

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

1st June 2017

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Muller (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Coe, Mrs Hall, Harrison (substituting for Councillor Wheeler), Mrs Patten, Roberts and Tipping

Labour Group

Councillors Dunn, Taylor and Tilley

In attendance

Councillor Mrs Coe (Conservative Group)

EDS/1 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillors Mrs Brown and Wheeler (Conservative Group).

EDS/2 **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th April 2017 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

EDS/4 **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/5 **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.

EDS/6 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEEEDS/7 **KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS – LICENSING DEPARTMENT****RESOLVED:**

Members noted the performance of the Licensing Department in relation to the Key Performance Indicators.

EDS/8 **CORPORATE PLAN 2016-21: PERFORMANCE REPORT (1 JAN – 31 MARCH 2017)****RESOLVED:**

Members noted progress against the performance targets.

EDS/9 **SERVICE PLANS 2017/18**

The Director of Community and Planning Services, the Chief Executive, the Environmental Health Manager and Economic Development Manager each presented elements of the report to Committee.

Members raised queries and comments relating to the Section 106 contribution process, town events such as the Arriva cycle race starts / finishes, empty homes, derelict premises, recycling and food premises hygiene ratings, each responded to by the officers present.

RESOLVED:

Members approved the Service Plans for Community and Planning Services, Housing and Environmental Services and the Chief Executive's Directorate as the basis for service delivery over the period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018.

EDS/10 **SWADLINCOTE TOWN CENTRE GRANT SCHEME**

The Economic Development Manager presented the report to Committee.

Members noted the growing number of charity shops in the town and commented on other options for the site in question, the level of agreement amongst premises owners and timescales for the proposed works, whilst another questioned whether the work equated to effective use of council funds. These matters were addressed by the Chief Executive and Economic Development Manager.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members approved the operation of a new Swadlincote Town Centre Grant Scheme.

1.2 Members approved the Design Brief for No.s 5-15 West Street, Swadlincote.

Abstentions: Councillors Dunn, Taylor and Tilley.

EDS/11 CORPORATE ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY

The Communities Manager presented the report to Committee.

Members raised concerns regarding security at particular sites and work with housing associations on anti-social matters. With regard to the former it was agreed that the matter be referred to the Director of Housing as it constituted a housing matter. In relation to housing associations, assurances were given by the Communities Manager that liaison with housing associations and the police, where required, was ongoing. Issues regarding individual's unwillingness to report matters to either the police or the council were also discussed, although it was felt that further promotion and a new system would assist in this respect.

RESOLVED:

Members approved a new Corporate Anti-Social Behaviour Policy.

EDS/12 DESIGN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT AND AIR QUALITY

The Planning Policy Officer and Environmental Health Manager presented the report to Committee.

Members queried the consultation process, timescales, tree planting guidelines, consultation publicity, the emphasis on property frontage rather than rear garden space and the often inadequate garage widths, all issues that were responded to by the presenting officers. Members also asked that they be kept informed of the consultation periods and locations.

RESOLVED:

1.1 Members approved the revisions to the South Derbyshire Design Supplementary Planning Document to include additional content in relation to air quality and to capture the recommendations from the Environmental and Development Services Committee Meeting held on 26th April 2017.

1.2 Members agreed that a separate Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document is not required.

EDS/13 ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT

The Environmental Health Manager presented the report to Committee.

Members raised issues in relation to waste disposal, householder's duty of care, enforcement outcomes, notice service, police support, additional waste collection services and recycling methods, all addressed by the Environmental Health Manager.

RESOLVED:

Members were satisfied that the Council is using its regulatory powers in a way proportionate to the demands for all regulatory services it provides.

EDS/14 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED:

Members considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/15 **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on the on 26th April 2017 were received.

EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee were informed that no exempt questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The meeting terminated at 7.30pm.

COUNCILLOR P WATSON

CHAIRMAN