

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

28th August 2008

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, Southerd, Taylor and Tilley.

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Brown.

In Attendance

Councillors Mrs. Farrington and Jones (Conservative Group) and Councillors Lane and Richards (Labour Group).

EDS/12. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd June 2008 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/13. **REPORT OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – PUBLIC TRANSPORT REVIEW**

A report was submitted detailing the outcome and findings from a recent Scrutiny Review of Public Transport.

During the 2007/08 Municipal Year, the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme had included a review of public transport. This review area had a very broad scope, and evolved over time, concentrating mainly on Willington Station and the review of franchise arrangements.

Members expressed their disappointment at the lack of consultation that had taken place, due to invited representatives not attending Meetings.

It was requested that a letter be written to all relevant bodies, expressing the concern of the Environmental and Development Services Committee, over the lack of interest from the transport agencies, with regard to participation in consultation, with particular reference to the growing village of Hilton and links with other parts of the District, particularly Etwall, and the reduction in services at Willington Station.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee receives the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's report, following its review of public transport.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**EDS/14. ALBION LANDFILL – APPLICATION TO MODIFY PLANNING OBLIGATION**

Members were informed that an application to modify a planning obligation relating to land at Albion, Moira and Swainspark, Leicester, had been received by Leicestershire County Council, to which a response was required.

It was confirmed that removal of this planning obligation was likely to be a precursor to a planning application to extend the life of the Albion Void Landfill site, which the site owners suggested would not be filled to levels set out in the original planning consent of 1999 to allow the site to be fully remediated.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That it be noted that Leicestershire County Council has received an application to modify the planning obligation relating to the land at Albion, to allow a planning application to extend the working life of the Albion Landfill site.***
- (2) That no objection to this application be lodged, subject to any future planning application for a time extension at this site coming before this Committee for full consideration. This should include, in particular, the proposed revised date for completion of operations and restoration after use.***

EDS/15. DERBY HMA GROWTH POINT – REFRESH OF PROGRAMME OF DEVELOPMENT

A report was submitted advising Members of the need to refresh the Growth Point Programme of Development (PoD), for the Derby Housing Market Area (HMA) for 2008-11, and to approve an indicative list of capital projects in South Derbyshire to be considered for inclusion. In addition, authority was sought to pursue the inclusion of these projects through the Derby HMA Joint Advisory Board (JAB).

An indicative list of capital projects was included as an Annexe to the report, and was recommended to be included for consideration by the JAB at its Meeting on 19th September 2008 and for inclusion in the PoD. It was confirmed that this list reflected schemes to which the Council and its partners were already committed, or otherwise sat closely with the Council's corporate priorities and were related to supporting housing growth. Some of the proposed projects looked to extend schemes being funded in the current year, some were drawn from the pool of projects previously identified and others were new proposals.

Some Members expressed concern over the method used to include some of the schemes on this programme.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the indicative list of capital projects for South Derbyshire be approved and considered for inclusion in the Growth Point Programme of Development in 2009-11.***
- (2) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Committee Chairman, be delegated to pursue the inclusion of these projects through discussion at the Derby Housing Market Area Joint Advisory Board and agree details and amendments to the programme as necessary.***

EDS/16. **WORK PROGRAMME**

A report was submitted requesting the Committee to consider the introduction of a work programme. The work programme would enable Members to discuss and shape future agenda content, whilst ensuring that they received reports in a timely manner, to comply with the statutory and other obligations. A draft work programme was submitted as an Annexe to the report.

Members reported that Dog Control Orders did not appear on this work programme, and that Urban Core Members had not yet been consulted on this matter. The Director of Community Services agreed to look into this, and to ensure that this work was completed.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee adopts a work programme approach to shape agenda content, and that reports are submitted to each Meeting to update the work programme.

EDS/17. **PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT (1st APRIL TO 30th JUNE 2008)**

A report was submitted which detailed performance levels and achievements for the year ending 30th June 2008, in relation to this Committee's contribution to the four key strands of the Council's Performance Management Framework. The detail of the report looked at the key achievements made during the last quarter relating to the Corporate Plan and the Community Strategy Action Plan. Actual/Out turn Performance was reported, along with Best Value Performance Indicators.

A Member asked, where no information had been received on an item, should it be reported as "on target". He felt it would be more accurate if they were reported as neutral. The Head of Community Services agreed to look into this.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That this Committee's key achievements and performance for the quarter ending 30th June 2008 be noted.***
- (2) That Members note where performance had failed to achieve the specified target and accept the responses submitted.***

EDS/18. **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 3rd June 2008 were received.

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN