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## Community & Environment Committee

**Minutes of a Community & Environment Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 7th December, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Martin Burfoot - In the Chair

Councillors: Peter O'Brien, Robert Archer, Anthony Bates, Kelda Boothroyd, Matt Buckler, David Chapman, Peter Dobbs, Marilyn Franks, Gareth Gee, Susan Hobson, Andy Nash, Peter Slack, Steve Wain and Nigel Norman Edwards-Walker

Present as substitute – Councillor(s): Nigel Norman Edwards-Walker

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### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Dermot Murphy

### **246/23 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was moved by Councillor Peter O'Brien, Seconded by Councillor Andy Nash and

### **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 26 October 2023 be approved as a correct record.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

## **247/23 - RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

It was moved by Councillor Peter Slack, seconded by Councillor Matt Buckler and

### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the following Sub-Committee meetings be received:

- Biodiversity Sub-Committee – 24 October 2023

### **Voting**

**13 For**

**00 Against**

**02 Abstained**

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

## **248/23 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

## **249/23 - INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **250/23 - QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO RULE OF PROCEDURE NUMBER 15**

No questions were received.

## **251/23 - DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2023-2026**

The Policy Manager introduced a report which sought Member approval of a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the period covering 2023-26, to be published on the Council's website. It was noted within the report, as a requirement of section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, that local planning authorities prepare an LDS. This sets out the Council's programme for the preparation and adoption of local development documents over a three-year period.

Members were informed that, following changes in legislation, there was no longer a requirement for local planning authorities to specify the timetables for producing other planning documents. However, it was noted within the report that where being prepared, details of such documents and their timetable for preparation should be set out on the Council's website. It was also noted that Local Planning Authorities were encouraged to include within their LDS the details of all other documents which form part of the development plan for the area.

It was moved by Councillor Matt Buckler, seconded by Councillor Kelda Boothroyd and

### **RESOLVED** (unanimously)

1. That the Derbyshire Dales Local Development Scheme 2023-26 as set out in Appendix 1 to this report be approved and brought into immediate effect.

2. That the approved Local Development Scheme be published on the District Council's website as soon as practically possible.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

## **252/23 - ASHBOURNE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA ACTION PLAN AND AIR QUALITY MONITORING**

The Director of Regulatory Services introduced a report which provided a further update in relation to the Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area Action Plan and requested the provision of a supplementary revenue budget for the real time monitoring of a suite of air pollutants.

At the previous meeting of this Committee, the outcomes of the first meeting of the Air Quality Action Plan Working Group core group were discussed. These discussions included the position regarding the inclusion of (following consultation) the public support for a 20-mph zone within the action plan. The potential synergies between the air quality action plan and the ambitions of the Ashbourne Reborn programme were also noted. It was therefore resolved that a further updating report should be submitted to the December meeting of this Committee.

It was moved by Councillor Peter Dobbs, seconded by Councillor Matt Buckler and

### **RESOLVED**

1. That the updates available in relation to the draft Air Quality Action Plan be noted.

**Voting: Unanimous**

2. That a supplementary budget estimate of £10,000 to facilitate a 12-month subscription to Earthsense be recommended to Council for approval.

**Voting: 14 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention**

3. That Derbyshire County Council be formally requested to provide an explanation regarding their opposition to the implementation of a 20mph speed limit zone within Ashbourne Town Centre, given the level of public support expressed during the consultation period.

**Voting: Unanimous**

4. That Derbyshire County Council be formally requested to provide an explanation of their objection to implementation of a weight limit on traffic entering Ashbourne Town Centre via the A515, in order to divert heavy goods traffic.

**Voting: 13 For, 0 Against, 2 Abstentions**

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

**Meeting Closed: 6.56 pm**

**Chairman**