

ENVIRONMENTAL AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE

7th March 2013

PRESENT:-

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Watson (Chairman) and Councillors Atkin (substitute for Councillor Roberts (Vice-Chairman)), Mrs. Brown, Ford, Mrs. Hall and Stanton.

**Labour Group**

Councillors Dunn, Mrs. Heath, Mulgrew (substitute for Councillor Chahal), Stuart, Taylor and Tilley.

EDS/53 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Roberts (Conservative Group) and Chahal (Labour Group).

EDS/54. **MINUTES**

The Open Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th January 2013, and the Open and Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 31st January 2013, were taken as read, approved as true records and signed by the Chairman.

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

EDS/55. **OUR TOWN FIRST**

A report was submitted which sought Members approval to create a mechanism for releasing the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) un-ring fenced grant award of £10,000, to spend on initiatives that were congruent with the Action Plan of the Swadlincote Town Centre Vision and Strategy.

It was reported that the Government had awarded Swadlincote £10,000 under a programme called 'Our Town First'. This Town Team Partner funding aimed to give towns which had produced quality bids for the Portas Pilot Initiative, the opportunity to trial some of the bid proposals, or modify them to take account of other opportunities in town centre management.

Details of the proposed action plan were included within the report, and it was agreed that the Committee delegate sign off of the Town Team Action Plan to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Environmental and Development Services Committee, the Chair of Swadlincote Chamber of Trade and the Chair of South Derbyshire Partnership.

It was requested that Local Members be kept informed of any future proposals or actions.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That proposals for the allocation of the ‘Our Town First’ grant award, for the development of town centre initiatives during the remainder of 2012/13 and 2013/14, be supported, and the future branding of Swadlincote as the ‘Market Town of The National Forest’, be endorsed.***

EDS/56. **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ENFORCEMENT POLICY**

Members were advised of the statutory and policy frameworks necessitating the adoption of an Enforcement Policy. Enclosed as an Annexe to the report was the proposed Enforcement Policy, which ensured the fair and proportionate enforcement of law relating to Environmental Health in South Derbyshire.

Members supported the adoption of this policy, however requested an amendment of paragraph 15.1 to read, “This policy would be fully reviewed every 2 years, minor amendments or changes in law would be amended at the discretion of the Head of Service, in consultation with the Chairman of the Environmental and Development Services Committee”.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That adoption of the revised Enforcement Policy, be approved.***

EDS/57. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the updated work programme.

**RESOLVED:-**

***That the updated work programme be approved.***

P. WATSON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 6.40 p.m.