

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

12th August 2021

OPEN

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

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

Conservative Group

Councillors Brown, Corbin, Haines, Redfern and Smith.

Independent Group

Councillors Fitzpatrick and MacPherson

EDS/14 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that no apologies had been received from Members.

EDS/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

EDS/16 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/17 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/18 CORPORATE PLAN 2020-24: PERFORMANCE REPORT (2021-2022 QUARTER 1 – 1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE)**

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) presented the report to the Committee and outlined the overall performance of the 12 measures that were the responsibilities of the Committee to consider and highlighted mitigating actions in relation to the Risk Register

Members requested information for fly-tipping by area and queries were raised regarding the impact of the removal of the freighter service and actions undertaken to reduce the amount of fly-tipping.

The Strategic Directory (Service Delivery) confirmed that information would be provided regarding areas affected by fly-tipping and that there was no local, or national evidence to link fly-tipping with the removal of the freighter service.

The Head of Environmental Services outlined the proactive actions and investigations undertaken to help reduce the amount fly-tipping

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 *That 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.***
- 1.3 *The Committee reviewed the new Risk Register templates following approval at the Audit Sub Committee in June 2021 and noted that they would replace the existing Risk Registers.***

EDS/19 LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY SURVEY 2021

The Head of Operational Services delivered the report to the Committee and outlined the key points of the survey. It was explained that a second local survey undertaken by Keep Britain Tidy would provide a greater overall picture within the District.

Members welcomed the report and raised queries and concerns regarding litter left following recycling collections, litter regarding businesses and litter collection on the A38.

The Head of Operational Services confirmed that recycling operatives had been instructed to pick up recycling spillages and that litter collection on the A38 would be revisited and an update report would be brought to the Committee.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) informed the Committee that the Chief Executive had written to businesses to promote collaborative working against the problem of litter and that the composite list of business would be revisited and updated as necessary. It was noted that enforcement regarding littering was difficult with transient deliveries but confirmed that action would be taken when rubbish being thrown from vehicles was reported.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee noted the content of the Local Environmental Quality Survey report attached at Appendix 1 to the report.***
- 1.2 The Committee approved an additional survey to take place in September/October 2021.***
- 1.3 The Committee agreed future performance information from the Local Environmental Quality Surveys be included within the Corporate Plan Performance Reports.***

EDS/20 **REMOVAL OF RECYCLING CENTRES**

Head of Operational Services presented the report to the Committee and summarised the consultation undertaken. He noted that the biggest objection was the removal of Tetra Pak recycling facilities but explained that some of these had already been removed by the contractor due to the amount of contamination.

Members raised concerns regarding the removal of Tetra Pak and textiles recycling and Councillor Fitzpatrick requested that if charities involved in textile recycling wanted to stay on site, then they should be given the opportunity to do so.

The Head of Operational Services confirmed that Tetra Pak recycling would become part of the kerbside collection in the future as it was expected that the government would make it compulsory within the Environment Bill. It was further clarified that there remained a number of textile sites and clothing banks within the District.

Councillor Smith requested that the positives in report be communicated with residents.

The Strategic Director confirmed that work was underway with the Communications Team.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee noted the outcome of the consultation exercise regarding residents' views on removal of the Council's seven recycling bring sites.***

- 1.2** *That, on the basis of the responses received, the Committee agreed that the Council gives notice to remove all recycling centres provided either directly by the Council or by contractors on behalf of the Council; with the removal to be effective from 1 October 2021.*
- 1.3** *The Committee agreed that the Council publicises all recycling facilities, on the Council website, available to residents of the District.*

EDS/21 **LOCAL PLAN PART 1 – FIVE-YEAR REVIEW**

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing delivered a summary of the report to the Committee and highlighted the requirement to review the Local Plan to ensure that it was fit for purpose, consistent with national policy, secured the delivery of new homes and incorporated changes such as the proposed Freeport

Members raised queries regarding the White Paper, the infrastructure survey and the potential to use brownfield sites.

