being submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. The report also set out the timetable for the continued progress of the Local Plan.

It was reported that the consultation would include an updated Sustainability Appraisal, Infrastructure Delivery Plan and Consultation Statement for the purposes of undertaking the statutory Pre-Submission public consultation.

The Officer took Members through the report explaining the major changes from the draft local plan to the pre-submission stage, these included Strategy for Growth, Housing, Employment, Sustainable development, Built and Natural Environment and Infrastructure.

Finally it was explained that the local plan is split into two parts. Part 2 will include smaller none strategic housing allocations, detailed heritage and conservation policies, detailed retail policies, Green Belt review of minor changes required, countryside policies and an educational policy for delivering land for a new secondary school. A further report will be brought before the committee in June.

Members Congratulated officers for the work undertaken in producing the report.

Members asked questions of the officers and debated the report.

At 7.55pm Councillor Frost left the meeting.

RESOLVED

- (i) That Members endorse the Pre-Submission Local Plan Part 1, for the purposes of public consultation from 10th March to 22nd April 2014.***
- (ii) That Members delegate authority to the Director of Community and Planning and Chair of this Committee to approve a final public consultation version of the Pre-Submission Local Plan Part 1.***

(All Labour Members wished that it be recorded that they had voted against the above resolution)

EDS/47 **CORPORATE PLAN 2009-14 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT
(1OCTOBER – 31 DECEMBER 2013)**

A report was submitted which detailed achievements for the quarter ending 31st December 2013, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009 – 14.

The Corporate Plan consisted of 4 main themes or priorities, of which this Committee was responsible for 3 outcomes within the sustainable Growth and Opportunity theme. Key projects were highlighted, along with details of activity within the Environmental Services and Community and Planning areas. Details were provided on performance against targets and also targets at risk of failure, along with reasons and any further proposed actions.

RESOLVED:-

(1) That progress and achievements during the period 1st October to 31st December 2013 in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009/14, be noted.

(2) That where progress has failed to achieve the specified target, the adequacy of the remedial action taken be reviewed

EDS/48 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the updated work programme.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

EDS/49 **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th January 2014 were received.

P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN