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Wednesday, 18 October 2023

To All Councillors:

As a Member or Substitute of the **Community & Environment Committee**, please treat this as your summons to attend a meeting on **Thursday, 26 October 2023 at 6.00 pm** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bank Road, Matlock, DE4 3NN**

Yours sincerely,

Paul Wilson
Chief Executive

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Please advise the Democratic Services Team on 01629 761133 or email committee@derbyshiredales.gov.uk of any apologies for absence.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 10)

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3. RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Pages 11 - 26)

To receive the minutes of the following Sub-Committee meetings:

- Local Plan Sub-Committee – 27 September 2023
- Biodiversity Sub-Committee – 13 September 2023

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To enable members of the public to ask questions, express views or present petitions, **IF NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**, (by telephone, in writing or by email) **BY NO LATER THAN 12 NOON OF THE WORKING DAY PRECEDING THE MEETING**. As per Procedural Rule 14.4 at any one meeting no person may submit more than 3 questions and no more than 1 such question may be asked on behalf of one organisation.

5. INTERESTS

Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any interests they may have in subsequent agenda items in accordance with the District Council's Code of Conduct. Those interests are matters that relate to money or that which can be valued in money, affecting the Member, her/his partner, extended family and close friends. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at the time.

6. QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE OF PROCEDURE NUMBER 15

To answer questions from Members who have given the appropriate notice.

7. ASHBOURNE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA ACTION PLAN (Pages 27 - 32)

This report summarises discussions at the first meeting of the Air Quality Action Plan Working Group core group and proposes that further updating reports are provided to future meetings of this Committee.

8. BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN SPECIFICATION (Pages 33 - 44)

The report presents a specialist professional services quotation brief for the approval of Members. The resulting action plan will allow the Council to meet the requirements of the enhanced Biodiversity Duty as set out in the Environment Act 2021. The quotation brief was approved by the Biodiversity Sub-Committee on 13 September 2023.

9. PRIVATE RENTED SECTOR STUDY (Pages 45 - 94)

Derbyshire Dales DC and Amber Valley BC secured a £25,000 grant from the Local Government Association (LGA) and their Housing Advisers Programme at the end of 2021/22. The grant award followed a successful bid for funding to undertake research into the private rented sector across both council areas. Altair were appointed to undertake the research which took place between April 2022 and March 2023. The final report was received prior to the local elections in May, hence the delay in reporting to Members. Altair have put forward several recommendations for Derbyshire Dales DC to consider and these are set out in the report.

Members of the Committee - Councillors Martin Burfoot (Chair), Peter O'Brien (Vice-Chair), Robert Archer, Anthony Bates, Kelda Boothroyd, Matt Buckler, David Chapman,

Peter Dobbs, Marilyn Franks, Gareth Gee, Susan Hobson, Dermot Murphy, Andy Nash, Peter Slack and Steve Wain

Substitutes – Councillors John Bointon, David Burton, Neil Buttle, Nigel Norman Edwards-Walker, Joanne Linthwaite, Simon Ripton, Roger Shelley and Nick Whitehead

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