

## ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

### PRESENT:-

#### Conservative Group

Councillor Watson (Chairman), Councillor Muller (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin (substituting for Councillor Mrs Brown), Coe, Ford, Hewlett (substituting for Councillor Roberts), Mrs Patten, and Smith (substituting for Councillor Stanton)

#### Labour Group

Councillors Chahal, Shepherd, Taylor and Tilley

#### EDS/92 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Councillor Mrs Brown, Mrs Hall, Roberts and Stanton (Conservative Group).

#### EDS/93 MINUTES

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### EDS/94 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Smith declared a personal and pecuniary interest in relation to Item 7 on the Agenda, by virtue of living on the boundary of one of the green spaces identified in the report and advised that he would neither vote nor take part in the debate. With the agreement of the Committee, the Chairman stated that the Councillor could remain in the Chamber whilst the Item was discussed.

#### EDS/95 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/96 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/97 REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

There were no Overview and Scrutiny Reports to be submitted.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**EDS/98 **LOCAL GREEN SPACES OPTIONS CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to Committee.

Members sought clarification on why some sites had been excluded or were deemed unsuitable within the report. The Planning Policy Officer responded, advising that the consultation process would provide an opportunity for sites to still be nominated for designation provided that sufficient evidence is gathered from the local community to support its inclusion. The Planning Policy Manager explained the importance of evidence for the examination process especially in cases where objections to potential designations had been received.

Some Members raised concerns relating to the consultation process, specifically within urban, unparished areas of the District. The Director of Community and Planning Services addressed this by advising that Area Forums would assist.

The Chairman sought clarification on the length and timing of the consultation process. The Planning Policy Manager responded, advising that in order to increase its impact, the consultation may run in conjunction with other consultations being put to the Committee and commencement would be advised accordingly.

**RESOLVED:**

***Members approved the Local Green Spaces Options document for consultation.***

Abstention: Councillor Smith

EDS/99 **LOCAL DESIGN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT CONSULTATION**

The Design Excellence Officer presented the report to Committee which was welcomed by Members.

Councillor Smith wished for it to be noted that the 18<sup>th</sup> century lock up pictured on page 119 of the report is based in Smisby not Ticknall. The Officer advised that this would be amended.

Councillor Ford sought clarification on the omission of domestic sprinklers in the report. The Officer responded, advising that they would be included in the document.

Councillor Shepherd requested that this document be supplied to developers to encourage understanding of the process. With regards to trees outside residents' properties, the Councillor requested that this document includes a species guidance and also highlighted that safety

needs to be taken into consideration. The Officer responded advising that such matters were included in the community safety section and would be repeated in the report as appropriate.

The Chairman discussed excessive external illumination at night and whether guidelines could be added to this document, particularly in the conservation areas. The Planning Services Manager advised the Committee that the contents of this document could only be effective where the Council has authority.

**RESOLVED:**

***Members approved the South Derbyshire Design Supplementary Planning Document for consultation.***

Councillor Mrs Patten left the Meeting at 6.30pm

EDS/100 **AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT CONSULTATION**

The Planning Policy Manager presented the report to Committee,

**RESOLVED:**

***Members approved the South Derbyshire Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document for consultation.***

EDS/101 **HOUSING WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION**

The Planning Services Manager presented the report to Committee, highlighting the essential questions from the White Paper and outlined where the Council's Local Plan already addressed some of the issues identified; where further clarification would be required. Where the White Paper referred to the disclosure by Planning Authorities of annual figures for development, the Planning Services Manager explained that this would potentially provide clarity when assessing the five-year supply.

It was discussed that the method for arriving at the five-year year supply be made clearer by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) so that this could assist Planning Authorities and developers.

Members welcomed the report from Officers and commented on housing density, off-street parking and monitoring land-banking and extension requests made by developers in a more robust manner. The Planning Services Manager responded advising that comments would be submitted accordingly.

**RESOLVED:**

***Members noted the content of the Housing White Paper and endorsed the comments in respect of specific questions posed in the consultation on the White Paper for submission to the Department of Communities and Local Government.***

EDS/102 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

**RESOLVED:**

*Members considered and approved the updated work programme.*

EDS/103 **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 2<sup>nd</sup> March 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.*

**STRAY DOG COLLECTION AND KENNELING CONTRACT (Paragraph 8)**

*Members approved the recommendation contained in the report.*

**SPATIAL DATA MANAGEMENT AND STAFFING ARRANGEMENTS (Paragraph 2)**

*Members approved the recommendations contained in the report.*

**PLANNING POLICY MANAGER SECONDMENT (Paragraph 2)**

*Members approved the recommendations contained in the report.*

The meeting terminated at 7.20pm.

COUNCILLOR P WATSON

CHAIRMAN