

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

11th November 2021

OPEN

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Taylor (Chair), Councillor Heath (Vice-Chair)
Councillors, Dunn, Singh and Southerd.

Conservative Group

Councillors Brown, Corbin, Haines, Redfern and Smith.

Independent Group

Councillors MacPherson.

Non-Grouped

Councillor Wheelton

In Attendance

EDS/147 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Fitzpatrick (Independent Group).

EDS/148 MINUTES

To receive the open minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2021 and signed by the Chair.

EDS/149 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

EDS/150 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/151 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.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/152 **CCTV IN PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES POLICY**

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee and explained that it was only voluntary for private hire vehicles to have CCTV and that the Local Government Association (LGA) advice was that strong evidence was required to enable it to be made a mandatory requirement.

Members raised concern that this was not mandatory and enquired whether the public was made aware of how to raise concerns and issues with the Council.

The Senior Licensing Officer informed the Committee that evidence from police and other stakeholders would be collated over the next 12 months and that there was information displayed within the vehicles regarding how to contact the Council along with a QR code that would take them directly to the Council's website.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members noted the report.

1.2 Members approved the active monitoring of complaints and investigations by Licensing Officers with a view to assessing the need for mandatory CCTV in licensed vehicles on an ongoing basis.

EDS/153 **GAMBLING ACT 2005 – STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY**

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the report to the Committee regarding the updated policy following consultation carried out earlier in the year.

Members raised queries regarding responsibility for online gambling and what checks were carried out to ensure that gambling premises and travelling fairs were operating legally.

The Committee was informed that online gambling was managed by the Gambling Commission and that annual inspections were carried out at gambling premises along with random checks of machines used by travelling fairs.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the Council's Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Policy ("the Policy") and Local Area Profile Plan.

EDS/154 **LICENSING SERVICE UPDATE**

The Senior Licensing Officer presented the quarterly update report to the Committee and highlighted the impact of the pandemic on delivery of the service and which services had been resumed.

RESOLVED:

Members noted the content of the report.

EDS/155 **APPROVAL OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT 2021-21**

The Planning Policy Team Leader presented the report to the Committee and noted that new regulations required the publication of Section 106 Agreement funding and how it had been allocated.

Councillor Southerd sought clarification regarding the sharing of Section 106 Agreement funding for education across borders and in particular the proportion of funding linked to a Leicestershire development whose children attend schools in Woodville.

The Planning Policy Team Leader informed the Committee that the authority approving the development looked at the which schools' pupils would attend and that the Section 106 Agreement funding related to the development would be looked into.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) for the 2020-21 financial year.

EDS/156 **CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24 PERFORMANCE REPORT (2021-2022 QUARTER 2 – 1 APRIL TO 30 SEPTEMBER)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and noted that 77% of the key aims were on track and that there were 3 indicators in red, which were household waste collection, keeping residents out of fuel poverty and discharging of planning conditions.

The Head of Operational Services addressed the Committee regarding household waste collection and explained that since the pandemic homeworking had increased and that had impacted on the volume of household waste and that there would be no changes to the household waste collection policy until the new legislation was announced by the government.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) highlighted the reviewed Risk Register and noted that the Section 106 Agreement funding risk had been removed as this risk had been mitigated by the appointment of a new officer who would ensure that S106 monies allocated to the Council would be spent.

RESOLVED:

1.1 The Committee approved progress against performance targets set out in the Corporate Plan 2020 - 2024.

1.2 The Committee reviewed the Risk Register for the Committee's services.

EDS/157 **EMERGING LOCAL PLAN STRATEGY AND APPROVAL OF UPDATED MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP TO PROGRESS THE LOCAL PLAN REVIEW**

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing presented the report to the Committee and informed Members of the work underway and the duty to cooperate with other councils and explained how decisions going forward would be best discussed in a less formal setting in the first instance prior to coming before the Committee.

Members raised queries regarding the relationship with the Joint Advisory and the sharing of its information.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing advised the Committee that the working group would work alongside the Joint Advisory Board on a more informative basis and did not seek to replace it.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) confirmed that the Joint Advisory Board minutes were available on the County Council's website and were, therefore, available to all Councillors. .

The Chair requested that site visits for the group be considered.

The membership of the group was proposed as follows: Councillor Taylor and Councillor Southerd (Labour Group), Councillor Brown and Councillor Haines (Conservative Group), Councillor MacPherson (Independent Group) and Councillor Wheelton (non-grouped).

RESOLVED:

The Committee agreed the membership of the Local Plan Working Group with the proposed political representation of two Labour Members, two Conservative Members, one South Derbyshire Independent Group Member and one Independent.

EDS/158 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to Members.

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/159 **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.

EDS/159 **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 18:55 hours.

COUNCILLOR TAYLOR

CHAIR