

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

16th April 2009

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, Richards (substitute for Councillor Taylor), Southerd and Tilley.

Independent Member

Councillor Mrs. Brown.

In Attendance

Councillor Harrison (Conservative Group).

EDS/57. **APOLOGY**

An apology for absence from the Meeting was received from Councillor Taylor (Labour Group).

EDS/58. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th March 2009 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

EDS/59. **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

The Chairman advised Members that an additional report had been circulated, which had been accepted as an urgent item and would be considered in Exempt.

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

EDS/60. **THE ENFORCEMENT OF PLANNING CONDITIONS**

At a meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee held on 25th February 2009, it was resolved that the Head of Planning Services submit a report to Environmental and Development Services Committee regarding the department's approach to the enforcement of planning conditions.

A report was submitted detailing the current adopted policy on enforcement priorities. An Enforcement Manual was also published in 2005 to raise awareness of expectations, which was currently being updated.

Further detail was given on the process when a breach of control had been reported. The aim of the policy was to determine the priority for dealing with all enforcement work, in order that resources were best utilised and the most urgent cases dealt with more quickly. It was also confirmed that, similar to most other local authority enforcement teams, it was a reactive service rather

than a proactive one. Further details were given on the current staffing levels of this team.

Further to questions from Members, the Head of Planning Services gave additional information on the 4 or 10-year immunity rules, the categories of untidy sites and the process of serving enforcement notices.

It was also requested that a further report be submitted to the Environmental and Development Services Committee exploring whether South Derbyshire District Council's Enforcement Team was appropriate for the size of the Council.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) That the approach to the enforcement of planning conditions as set out within the report be agreed.***
- (2) That a report be brought to the Environmental and Development Services Committee, exploring whether the District Council's current resources are appropriate for the size of the Council, and are fit for purpose compared to other similar local authorities.***

EDS/61. **HERITAGE GRANTS SUB-COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Heritage Grants Sub-Committee Meeting held on 11th December 2008 be received.

EDS/62. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were asked to consider the updated work programme and to review its content where appropriate.

RESOLVED:-

That the updated work programme be approved.

EDS/63. **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 5th March 2009 were received.

**2010 F1 DONINGTON PARK DRAFT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN AND
DRAFT SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN (Paragraph 3)**

***Member's views were sought on a Draft Traffic Management Plan and
Draft Site Management Plan, relating to the proposed F1 Grand Prix to
be held at Donington Park.***

J. BLADEN

CHAIRMAN