The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing informed the Committee that the White Paper content would be considered within the consultation document and that the Local Plan would need to be kept in line with any changes to national policy. The Head of Planning and Strategic Housing clarified that National Health Service plans would be taken into account and that a framework would be in place in line with local neighbourhood plans. The Committee was informed that brownfield sites would be considered along with empty retail units.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1** *The Committee considered the assessment of the Local Plan Part 1 set out in Appendix A of the report.*
- 1.2** *The Committee authorised a full review of the adopted Local Plan Part 1.*
- 1.3** *The Committee authorised the inclusion of the Infinity Garden Village (IGV) and Freeport sites for detailed policy consideration as part of the Local Plan review.*
- 1.4** *The Committee agreed that a new Local Development Scheme be produced and brought to a future meeting of the Committee for approval.*

EDS/22 **CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY**

The Environment Protection Officer presented the report to the Committee and explained that the Strategy had been updated to ensure consistency with the adoption of the Council's Climate and Environment Plan.

RESOLVED:

The Committee approved a revised Climate and Environment Strategy (STEMS-07-ST2).

EDS/23 **ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGE POINT INFRASTRUCTURE 2**

The Climate and Environment Officer presented the report to the Committee which related to a bid for funding to support investment in electric vehicle charging infrastructure for those residents with no off street parking facilities. The bid also supported the commitment of the government to ban the sale of new petrol and diesel cars by 2030. The Climate and Environment Officer outlined the three phases of delivery.

Members raised queries regarding the responsibility for on street charging leads and parking facilities that were locked and not accessible to residents.

The Climate and Environment Officer informed the Committee that there was an ongoing debate regarding charging leads but technology was being developed which could potentially remove the use of leads in the future and it was noted that there would be ongoing consultation with Parish Councils regarding residents having access to locked parking facilities where possible.

RESOLVED:

- 1.1 The Committee approved the Electric Vehicle (EV) Charge Point Infrastructure Plan to deliver a phased approach to delivering residential EV charging infrastructure in an equitable way and with due consideration to the geography of South Derbyshire.***
- 1.2 The Committee acknowledged the three phased approach would support the decarbonisation and continued future proofing of the District as the UK transport sector transitions to EV's.***
- 1.3 The Committee welcomed that the EV Charge Point Infrastructure Plan exploits the current external funding opportunity from both the UK Government and third-party partnership. In doing so the Plan represents a further step in bridging the acknowledged gap between available Council funding and the Council's climate neutral ambitions.***

EDS/24 DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT NATIONAL NIGHT FLIGHT POLICY CONSULTATION

The Planning Policy Officer presented the report to the Committee and outlined the proposed Council's stage one consultation response.

Members supported the Council's response and requested that Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the Council's relationship with East Midlands Airport and the impact and mitigations of night flights for local residents.

RESOLVED:

1.1 *The Committee approved that the proposed answers to questions, as set out at Annexe A of the report, be forwarded to the Department for Transport (DfT) as the Council's response to the National Night Flight Policy consultation.*

1.2 *The Committee proposed that Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the Council's relationship with East Midlands Airport and the impact of night flights on affected residents as well as possible mitigations.*

EDS/25 ACTION PLAN FOR NATURE

The Planning and Policy Officer (Sustainability) delivered the report and updated the Committee regarding the work of the Biodiversity Group and noted how the Action Plan for Nature underpinned the Local Plan.

The Strategic Director (Service Delivery) addressed the Committee and explained how the Action Plan for Nature linked with the Council's key plans.

Members supported the wildflower verges and the 10-year tree planting programme and sought clarity regarding the project to reconnects natural flood plains.

The Planning and Policy Officer (Sustainability) informed the Committee that some river channels must be allowed to flood where they should because otherwise, there is the potential for flooding in other areas that were not safe.

RESOLVED:

1.1 *The Committee noted the scope and content of the Action Plan for Nature prepared for the Council by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.*

1.2 *The Committee approved the Action Plan for Nature Work Programme.*

EDS/26 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

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

RESOLVED:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

EDS/27 **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/28 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL UNDERCOUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

The meeting terminated at 19:25 hours.

COUNCILLOR S. TAYLOR

CHAIR