

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

21st November 2013

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

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

Labour Group

Councillors Frost, Mulgrew, Shepherd (substitute for Councillor Chahal), Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

In attendance

Councillor Atkin.

EDS/17 **APOLOGY**

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

EDS/18 **MINUTES**

The Open and Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd October 2013 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/19 **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Stuart declared a personal interest in Minute No. EDS/21, as he was involved in voluntary work for Sustrans.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/20 **CORPORATE PLAN 2009 – 14: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1st JULY – 30th SEPTEMBER 2013)**

A report was submitted which provided details on progress and achievements during the period 1st July to 30th September 2013, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan 2009 – 2014. Members scrutinised the performance of the Council, making particular reference to any highlighted targets that had not been met and were at risk of failure. Further information was provided on the contaminated land strategy and also on recycling.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) *That progress and achievements for the period 1st July to 30th September 2013, in relation to the Council's Corporate Plan, be noted.*

- (2) That where progress has failed to achieve the specified target the adequacy of the remedial action taken be considered.**

EDS/21 **HS2 PHASE 2 ROUTE CONSULTATION**

A report was submitted which described the preferred route for the eastern leg of the HS2 phase scheme, connecting the West Midlands to Leeds via the East Midlands, including proposals for a station at Toton. It also described the main alternative route that had been considered, which would pass through South Derbyshire, Derby and Amber Valley. It briefly referred to other aspects of the scheme, which included the funding of the project and opportunities which had arisen from the release of capacity in established rail networks. It also proposed a Council response to specific questions posed by HS2 Ltd as part of the consultation exercise, which was summarised within the report.

Members debated the report, and concern was raised on the proposals for an alternative route.

RESOLVED:-

That the responses to the questions posed by HS2 Ltd, as set out in an appendix to the report, be submitted as the Council's response to the consultation exercise.

EDS/22 **REPTON DETAILED AIR QUALITY ASSESSMENT**

The Environmental Health Manager presented a report which advised Members of the outcome of a detailed air quality assessment in Repton.

Under Section 82 of the Environment Act 1995, all local authorities had a duty to undertake a periodic review and assessment of air quality within their administrative boundaries. The most recent assessment was undertaken in 2012, and was the subject of a Committee report on 4th October 2012. The report concluded that air quality across South Derbyshire met statutory standards. However, it also highlighted the possibility that air quality on High Street, Repton might be at risk of not meeting one of the air quality objectives. This report was submitted to DEFRA who accepted all the conclusions and recommendations. Air quality monitoring had been undertaken along High Street, Repton since October 2012, and now that a full year of results were available, it was possible to review the data and use it to model air quality at various locations within the village. The technical report was attached as an appendix to the report.

A full summary of the review and assessment findings was included, and it was reported that nitrogen dioxide at kerbside in Repton was above 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, and that at the window of residential properties in the High Street, it was marginally below 40 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. However the monitoring results showed an unusual trend which had led Officers to question whether the period

October 2012 to September 2013 was representative of typical conditions in Repton. Due to this trend, it was Officers opinion that no action should be taken until this question had been further investigated and resolved.

A detailed assessment report would be submitted to DEFRA in December to comply with the Council's duty under the Environment Act. It was proposed to submit the current report and then to submit a further supplementary report to DEFRA on the completion of a further calendar year of air quality monitoring through 2014.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the contents and conclusions of the Detailed Air Quality Assessment in Repton be approved.***
- (2) That the Environmental Health Manager issue the assessment report to DEFRA in order to meet the Council's statutory duties under the Environment Act 1995.***

EDS/23 **REGULATOR AND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP CHARTER**

A report was submitted which provided Members with a summary of the existing work being undertaken by South Derbyshire's Regulatory Teams to support local business growth, and of the direction of travel being taken to further support growth. Member's approval was also sought for the District Council to become a signatory to the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership Regulator and Business Partnership Charter. Further details were provided on the Partnership with the D2N2 Chamber of Commerce and Derbyshire County Council Trading Standards to provide a pilot health and safety advisory for businesses in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.

Members requested that a further report be submitted to the Committee on completion of the six month pilot scheme.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That South Derbyshire District Council become a signatory to the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership Regulator and Business Partnership Charter.***
- (2) That the proposed partnership with D2N2 Chamber of Commerce and Derbyshire County Council Trading Standards to provide a pilot health and safety advisory service for businesses in Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire be approved.***

EDS/24 **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the updated work programme.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

EDS/25 **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 3rd October 2013 were received.

REVIEW OF LAND CHARGES FUNCTION (Paragraph 1)

Members approved the review of the Land Charges function.

P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN