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Wednesday, 31 January 2024

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, 8 February 2024 at 6.00 pm** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bank Road, Matlock, DE4 3NN**

Yours sincerely,

Helen Mitchell
Director of Corporate and Customer Services

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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 - 8)

7 December 2023

3. RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEE MEETINGS (Pages 9 - 16)

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

- Local Plan Sub-Committee – 30 November 2023
- Local Plan Sub-Committee – 20 December 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 AND AIR QUALITY MONITORING (Pages 17 - 26)

This report provides a further update in relation to the Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area Action Plan in respect of the questions raised at the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 7 December 2023 and a warning letter received from DEFRA in respect of the late submission of the Action Plan.

8. DERBYSHIRE DALES CORPORATE PLAN: WORKING GROUPS (Pages 27 - 56)

The report updates Members on progress made by the four Derbyshire Dales Corporate Plan Working Groups, established by Council on 14 December 2023, which are under the remit of this committee.

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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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

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Local Plan Sub-Committee

Minutes of a Local Plan Sub-Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 30th November, 2023 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT

Councillor Peter O'Brien - In the Chair

Councillors: Matt Buckler, Martin Burfoot, Nigel Norman Edwards-Walker, Gareth Gee, Susan Hobson, David Hughes, Lucy Peacock and Roger Shelley

Steve Capes (Director of Regeneration & Policy), Mike Hase (Policy Manager) and Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Robert Archer

227/23 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Roger Shelley, Seconded by Councillor Gareth Gee and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sub-Committee held on 27 September 2023 be approved as a correct record.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

228/23 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Vicky Raynes spoke on behalf of Tansley Parish Council regarding Item 5, Derbyshire Dales Local Plan – Settlement Hierarchy.

18:06 – Councillor Edwards-Walker entered the meeting.

229/23 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

230/23 - LOCAL PLAN POLICY REVIEW

The Policy Manager introduced a report which provided Members with the details of key policy areas that the Local Plan review would seek to address in the future. The report informed Members of the requirement on each local planning authority to complete a review of the local plan every five years, starting from the adoption of the plan. In the case of the Derbyshire Dales, the review was required to be completed no later than December 2022, the commencement of this was formally endorsed by Council in November 2020.

The report informed Members of the work that had been completed to date, including the areas of work completed by consultants in order to ensure that the evidence base which underpinned the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan was up to date. It was noted that following this work a report was considered by Council which detailed the work undertaken and the areas which were determined as requiring modification to set a basis for future decisions on planning applications. A detailed schedule of all policies considered necessary to be revised were set out at appendix 1 to the report.

The key policy areas were summarised at paragraph 2.1 of the report, it was noted that whilst no detailed work had been completed on revisions to the wording of the policies in the Local Plan, given the comprehensive nature of the policy review it was considered that the areas identified remained valid and would continue to form the basis for future work on the Local Plan Policies.

It was moved by Councillor Martin Burfoot, Seconded by Councillor Gareth Gee and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. That the key topic areas as set in Paragraph 2.1, in addition to the topics listed below, be noted.
 - The relationship between development landscaping requirements and biodiversity net gain.
 - The retrofitting of existing properties to advance progression towards net zero goals.
 - Ensuring that infrastructure is adequate to support development, specifically drainage.
 - Ensuring that policies are endorsed and supported by residents, developers, and the planning inspectorate.
 - A clear definition of ‘Thriving and Flourishing Communities’ be established for use in the development of policies.

- That the equalities implications be considered throughout the process of policy development and implementation.
 - Renewable energy generation, at all spatial levels, to support the District in addressing the impacts of climate change.
 - Holiday and second homes, to enable the Local Plan to reflect the introduction in the Levelling Up Act of measures to bring their control within the scope of planning.
2. That future reports be presented to this Sub Committee for consideration, and which set out details of new and revised policy wording for inclusion in the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan review.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

231/23 - DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL PLAN - SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY

18:37 – Councillor Matt Buckler entered the meeting.

The Policy Manager introduced a report which set out the outcomes of work that had been undertaken to review and update information relating to the assessment of the relative roles and functions of mid and lower tier settlements across the plan area and the extent to which they could contribute towards meeting future needs.

The report recommended that Members note the findings of the updated settlement hierarchy assessment and that the contents of the assessment would be used to inform the strategic development framework in the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan. The full Settlement Hierarchy assessment was set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

It was moved by Councillor Lucy Peacock, Seconded by Councillor Matt Buckler and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. That the Sub Committee notes the updated Settlement Hierarchy assessment as set out in Appendix 1.
2. That the evidence from the updated Settlement Hierarchy Assessment be taken into account in the development of a revised strategy and policies for the location and scale of development within the revised Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.
3. That a further report be presented to this Committee which utilises the evidence from the updated Settlement Hierarchy to develop an appropriate strategy for development across the plan area.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

232/23 - DERBY, DERBYSHIRE AND EAST STAFFORDSHIRE GYPSY AND TRAVELLER ACCOMMODATION ASSESSMENT 2023

The Policy Manager introduced a report which provided Members with details of the Derby, Derbyshire and East Staffordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2023.

The report sought Member endorsement for the contents of the assessment which was included at Appendix 1 to the report.

It was noted within the report that the assessment research had made use of several data sources including:

- An online survey and telephone interviews with key stakeholders regarding the accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers, Travelling Showpeople and boat dwellers.
- A review of the secondary information: a review of national and local planning policies and recently undertaken similar assessments, and analysis of secondary data.
- Surveys of Gypsies, Travellers, and Travelling Showpeople, covering a range of issues relating to accommodation and service needs.

It was also noted in the report that this updated evidence base would help the District Council to determine the extent to which Gypsy and Traveller site provision would need to be addressed in the future, through both policies and practical implementation.

It was moved by Councillor Gareth Gee, Seconded by Councillor David Hughes and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. The contents of the Derby, Derbyshire and East Staffordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment 2023 be endorsed.
2. That the contents of the Derby, Derbyshire and East Staffordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment be taken into account in the future review of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.
3. A further report be brought to this Sub Committee which sets out policies and proposals that address the consequences of the Derby, Derbyshire and East Staffordshire Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

233/23 - DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL PLAN - BUSINESS CASE FOR ADDITIONAL STAFFING RESOURCES

The Policy Manager introduced a report which sought Member endorsement for the securing of additional staffing resources for the Planning Policy Team to achieve the Progressive Alliance's 'fresh approach' to the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan review within the timescales required by the Government and approved in the Derbyshire Dales Local Development Scheme 2023-2026.

The report explained how the scope of the Local Plan review had recently been expanded and how the review had been prioritised highly by the leadership of the incoming administration. The current structure of the Planning Policy team was also covered within the report, this showed Members where the proposed additional resource would fit within the existing team and how this would provide the required improvement to resource capacity.

It was moved by Councillor Matt Buckler, Seconded by Councillor Martin Burfoot and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

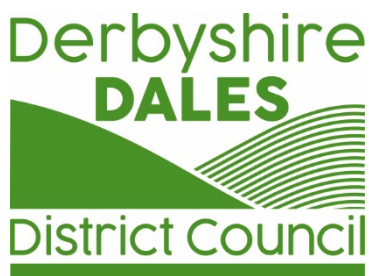
1. That the need for the appointment of additional staff within the Planning Policy team is noted.
2. That the Local Plan Sub Committee supports the appointment of a Principal Planning Policy Officer.
3. That Council be recommended to approve a supplementary revenue budget of £13,922 for 2023/24 for a Principal Planning Policy Officer from 1st January 2024 to 31 March 2024, to be funded from the Revenue Grants Unapplied Reserve, and to note that the estimated annual cost of £55,688 from 1st April 2024 will be built into the Medium-Term Financial Plan, financed from the Neighbourhood Planning Grant and the Custom Build Register Grant, that sit within the Revenue Grants Unapplied Reserve, until exhausted.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 8.07 pm

Chair.

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Local Plan Sub-Committee

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PRESENT

Councillor Peter O'Brien - In the Chair

Councillors: Matt Buckler, Martin Burfoot, Nigel Norman Edwards-Walker, Gareth Gee and Roger Shelley

Nick Ireland (Iceni Projects), Matt Kinghan (Iceni Projects), Steve Capes (Director of Regeneration & Policy), Mike Hase (Policy Manager) and Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Robert Archer, Susan Hobson, David Hughes and Lucy Peacock

284/23 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Gareth Gee, Seconded by Councillor Roger Shelley and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Local Plan Sub-Committee held on 30 November 2023 be approved as a correct record.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

285/23 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

286/23 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

287/23 - DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL PLAN - HOUSING NEEDS UPDATE

Representatives of Icen Projects gave a presentation to Members which covered the outcomes of work completed in producing the updated Housing Needs Assessment (included at Appendix 1 to the report).

The Policy Manager presented to Members a report that summarised the work produced by Icen Projects on updated evidence on housing needs for Derbyshire Dales. This work provided evidence in relation to potential changes in the local housing and economy over the period to 2040. The work provided suggestions about the approach that the District Council should take in relation to the revised Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.

The July meeting of the Local Plan Sub-Committee resolved that an update to the Icen Projects Housing Needs Assessment (HNA) (2021) be commissioned and that the results of that exercise should be reported to a future meeting of this Sub-Committee. Icen Projects were subsequently commissioned to undertake this work in August 2023 and the final draft of the Housing & Employment Land Needs Assessment Update 2023 which as detailed previously, was presented to Members.

Members endorsement was sought for the updated HNA and agreement that the contents of this document would be taken into account in the future review of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.

18:40 – Councillor Martin Burfoot left the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Gareth Gee, seconded by Councillor Matt Buckler and

RESOLVED (unanimously)

1. That the contents of the Icen Projects updated Housing Needs Assessment 2023 be endorsed.
2. That the contents of the Icen Projects updated Housing Needs Assessment 2023 be taken into account in the future review of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan.
3. That a further report be brought to this Sub-Committee which sets out policies and proposals that address the consequences of the Icen Projects updated Housing Needs Assessment 2023.

The Chair declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 7.20 pm

Chair



Agenda Item 7

OPEN REPORT
COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Environment Committee 8 February 2024

Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area Action Plan and Air Quality Monitoring

Report of Director of Regulatory Services

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Wards Affected

Ashbourne North

Report Summary

This report provides a further update in relation to the Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area Action Plan in respect of the questions raised at the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 7 December 2023 and a warning letter received from DEFRA in respect of the late submission of the Action Plan.

Recommendations

1. That the update in relation to the 2 questions for Derbyshire County Council raised by the December meeting of this Committee is noted.
2. That the action to be taken in response to the warning letter from DEFRA is determined by this Committee.

List of Appendices

Appendix 1 – DEFRA Warning letter.

Background Papers

Reports to the Community and Environment Committee – 7 April 2021, 23 June 2021, 17 November 2021, 23 February 2022, 29 June 2022, 1 November 2022, 9 February 2023, 13 July 2023, 7 September 2023, 26 October 2023, 7 December 2023

Consideration of report by Council or other committee

Since the declaration of the Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area in April 2021 a number of updating reports have been considered by the Community and

Environment Committee, as detailed under the Background Papers heading above.

Council Approval Required

No.

Exempt from Press or Public

No

Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area Action Plan and Air Quality Monitoring

1. Background

- 1.1 At the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 26 October 2023 discussions from the first meeting of the Air Quality Action Plan Working Group core group were discussed. It was noted that these discussions included the position regarding actions for inclusion in the action plan following the public consultation, the public support for a 20-mph zone within the town and the potential synergies between the air quality action plan and the ambitions of the Ashbourne Reborn programme. It was resolved that a further updating report should be submitted to the December 2023 meeting of the Community and Environment Committee.
- 1.2 The meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 7 December 2023 resolved:
- That a supplementary budget estimate of £10,000 to facilitate a 12-month subscription to Earthsense be recommended to Council for approval.
 - That Derbyshire County Council be formally requested to provide an explanation regarding their opposition to the implementation of a 20-mph speed limit zone within Ashbourne town centre, given the level of public support expressed during the consultation period; and
 - 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 traffic.
- 1.3 Subsequent to the most recent meeting of the Community and Environment Committee the District Council has also received a warning letter from DEFRA in relation to the late submission of a valid Air Quality Action Plan for the Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area. A copy of this letter is included as appendix 1 to this report and Members are asked to consider how they would like the District Council to respond.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 As noted in the background to this report, the December meeting of the Community and Environment Committee recommended to Council that a supplementary budget estimate of £10,000 be approved in order to facilitate a 12-month subscription to the Earthsense real-time monitoring system. This approval was confirmed at the meeting of Council held on 25 January 2024 and officers are now progressing the procurement of the system. Further information about the implementation of the system will be submitted to future meetings of this Committee. Members may recall that it is planned to work together with Derbyshire County Council to maximise the benefits of multiple monitors. Certainly it is planned that the District Council's monitoring results will be publicly available and officers hope that the same will be true of Derbyshire County Council's monitoring results too.

- 2.2 Following the December meeting of this Committee officers wrote to the Executive Director for Place at Derbyshire County Council, expressing the 2 questions that Committee posed. At the time of writing this report a formal response had not been received from Derbyshire County Council, although a commitment to providing such a response had been given.
- 2.3 As outlined in the background section of this report, the District Council has received a warning letter from DEFRA, which has been triggered by the absence of a valid Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) in relation to the Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area (AQMA). This AQMA was declared in April 2021 and the proposed action plan has been the subject of the updating reports that have been considered by this Committee since that date. In summary, officers have worked together with colleagues from Derbyshire County Council and with representatives of Ashbourne Town Council and Ashbourne Town Team to develop a series of actions intended to address the issue of high levels of nitrogen dioxide in Buxton Road and St Johns Street. The proposed actions have also been subject to public consultation. Committee has considered those measures and debated the issue and has not considered that it could approve the draft action plan for submission to DEFRA. Officers have continued to work with colleagues from Derbyshire County Council to seek updates in relation to the actions previously suggested for inclusion within the Action Plan. In particular officers have been informed that the wording of the first three proposed actions is to be updated and that a round table discussion with mineral and logistics operators is projected for the New Year, which is intended to focus on transport issues in the High Peak and Ashbourne. In addition, Derbyshire County Council are proceeding with highway alterations in the town, which are intended to smooth the flow of traffic and as such should have a beneficial effect on air pollution.
- 2.4 Whilst this work is ongoing, there has been no more specific update available from Derbyshire County Council at the time of writing this report.
- 2.5 Nevertheless, there is now a need to respond to DEFRA's warning letter. The letter indicates that it has been triggered by the current absence of a valid AQAP and because a revised submission date for that AQAP has not been agreed with DEFRA. With this in mind officers consider that there are 3 options available to the Committee, as follows:
- To engage with DEFRA and to respond to the warning letter with an AQAP by the 8 March deadline.
 - To engage with DEFRA to explain the reasons why the submission of the AQAP has been delayed and to seek to agree a new date for the submission of the AQAP.
 - To continue with the escalating situation set out in the warning letter, which will conclude with a Secretary of State Direction to the Chief Executive.
- 2.6 Members are asked to consider the situation and to determine how they wish officers to respond to the DEFRA warning letter.

3. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

- 3.1 Those options that officers have identified as being available to Committee are set out in paragraph 2.5 of this report.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 The measures currently approved by Derbyshire County Council, along with the concepts of a 20-mph zone and a Clean Air Zone have already been subject to public consultation.

5. Timetable for Implementation

- 5.1 The timetable for implementation is to be determined by Committee, noting DEFRA's current deadline of 8 March 2024 for the submission of the AQAP.

6. Policy Implications

- 6.1 Local authorities have a legal duty to provide an Air Quality Action Plan as a means to address areas of poor air quality that have been identified with Air Quality Management Areas. These action plans should develop measures that will provide the necessary emissions reductions to achieve the air quality objectives and act as a live document which is continually reviewed and developed to ensure that current measures are being progressed and new measures are brought forward.

7. Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 At this stage there are no financial implications beyond staff time associated with this report. As the cost of staff is included in the approved budget, the financial risk associated with the approval of the report's recommendations is assessed as low.

8. Legal Advice and Implications

- 8.1 An Air Quality Action Plan will ensure that the Council meets its statutory duties as set out in the Environment Act 1995 to regularly review and assess air quality in its area.
- 8.2 This report relates to a further update in relation to the Ashbourne Air Quality Management Area Action Plan in respect of the questions raised at the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee and a warning letter received from DEFRA in respect of the late submission of the Action Plan.
- 8.3 The legal risk of challenge of taking the decision associated with this report has been assessed as low. That said there are risks including reputational risks, from receiving any direction from the Secretary of State. These can be avoided if the timescales provided by DEFRA are adhered to.

9. Equalities Implications

- 9.1 Decision-makers are reminded of the requirement under the Public Sector Equality Duty (s149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to:
- (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act

- (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and
- (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups.

9.2 The decisions recommended through this paper could directly impact on end users. The air quality action plan is relevant to younger and older age groups, and people with disabilities, who are more vulnerable from the effects of poor air quality. The air quality action plan aims to have a positive impact on people's health, including those with protected characteristics. The consultation on the draft air quality action plan has not raised any issues with regards to the protected characteristics.

10. Climate Change Implications

10.1 Whilst the Air Quality Action Plan is aimed at reducing health related air pollution, any reduction in traffic emissions will also have a beneficial impact in relation to climate change and should be supported.

11. Risk Management

11.1 The District Council has a duty to develop an Air Quality Action Plan following the identification and declaration of Air Quality Management Areas. Failure to comply with this requirement could leave this authority open to legal action and potential fines.

Report Authorisation

Approvals obtained from:-

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Paul Wilson	31/01/2024
Director of Resources/ S.151 Officer (or Financial Services Manager)	Gemma Hadfield	31/01/2024
Monitoring Officer (or Legal Services Manager)	Helen Mitchell	31/01/2024



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Date: 9 January 2024

FAO: Environment Health / Air Quality Manager

Local Authority: Derbyshire Dales District Council

Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) – Overdue Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP)

Date of last AQAP: No plan adopted

WARNING LETTER

Dear Local Authority

Our records show that as of the date of this letter, you do not have a valid Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) in place for an Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) in your local authority and Defra has not agreed a revised submission date for your AQAP.

This is your warning letter and the second notice we have sent to your local authority on the matter. Your local authority must submit an AQAP to Defra via the LAQM Portal by 8 March 2024 to avoid a final warning being issued. Failure to comply with the final warning can result in a Secretary of State direction being sent to the chief executive of your local authority.

Air quality is the biggest environmental threat to health. Since 2010 we have seen significant improvements in air quality; fine particulate matter has fallen by 10%, emissions of nitrogen oxides have fallen by 45% and sulphur dioxide by 73%. It is important to take continued action to reduce communities' exposure to air pollution.

Where there is an AQMA declared for an exceedance of an air quality objective, it is a legal requirement for the Council to have an AQAP in place (Environment

Act 1995 as amended). The purpose of an AQAP is to set out your plan to meet local air quality objectives and ensure that compliance is maintained. Failure to produce an AQAP and regularly review the actions in it risks exposing the local community to poor air quality.

The Local Air Quality Management (LAQM) Statutory Policy Guidance 2022 states that following the declaration of an AQMA, a final AQAP should be produced within 18 months and then reviewed every five years as a minimum, to ensure air quality improvement measures remain effective, proportionate and feasible.

Warning process for missing or invalid Air Quality Action Plans

In August 2022, Defra published the [Local Air Quality Management \(LAQM\) Statutory Policy Guidance 2022](#) and introduced a new warning process for overdue AQAPs which came into effect on 30 June 2023. The [Environmental Improvement Plan 2023](#) published last year, supports our commitment to increase transparency by requiring timely and accurate publication of AQAPs by local authorities.

Timescale	Enforcement letter	Recipient
AQAP 2 months overdue (e.g. 20 months post AQMA designation or 5 years & 2 months since previous AQAP publication)	Reminder letter	From Defra’s LAQM team to Air Quality Officer at non-compliant Local Authority
AQAP 4 months overdue	Warning Letter	From the AQIE Deputy Director to Environment Health / Air Quality Manager at non-compliant Local Authority
AQAP 6 months overdue	Final Warning letter	From the AQIE Deputy Director to relevant Director at non-compliant Local Authority
AQAP 8 months overdue	Ministerial letter: Section 85 direction	Local Authority Chief Executive

Pre-reminder letters were sent to local authority Air Quality Officers on 2 May 2023, highlighting the new warning process for overdue Annual Status Reports (ASRs) and AQAPs. A second reminder letter was sent to your Local Authority two months after the AQAP became due. Following this Warning Letter, if the AQAP for your Local Authority is not received by 11 March 2024, a Final Warning Letter will be sent to the relevant Director as specified in the table above.

If AQAP submission requirements continue to be missed, the matter can be escalated to a Section 85 Secretary of State direction to the relevant Local Authority Chief Executive specifying action. You are therefore advised to ensure that the legal requirements for action plans are met swiftly.

Public Bodies Required to Contribute to Action Plans

The Environment Act 2021 amended the Environment Act 1995 to increase the number of public bodies that have a duty to co-operate with local authorities for LAQM. Air quality partners are certain other public bodies that a local authority identifies as having responsibility for a source of emissions contributing to an exceedance of air quality objectives. This could be a neighbouring authority, National Highways, or the Environment Agency. Once identified, there is a statutory requirement for such public bodies to engage and to contribute actions they will take to secure achievement of the air quality objective and to maintain achievement thereafter.

All tiers of local Government are also now required by law to collaborate to address exceedances of air quality objectives. County councils, the Mayor of London and combined authorities have similar duties to air quality partners. The difference is that, when requested, they must contribute to an action plan being prepared by a local authority, regardless of whether the local authority has identified them as being responsible for a source of emissions.

The LAQM Helpdesk (LAQMHelpdesk@bureauveritas.com or 0800 032 7953) is available to provide help and support should you require it.

Yours Sincerely,

Bill Parish

Deputy Director, Air Quality and Industrial Emissions

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Agenda Item 8

OPEN REPORT
COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Community and Environment Committee – 8 February 2024

DERBYSHIRE DALES CORPORATE PLAN: WORKING GROUPS

Report of Director of Regeneration and Policy

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Wards Affected

All Wards

Report Summary

The report updates Members on progress made by the four Derbyshire Dales Corporate Plan Working Groups, established by Council on 14 December 2023, which are under the remit of this committee.

Recommendations

1. That the report and appendices are considered and endorsed.

List of Appendices

- Appendix 1 Corporate Plan Working Group Terms of Reference
Appendix 2 Draft notes of Corporate Plan Working Group meetings

Background Papers

- Council 14 December 2023: Derbyshire Dales Plan 2024-28
- Governance and Resources Committee, 14 September 2023: Development of the Derbyshire Dales Plan 2024-28

Consideration of report by Council or other committee

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from Press or Public

No

DERBYSHIRE DALES CORPORATE PLAN: WORKING GROUPS

1. Background

- 1.1 The Council, at its meeting on 14 December 2023, approved new Aims, Themes and Principles as the basis of the Derbyshire Dales Plan (corporate plan).
- 1.2 Council also established cross-party working groups. Five groups were established, one for each Theme of the Derbyshire Dales Plan, each tasked to:
 - i. **Review and agree the Priorities and Outcomes** for its Theme.
 - ii. **Agree a Delivery Plan** for its Theme, taking account of staff and financial resources – initially for the 2024/25 financial year, but taking account of future years to enable programming/prioritisation.
- 1.3 It is expected that Delivery Plans will be published alongside the 2024/25 Budget at the Council meeting on 29 February.
- 1.4 Circling Squares had identified that the current corporate plan includes too many targets, projects and actions. The current plan has 25 targets/indicators in total. In order to match ambition to resources, a challenge for working groups is to manage expectations with regard to prioritisation and resourcing.
- 1.5 The groups are task and finish groups, meeting first in January and completing their initial task in February. They each comprise one Member from each of the four political groups. The Chair of each working group was selected by its members at its first meeting. Each working group has officer support. Each working group is responsible to a ‘parent’ policy committee, as follows:
 - *Community and Environment Committee*
 1. Environment
 2. Housing
 3. Place shaping and Economy
 4. Community services and resources
 - *Governance and Resources Committee*
 5. Financially sound, fair and responsive Council (corporate)
- 1.6 This report updates on the four working groups under the auspices of the Community and Environment Committee.

2. Corporate Plan Working Group updates

- 2.1 The membership of these four working groups is as follows. The Group leaders are entitled to sit in working group meetings as observers. At each meeting, the Terms of Reference attached at Appendix 1 were agreed. Draft notes of meetings are attached at Appendix 2.

ENVIRONMENT	HOUSING	PLACE SHAPING AND ECONOMY	COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES
Cllr M Burfoot	Cllr Shelley	Cllr Flitter	Cllr Franks
Cllr Slack (sub Cllr Whitehead)	Cllr O'Brien (CHAIR) (sub Cllr Greatorex)	Cllr Peacock (sub Cllr Slack)	Cllr Whitehead (sub Cllr Nash)
Cllr Buckler (CHAIR) (sub Cllr Mellstrom)	Cllr Mellstrom (sub Cllr Buttle)	Cllr Buttle (CHAIR) (sub Cllr Buckler)	Cllr Boothroyd (CHAIR) (sub Cllr Mellstrom)
Cllr Chapman	Cllr Gee	Cllr Bond	Cllr Hobson
Lead Director: • Tim Braund	Lead Director: • Rob Cogings	Lead Director: • Steve Capes	Lead Director: • Ash Watts

ENVIRONMENT

- 2.2 The Environment Working Group first met on 18 January, when Cllr Buckler was elected as chair. The group met again on 22 January and Cllr M Burfoot was elected as chair for this meeting. The Working Group was happy to use the standard agenda and quickly focussed on the main objective of preparing a final draft delivery plan to meet the aim of a thriving environment in the Derbyshire Dales.
- 2.3 The core programmes considered by the Group remained as set out in the documentation previously considered by Council, with some amendment to the wording. For example, the Group considered suggestions made at Council and amended the priority relating to a carbon neutral district to refer instead to a net zero district.
- 2.4 Actions have been proposed for each of the priority areas and the updated delivery plans have been shared with those Members who sat on the Environment Working Group and with the officers who have supported that Group. It is believed that the proposed actions are achievable within the 4 year period of the plan and is also recognised that issues may arise over the lifetime of that plan which might warrant inclusion in the plan at a later date.
- 2.5 The Working Group did not see the need for a third meeting to make further adjustments to the plan at this stage but did consider that the Group should have a role in monitoring and assessing progress against the plan. In coming to this view the Group was mindful of the interactions between the existing Climate Change Working Group and the Biodiversity Sub-Committee and recognised that it would be necessary to determine which responsibilities would fall to each of these complementary bodies.

HOUSING

- 2.6 The Housing Working group met on 3 January when Cllr O'Brien was elected as chair. The group met subsequently on 9 January and 23 January. The HWG discussions focussed on the five key priorities - homelessness, second/holiday homes, affordable housing, management of social housing and energy efficiency of the housing stock.
- 2.7 The Group endorsed the preparation of a new Homelessness Strategy for completion in Q1 2024/25, that will set out the key actions to tackle homelessness over the next 5 years. The Group wished to prioritise support for people to return to the area from which they have been made homeless. This is challenging and by a majority it was agreed that whilst this was an objective it should not feature as a firm commitment in the Strategy.
- 2.8 Second and holiday homes remain an issue for many rural communities. By a majority the Group supported a) the imposition of the 100% Council Tax premium on 2nd homes, for which work is underway to produce a report for consideration by Members, and b) working on the development of planning policies seeking to ensure the change of use of permanent homes to holiday homes requires planning permission; this would also require the cooperation of the PDNPA.
- 2.9 The Group want to see more support for social housing tenants so that they understand their rights and can raise concerns with their landlord. There is already a substantial framework of regulation of landlords post-Grenfell and the 'damp and mould' tragedy in Rochdale. Support for tenants is also available across a variety of services. Proposals were put forward for a Charter, but after discussion it was agreed to establish formal Member-led meetings on a quarterly basis with Platform Housing to review property management issues; the need for meetings with other providers will be kept under review. A proposal was put forward to review the local occupancy conditions associated with social housing, with a view to establishing a uniform policy across the district. By a majority decision it was agreed not to progress this.
- 2.10 Improving the energy efficiency of the existing stock is a significant challenge with several small programmes completed and more on the way. The Group accepted that it was not economically feasible to provide increased funding to accelerate programmes, but wished to look to influence decisions by a future Government and the new Mayoral Authority. The Group agreed that the Council should look to explore the feasibility of working with partners to seek opportunities to a) increase the capacity of the local energy efficiency assessor network and b) to assess the capacity of the local construction sector to undertake 'green energy efficiency' projects. Proposals to develop these further would, if feasible, be made in collaboration with the new Mayoral Authority and existing sub-regional energy partnerships.

- 2.11 The Council has a successful track record of delivering new affordable homes with a rolling average of 67 homes per year, but current projections indicate that the rate will fall. Overall future need (affordable rental and discounted purchase) is assessed in excess of 120 per annum. The Group noted a strong aspiration to achieve a step change in delivery, but acknowledged that there are significant challenges to this, and support from a wide variety of external partners and organisations would be required. The Group agreed that a Strategy and Action Plan should be developed, to identify barriers, review current practices, negotiate with external partners and agree ways forward; this would require the use of external consultancy support. A comprehensive Brief and costings will be prepared.

PLACE SHAPING AND ECONOMY

- 2.12 The working group met on 8 January, when Cllr Buttle was elected as chair. At that meeting, the group agreed minor changes to the Priorities and Outcomes for the theme. The group also discussed minor changes to the draft Delivery Plan programmes and actions.
- 2.13 The second meeting of the working group was on 15 January, when the Delivery Plan programmes and actions were agreed. Core programmes for 2024-28 are proposed to be:
- (1) Work with and influence new Mayoral Combined Authority to ensure it addresses the identified needs of the Derbyshire Dales
 - (2) Unlock stalled brownfield sites in and close to market towns in order to build new homes and grow SMEs
 - (3) Facilitate town centre regeneration to improve public realm and stimulate spend and investment
 - (4) Adopt a revised Local Plan to guide land development and facilitate sustainable, thriving, resilient communities
 - (5) Provide advice and grants to support the decarbonisation of Derbyshire Dales businesses
 - (6) Provide one-to-one impartial business advice with a focus on micro and small businesses with growth potential
 - (7) Provide grant funding to support micro and SME business growth, with a focus in particular on manufacturing, engineering, knowledge-based and creative/digital industries and the rural economy (including farm diversification)
 - (8) Provide support to new-start businesses
 - (9) Revise Economic Plan
- 2.14 The group agreed targets for each action. Due to the varied nature of the actions in the plan, the targets are a mixture of dates (when an action is to be done); numerical targets; and aspirations (in connection with the Mayoral Combined Authority).
- 2.15 The targets reflect what is achievable by the Council within four years, rather than necessarily everything that is desirable. However these targets should

provide good evidence for Members to demonstrate progress against the wider Outcomes.

- 2.16 The working group felt a third meeting was not required. However, in refreshing the Economic Plan (one of the proposed actions) the working group does feel it could have a helpful role as a Member sounding board.

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES

- 2.17 The working group met on Friday 12 January, where Cllr Boothroyd was elected as Chair. The group reviewed each of the themes and suggested minor amendments to the Priorities and Outcomes.
- 2.18 The Director of Community & Environmental Services was tasked with making the amendments and circulating them ahead of the follow up meeting on Monday 22 January.
- 2.19 The working group committed to finalising the Priorities and Outcomes at the meeting on the 22 January, and also reviewing the Delivery Plan to ensure the work programme and its requirements are manageable with the resources available. Work in progress is reflected in Appendix 2.

3. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

- 3.1 It is recommended that progress is noted.

4. Consultation

- 4.1 The working groups meet at the end of an extensive consultation process involving residents, partners, staff and Members. The Delivery Plan targets have involved engagement with relevant officers and teams.

5. Timetable for Implementation

- 5.1 It is envisaged that the new Derbyshire Dales Plan will form the basis of budgeting and service planning, with budgets for 2024/25 and an updated Medium-Term Financial Plan being approved at Council on 29 February 2024. The new Derbyshire Dales Plan would come into force from April 2024. It will replace the current Corporate Plan which runs to March 2024.

6. Policy Implications

- 6.1 The new Derbyshire Dales Plan will set the overall direction for the delivery of Council services and policies. This may result in different service areas adopting new and revised policies, depending upon the extent of changes envisaged in the Plan.

7. Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 The development of a new Derbyshire Dales Plan will require an appropriate level of budgetary provision to deliver the projects and proposals included therein. This may necessitate some prioritisation and redeployment of existing budgets and staff.
- 7.2 In this regard, the crucial task for Members is to select from the multitude of possible activities and projects (all of which fit within priorities) and agree a focused programme that is deliverable within available financial and staff resources. Such an approach allows for the development of a realistic and deliverable plan.
- 7.3 The working groups are expected to each develop a delivery plan for the 2024/25 financial year initially. This is likely to result in resources being re-aligned with the new Aims. This re-alignment will be reflected in the draft budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan that are due to be approved by Council on 29 February 2024.
- 7.4 The financial risk of this report's recommendations is assessed as low.

8. Legal Advice and Implications

- 8.1 This report refers to the Derbyshire Dales Plan which as stated is the District Council's primary policy document and a statutory requirement under the Local Government Act 2000. The legal risk of challenge associated with taking the decisions as recommended has been assessed as low.

9. Equalities Implications

- 9.1 As the Derbyshire Dales Plan will impact all Council services, an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) will be carried out of delivery plans prior to the February Council meeting to ensure the Council meets its statutory duties on equalities. The EIA will also highlight and, if needed, suggest mitigation for potential positive and/or negative implications.

10. Climate Change and Biodiversity Implications

- 10.1 There is a 'green thread' running through the Working Group discussions and climate change and biodiversity considerations have been integral to the development of plans. There will be a further opportunity to consider these implications when final plans are brought to Council for approval.

11. Risk Management

- 11.1 There will be an opportunity to consider risks when final plans are brought to Council for approval.

Report Authorisation

Approvals obtained from Statutory Officers:

	Named Officer	Date
Chief Executive	Paul Wilson	31/01/2024
Director of Resources/ S.151 Officer (or Financial Services Manager)	Gemma Hadfield	31/01/2024
Monitoring Officer (or Legal Services Manager)	Helen Mitchell	1/2/2024

APPENDIX 1 CORPORATE PLAN WORKING GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE

Role and Function

1. To arrive at a delivery plan for each theme of the corporate plan;
2. To consider the merits and/or disadvantages to continuing the group's work in respect of overseeing delivery.
3. To share the Group's work, formally, with the parent Policy Committee.

The group will have no decision-making powers but will provide progress updates to the parent policy committee for endorsement.

Composition and Membership

Each group will have 4 Members (one from each political group/grouping on the Council). Each group will be supported by at least one Director.

The Chair of the Group will be appointed from amongst the elected Members nominated to sit on the Group by the Group Leaders. The Chair cannot be a substitute Member.

Meetings will be supported by the directorate and any other officer as required.

Group Leaders are invited to attend in an observing capacity only and can contribute on discretion of the Chair.

Roles and Responsibilities

- Members must come to meetings of the group prepared, considering material shared in advance to allow for a productive use of Member and officer time.
- Members must work together to attempt to arrive at a consensus view of how to best plan the delivery of the corporate plan ensuring that key milestones and work to do is legally allowable, financially possible and is in firm alignment with the principles agreed to at Council in December 2023.
- Members of the working groups are responsible for keeping their political groups abreast of the work of the group, feeding in ideas or concerns for discussion and resolution at the meeting.
- Members and Officers jointly own and take responsibility for the outcomes of the Group.
Members consider advice provided by officers which could be at variance with their own views.
- Officers must prepare and issue materials a min. of 3 working days in advance that are digestible and relevant to discussions.
- Officers must ensure that action notes are issued within 3 working days of the meeting to enable Members to share work and feed back to their appointing groups.
- Officers must work with Members to ensure that delivery plans are both achievable, stretching and in alignment with the Corporate Plan.

- Officers consider the ambitions of Members and work to find different solutions to typical issues, problems and policy even if they are a departure from existing delivery arrangements/approaches.

ENVIRONMENT**18 January 2024**

- The meeting was attended by Cllrs Buckler and Cllr Slack
- Cllr M Burfoot sent his apologies and Cllr Flitter acted as substitute for this meeting
- Cllr Buttle attended as an observer
- Cllr Buckler was appointed as chair
- It was agreed that the working group had a role to play beyond the development of the Corporate Plan, in terms of overseeing delivery of the actions to be developed for the delivery plan
- It was agreed that further discussion was needed on the interactions between the Environment Working Group, the Climate Change Working Group and the Biodiversity Sub-Committee
- It was agreed that Tim Braund would summarise the work of the Group for inclusion in the upcoming report to Community and Environment Committee
- Cllr Buckler led the group through consideration of the draft delivery plan. Whilst the group did not complete all this work at the first meeting, significant progress was made and this is summarised in the attached document, which shows amendments and suggestions in track changes.
- The Group considered that the 2 proposed actions for recycling should be contained within the Environment theme – please see attached document
- It was recognised that a further meeting of the group was required to complete consideration of the following:
 - Future of agriculture and land management
 - Water pollution, community engagement and nutrient neutrality from the Pollution priority
 - Infrastructure
- A second meeting of the group has been organised for 16:15 on Monday 22 January – Deb Heaton to update the meeting invite

22 January 2024

- The second meeting of the Group was attended by Cllr M Burfoot, Cllr Chapman and Cllr Buckler
- Cllr Buttle attended as an observer
- Cllr Burfoot was appointed as Chair for this meeting
- The group confirmed that they saw an extended role for the group in relation to monitoring the outputs and outcomes from the delivery plan
- There was a recap of the notes from the first meeting of the group and there was opportunity to review the revisions to the delivery plan made by that meeting
- Cllr Burfoot led the meeting through consideration of the remainder of the draft delivery plan, which comprised the second part of the Pollution priority area, Infrastructure, Agriculture and Land Management, and Landscapes

- Further amendments were made to the draft delivery plan and these are summarised in the attached document, again using track changes
- It was recognised that the landscapes priority had not been included in the initial draft of the delivery plan and the actions relating to this issue, along with those relating to Recycling which were discussed at the first meeting, have been added to the 'Other Suggestions' section of the document for inclusion in the final delivery plan

HOUSING

3rd January 2024

Present

Observers: Cllr Flitter, Cllr Slack, Cllr Buttle.

Member reps: Cllr Shelley, Cllr Mellstrom, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Gee

Officers: Jo Hill, Steve Capes, Helen Mitchel, Rob Cogings

1. Helen introduced the Terms of Reference and the update to include the 3 leaders as observers.
2. Cllr O'Brien was elected as Chair of the Housing Working Group and then went on to outline the history of the HWG and the 5 priorities that had already been developed. These include, homelessness, 2nd homes, affordable housing, management of social housing and condition and energy efficiency of the housing stock. The issue of traveller sites is also a priority for housing but is the focus of the Traveller Working Group.

One aim of the HWG is to develop housing proposals for the first year of the corporate plan, for the financial year 2024/25.

3. Homelessness. Rob was asked to outline the work relating to the Homelessness Strategy. This included the statutory guidance officers follow in developing the strategy which then leads to the formulation of an action plan for delivery over the next 5 year period. The strategy starts with a review of issues and services, consultation with key stakeholders and reports to Committee and Council. The action plan will be produced by Q1 2024/25. Rob indicated the sort of items that might be included in the action plan and members asked questions about the extent of homelessness across the district. Members were keen to see more KPI information about the homelessness service and **Rob undertook to take this away and work with Simon Beynon on how this could be achieved.**

The group also discussed the desire to include an action that seeks to give people made homeless, the opportunity to be rehoused close to their original home. There was a robust discussion about this and the pros and cons of trying to achieve this. Giving homeless families an indication that the council will be able to rehouse them back in the community from which they were made homeless would cause problems in the delivery of the homelessness service. The housing team already take in to account the support needs of homeless families but there are many reasons why a public statement or policy objective would cause problems and potentially legal challenge when the council failed to meet the policy. **Rob undertook**

to work on a form of words with Simon Beynon, that tried to respond to the wishes of the Members.

4. 2nd homes and holiday lets. Cllr O'Brien outlined the issue of 2nd homes and the 3 tools open to the Council, the premium, registration and planning. The majority of Members want to take forward the imposition of the premium, from 1st April 2025. Rob outlined how this could be achieved, commencing with a report to Council in February 2024. Cllr Gee made the point that some owners of 2nd homes may simply switch their property to a holiday let, thereby lessening the financial benefit of the premium. The HWG also wish to see the additional revenue raised from the premium invested into the delivery of affordable homes. It was discussed that a 100% premium was appropriate (i.e. double council tax for a 2nd home). Rob highlighted the issues around this and also the proportion of the extra income that is received by DCC. Cllr Gee was keen for the impact of the premium to be measured over time such that any movement from 2nd homes to holiday lets could be recorded. **The HWG supported the introduction of a Council Tax premium on second homes and agreed to seek views on ringfencing the additional sums raised for affordable housing. The Group also wished to speak to DCC about ensuring that part of the additional sum raised for DCC be dedicated to preventative work. The HWG wished to pursue registration of holiday lets.**

5. Social Housing Management; Members across all groups receive complaints from social housing tenants about the condition of their home and/or responsiveness of their landlord. Platform and to a lesser extent NCHA were identified. Members felt that communities expect the Council to find a way to address tenant problems including the production of a charter or concordat. Rob outlined the existing regulatory framework that includes, the Regulator of Social Housing, the new Social Regulation Act, Homes England, the Housing Ombudsman, the banks who lend to associations, the boards and tenant scrutiny panels that exist within housing associations. The Council has recently established a new Liaison Group with Platform with the first meeting at the end of January 2024.

The group discussed the issues involved in developing a charter but recognised the practicalities. The role of scrutiny committee was also discussed. **The HWG concluded the discussion by agreeing to pilot the Liaison Group for 1 year and then review the effectiveness of this approach. The group also felt it would like to establish a further Liaison Group with NCHA.**

6. Existing housing stock. Cllr O'Brien outlined the issues with the existing housing stock within the Derbyshire Dales (comprising 34,000 homes). The HWG recognise there are existing programmes doing good work, but these are small scale compared to the size of the problem. The HWG want to increase capacity in the construction sector to deliver more retrofit work

and also provide more advice through retrofit assessors. The HWG has previously discussed creating an incubator training centre for apprenticeships in the retrofit sector. Jo talked about the paper she is writing on the issues/opportunities in the Dales. There is a lack of EPC ratings for the existing stock. The key objective has to be the delivery of the programmes already allocated to the District. A successful track record will lead to further investment by government/MCA, when other councils are struggling to spend their allocations.

DDDC does not have inhouse training facilities or experience. Setting up a new provider from scratch will be challenging. Existing schemes through Marches and/or Nottingham Energy Partnership would be more likely to succeed. Jo has had initial conversations with providers about apprenticeships.

The HWG target would be something around undertaking an options appraisal into the delivery of training that would develop retrofit skills via existing energy partnerships.

7. Affordable Housing. To be discussed next Tuesday 9th January, as well as Key Performance Indicators and Finance.

9th January 2024

Present

Observers: Cllr Flitter, Cllr Slack

Member reps: Cllr Shelley, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Gee Cllr Buttle

Officers: Steve Capes, Helen Mitchel, Rob Cogings, Simon Beynon

Apologies: Cllr Mellstrom

8. Cllr O'Brien outlined the extent of the challenge in relation to the provision of affordable housing and the work of previous administrations in the delivery of affordable homes. The PA want to increase provision across the district given the availability of homes is one of the most pressing issues facing our communities. Whilst the PA have no specific target, there is the annual local plan number of 120 rent and 50-60 affordable dwellings to purchase. Existing new supply is running well below this local plan figure.
9. As an administration the PA want to increase delivery. The subject is a wide topic with multiple dimensions. Cllr O'Brien outlined the 4 main routes to provision including s106 from private developers, housing associations who provide through Homes England funding, community led groups and the district council, which essentially is acting as a small housing association.

10. Each of the 4 routes to delivery has a role to play in meeting supply, so the question is how can we influence provision, what are the barriers and what can we do to improve supply. Cllr Buttle asked why somewhere like Chesterfield BC achieves 17% on site provision whereas DDDC only achieves 8%? Rob explained a bit more about s106 provision, rural exception sites and how the development process works.
11. The PDNPA was discussed in relation to S106 which typically their policies tend to prevent, given there are relatively few brownfield site opportunities.
12. The group noted there is already a lot of working going on but the rate of provision needs to increase and so a fresh plan/strategy is required. This would include understanding the barriers, how these can be removed and develop a programme of 3 – 5 – 10 years with an action plan that can ramp up supply.
13. The group discussed bringing extra resources forward to tackle the issues discussed, negotiate with partners and govt agencies, Mayoral combined authority, other LA partners and communities. The result would be a delivery plan. This piece of work would take 6 to 9 months. The results could be presented at a housing summit, which would seek to get buy in from partners.
14. The group asked questions about the market and what the work would involve. There are a range of partners who could buy in to this work. The work would also involve the same approach with the private sector. The work would set out the gap in delivery and the group discussed the sorts of things that would need to happen, particularly relating to land and funding.
15. The group discussed how the work would be delivered, whilst officers have a good view they may not have the capacity and so an external consultant would be needed, potentially funded from the Corporate Priority Reserve.
16. **The key action point revolves around the development of a specification that describes what the Council wants to achieve, identifying the barriers and suggesting a way forward across social /affordable rent and low cost market housing, via s106, housing associations, community led groups and the district council. The Council would engage a consultant, to develop a strategy and action plan, from April 2024 to complete by December 2024.**

23rd January 2024

Present

Observers: Cllr Flitter,

Member reps: Cllr Shelley, Cllr O'Brien, Cllr Gee Cllr Mellstrom

Officers: Steve Capes, Helen Mitchel, Rob Cogings, Simon Beynon

Apologies: Cllr Buttle, Cllr Slack

1. Cllr O'Brien outlined the extent of the discussions over the previous 2 meetings of the HWG and was keen to take stock of the 5 identified themes and hear views of Members and colleagues.
2. **Homelessness Strategy and the presumption that families will be rehoused back where they had been living:** Cllr Gee said this was a good aspiration but to include a geography or distances would make it very difficult. The group discussed the issues behind local connection and officers highlighted the difficulties of such a policy. Rob and Simon had discussed this policy outside the meeting and had been unable to come up with a form of words that would deliver the ambition but not leave the council open to challenge from those who had not been rehoused back to their local community. Cllr O'Brien said the Labour group was focused on families with children and wanted to see the Council adopt this policy. Cllr Shelley asked about the number of complaints in this subject and Simon advised that since 2018, there had not been a single request to review an offer of accommodation based on suitability of the property, i.e. based on the evidence to date, customers were satisfied with their offer of accommodation. Cllr Mellstrom was concerned about the point the possibility of people acting to their own detriment if they waited for a home in the location they came from. **After further discussion the group voted 3-1 to go with the officer recommendation and not include a specific policy on this issue.** Cllr O'Brien requested that the corporate plan makes reference to the work the housing team does to support people.
3. **2nd Homes:** the group reviewed progress on the Council Tax premium for 2nd homes and the planning context as a new use class for holiday lets. Cllr Gee reaffirmed his opposition to the idea of the council tax premium. Rob outlined the progress with the 2nd homes council tax report which will come to council at the end of February 2024. The group discussed holiday home registration and Steve circulated some further details about the national policy on this and how it might come forward. After further discussion on the issue, the group decided it would like to look at the benefits of a registration scheme with potential for introduction in 2025.
4. **Social Housing:** Cllr O'Brien advised that the Labour group had a preference for a charter to be established. Rob covered the existing statutory provisions that relate to social landlords and also mentioned the new Tenant Satisfaction Measures (TSMs) that had been introduced by government in the wake of the Grenfell tragedy. Simon gave further details on the 4 key areas the TSMs covered. Rob reminded the group of the

upcoming meeting with Platform and suggested that this would be a good first step to bring the strategic concerns of Members to the senior managers of Platform. The TSMs could also be collected from the local housing associations and provided for Members to consider. **Rob and Simon were asked to come up with a form of words that makes the work with Platform and the TSMs mean something to tenants and Members.**

5. Home-Options Policy: Cllr O'Brien requested a review of the local occupancy criteria and talked about the different criteria that different housing providers work to. Cllr O'Brien said this causes difficulty with communities and so it needs to be formalised. Rob outlined the different aspects of local connection as they relate to former RTBs, exception sites and other developments which have different local connection requirements. Simon outlined the social rent issues. Cllr O'Brien said that Platform has no local priority when stock is allocated and so connection should be levelled up with the other homes in the area. Simon outlined the allocation policy which was required to give reasonable preference. Allocating outside the reasonable preference would be outside of the law and would close down access for people leading to a detrimental impact. Simon also advised that households naturally look to housing in their area and so homes in Ashbourne would typically be sought by people from the area. Cllr Mellstrom said the local occupancy criteria restricts mobility.
6. Simon outlined further the issue with adopting a blanket policy in relation to allocations and the legal issues this would create. Rob also put the view of housing providers who would struggle with voids and the ultimately their lenders concerned about rents and viability. Cllr Mellstrom asked about local connection. **The majority of the group did not support adopting a uniform local connection policy that could not be delivered.**
7. **Improving the existing housing stock.** Cllr O'Brien said the focus was on increasing capacity in the assessor network and to increase capacity of the local building industry, potentially through work with the Mayoral Combined Authority and Further Education. Steve outlined the paper that had been developed by Jo Hill which included 3 proposals,
 - a. Deliver the current fuel poverty schemes (HUG and the Devolution funding)
 - b. Develop retrofit advice through the HEAT project
 - c. Pick up skills issues within the local retrofit and construction sector, undertaking a survey to identify gaps and what is needed.
8. Members of the Working Group confirmed their support for an expansion of the capacity of the retrofit and energy efficiency local assessor network. They felt that waiting for the outcome of the current regional HEAT scheme did not offer any significant progress towards this. However the

Group acknowledged that a bespoke expansion of the HEAT initiative into the District, potentially in collaboration with neighbouring rural authorities/the PDNPA and the County Council's Eco Centre, would require further development work with partners. A potential practical action is to work with partners to explore opportunities to grow the network of retrofit advisers in the district, building on the learnings from the HEAT project.

9. In the context of the proposal to increase capacity in the local energy efficiency construction sector, the Group noted officer's concerns related to capacity and expertise within the Council. The Group supported the proposal for a 'skills gap' survey and analysis, but confirmed their wish to engage with local providers of further education and training as part of this exercise. The Group agreed that they wished to retain the objective, of increased local capacity in the sector, and that early discussions should take place with the East Midlands Mayoral Combined Authority and the D2 SLB. A potential practical action is to survey local businesses and speak with training providers to understand the skills gap within the local retrofit assessment and construction sector.

PLACE SHAPING AND ECONOMY

Corporate Plan Working Group Meeting: Place Shaping & Economy

Monday 8th January 2024

Members:

Cllr Flitter
Cllr Peacock
Cllr Bond - Apologies
Cllr Buttle

Observers:

Cllr Slack

Officers:

Amanda Brown
Steve Capes
Giles Dann
Mike Hase
Helen Mitchell – Left the meeting at item 4
Chris Whitmore - Apologies

		Actions
1	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>Helen welcomed all to the meeting to clarify the background behind the cross-party working party working arrangements that have been agreed to complete work on the new Corporate Plan. Dual roles for Cllr Flitter/Cllr Buttle Cllr Slack as Observer Amanda agreed to take notes.</p>	AB
2	<p>Appointment of Chair</p> <p>Cllr Buttle proposed by Cllr Flitter as Chair confirmed Chairing as a Working Group member not as Leader of the Green Party. Cllr Peacock seconded. Cllr Buttle took the Chair.</p>	
3	<p>Terms of Reference</p> <p>Steve noted the work to date during December with specific reference to the work of Cllr Hughes. No changes to the terms of reference required.</p>	
4	<p>Corporate Plan Context</p>	

<p>Steve introduced the updated version of the Prosperous and sustainable Dales communities and businesses paper – Theme 3</p> <p>Cllr Buttle introduced the paper and the aims of the meeting: All approved reviewed overall aims.</p> <p>Priorities Steve noted Cllr Hughes had asked that the 1st priority be working with Mayoral Authority – incorporated into the new paper. Agreed Cllr Peacock raised 1b for 1b. Change to facilitating education apprenticeships and training opportunities in higher value occupation and take up Linking work with Joanna Hills to explore if apprenticeships and skills can be incorporated into the bid for decarbonisation through the Marches Energy work.</p> <p>Marketing for skills/apprenticeships to highlight and improve access. Influence the combined authority. Specific mention apprenticeships Discussed difficulties of travel costs for young people.</p> <p>2 Change to business from commercial 3 Agreed changed wording . No change to 4 and 5 6 Agreed revised wording</p> <p>Page 2: Programme and Outcomes</p> <p>Facilitate Town Centre Regeneration: agreed amended wording: discussed how to develop a pipeline, previously agreed Town Centre large scale projects to be prioritised, Capital projects - Steve advised recruitment of a new Regeneration Officer in progress to look at strategic sites and develop larger Town Centre development plans was in progress. Discussed how/when we respond to Govt. calls probability the MCA will focus on large scale schemes. Cllr Flitter asked if we could bring together clusters of villages to increase impact. Cllr Peacock asked what if any pipeline we have, is this a priority villages may not have capacity to develop plans. Cllr Flitter wants to see cluster to support developments in several smaller settlements, more development time needed. Opportunities might arise through local infrastructure levies (MH) MCA will invest on deprivation figures and facts as a priority. Cllr Flitter wants the plan to represent smaller rural communities while recognising the limitations of the funding available. Cllr Buttle - should we be looking at flood mitigation to influence the MCA - Steve will take to the Environment Working Group to look at natural mitigation measures.</p>	<p>AB/SC</p> <p>SC</p>
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MH suggested additional work between DDDC and Parish Councils to use 106 monies.
 Discussed if we are a delivery body or an enabling body.
 Work with partners to develop a scheme such as Leader mainly an enabling role to access future funding.
 Agreed delivery and day to day delivery is to reside in the community, the gap is in facilitation, a pot could be in place to supply funds to communities to access consultancy/architect support.
 £50k in reserves to deliver economic outputs. Steve confirmed the funding currently is economic but a joint working fund including, feasibility environmental impacts is possible.
 Steve highlighted there would need to be clear criteria, environmental impacts can have indirect economic activity.

Agreed to change wording to: A pipeline of other town and large villages centre regeneration enabled and readied for funding opportunities.

Discussion on Digital Derbyshire and the roll out of improved services to schools, could business hubs be developed – difficulties in sharing public/private sector access.

No change to Unlock stalled brownfield sites.

Brownfield site discussion - Cllr Peacock questioned if the quarries should be included due to bio diversity issues, MH clarified they are in the current local plan, re think during the local plan process if these are included.
 Agreed all named sites taken from Programme and Outcomes **Support small and growing businesses**,
 Cllr Peacock asked for inclusion of creative and digital industries as high value growth – agreed.
 Add in another in – in particular in manufacturing, engineering, knowledge – based and creative and digital industries.
 Take out the words high value and high growth.
 Leave in focus on businesses.

Strategic framework – marketing plan, Remove that bullet point as duplicated below

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 Explained RIG funding, discussed wording of hypothecated Steve explained, agreed to change to ringfenced.
 3rd bullet point change from green skills centre to through green skills.

Ashbourne Airfield current position discussed.
 Agreed to remove specific sites mention just refer to key sites.

	<p>Point 3 Facilitate Town Centre – Agreed Change limited redevelopment to phased redevelopment.</p> <p>4 Local Plan: MH 2 bullet point – asked for clarification on grey infrastructure - change from grey and brown to making maximum use of land</p> <p>MH “Action areas” undefined.</p> <p>Change final point to through joint member and officer meetings.</p> <p>MH explained design guides consultants are being recruited, bio diversity plans in progress update</p> <p>Cllr Buttle asked to see provision of allotments and common green communal space in the plan, MH confirmed the local plan can look at this further. Cllr Flitter raised the question of continued management of such spaces. Steve confirmed the Environment WG are looking at this further.</p> <p>Point 5: Agreed with de carbonisation wording.</p> <p>Point 6: Agreed with amended wording.</p> <p>Point 7: re word in line with previous wording.</p> <p>Change into one action RIG including/ farm diversification and flood resilience measures for individual businesses.</p> <p>Cllr Peacock noted there is a cross over between working groups and co ordination between group would enhance this process. Steve noted there is cross representation between groups inbuilt into membership.</p> <p>Steve noted outputs need to be included, these can be incorporated as the next stage.</p> <p>8. AB outlined the New Start business support – Giles suggested this is raised with MCA - Add bullet point promote to MCA as a way forward.</p> <p>Cllr Buttle – Noted further work on Investor Development needed.</p> <p>Cllr Peacock commented business advisers should ask what search terms have been used to ensure our marketing is correctly targeted. SC outlined current partnership working with BPD/VPD</p> <p>Cllr Buttle raised the Open Reach work in progress with local communities and if we could facilitate further engagement.</p> <p>Cllr Buttle asked if Cllr Bond should be engaged further Cllr Buttle is to follow up and ask if he wants to add in further comments.</p> <p>Updated papers to be circulated.</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>AB</p> <p>Cllr B</p>
7	Next Meeting; 15 th January – if further discussion or material changes are required. Date to be kept `on hold`	SC/Cllr B

Corporate Plan Working Group Meeting: Place Shaping & Economy

Monday 15th January 2024: 1:30

Members:

Cllr Flitter
Cllr Bond
Cllr Buttle - Chair/Teams

Observers:

Cllr Slack

Officers:

Amanda Brown / Steve Capes / Giles Dann / Chris Whitmore
Mike Hase (Teams)

Apologies:

Cllr Peacock
Helen Mitchell

Poor connection for online members.

Cllr Buttle asked Steve to work through the papers on his behalf.

Cllr Bond had been unable to attend the previous meeting and was asked for comments on the papers circulated to members - Thursday 11th January.

Cllr Bond asked for clarification on the linkages between this work and the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) process. Following discussion on the process of NP, SC explained that member engagement helps with the process of joint working through inputting local information both from areas with NP and those without. Planning Services facilitate neighbourhood plans, a number have these in place these are complementary with the Adopted Local Plan. The 6 in place could be encouraged to update their plans

CW outlined some of the difficulties from a planning perspective. NP focus is on design, which is incorporated into planning decisions with limitations. Cllr Slack noted Wirksworth NP is a good example. NPs involve considerable community work and long-term planning – 2/3 years.

Cllr Slack noted that whilst a large number of local queries are focused on housing and planning, there is a far wider remit to thriving communities. The local plan enables parameters to be set for housing. More difficult to evaluate if a community is thriving in the smaller, rural settlements. MH offered to meet Cllr Slack separately to discuss.

All agreed good Neighbourhood Plans are a good basis to work with communities.

MH/CllrS

<p>Delivery Plan – targets</p> <p>SC explained how the proposed targets had been developed on the paper and updated as the meeting progressed.</p> <p>Point 1 – Predominantly this work is an influencing role to be taken up with the MCA. GD and AB to consider a clearer target to improve access to FE and apprenticeship provision for Dale’s residents.</p> <p>Point 2 – brownfield sites - GD explained initial works required on feasibility work to develop next step to master planning. GD to check Homes England timings and feed into the target.</p> <p>Discussion took place on the difficulties of bringing forward plans and the resource required - a £50,000 pot was put in place in 2022 – no applications taken up. Cllr Bond asked if Parishes understand/appreciate the opportunities. Cllr Bond noted there is a piece of work to assist understanding of what is asked of Parishes/Town Councils. Smaller investment and assistance can be valued at a community level. SC noted new capacity should have an impact on this work.</p> <p>Point 3 – No change.</p> <p>Point 4 - No Change. Cllr Buttle asked about coverage of water quality in the Local Plan, MH does not believe this can be incorporated into the Local Plan and will take offline with Cllr Buttle. CW raised the length of time developing Local plans take, an interim step may be to involve communities at a Neighbourhood Planning stage, specifically those that have plans in place such as Wirksworth.</p> <p>SC suggested the next 6 months would be a good timescale to engage communities.</p> <p>Cllr Flitter suggested all communities could be engaged not just NP areas we might find communities are more receptive to small scale development rather than completing the Local Plan and then consulting.</p> <p>Cllr Flitter highlighted the problem with the current situation, there is however potential to grow at the edge of villages. Consultation should be undertaken to involve smaller communities in developing sites no matter how small, to attract new land and in fill sites. Local plan sub committee is currently discussing consultation and the methodology to be used, the comments today would be fed in. The approach has cross party support.</p> <p>Point 5/6/7/8 - Existing UKSPF targets used – no changes - re word tense to clearly identify future targets.</p> <p>Cllr Bond asked to re visit item 4 - drainage provision a problem highlighted due to recent weather events. Agreed this will remain as an action and a priority.</p> <p>Optional Programmes (when resources permit)</p>	<p>GD/AB</p> <p>GD</p> <p>MH/CllrB</p> <p>MH</p>
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<p>Point 9 – SC confirmed the arrangements in place for tourism development, Cllr Peacock is the representative on the Partnership group. The MoU will be reviewed periodically.</p> <p>Point 10 – Discussion on the importance of updating and revising the current Economic Plan. Agreed it did not require major changes to reflect the current plans being finalised. Agreed this to be moved to core programme with a timeline of June 2024.</p> <p>Point 12: Discussion on the importance of enhancing digital connectivity. Action to be: Encourage the Mayor to improve rural coverage as with skills development.</p> <p>Point 13 – Remove Strategic infrastructure as covered by the Environment group.</p>	
<p>SC asked if, now the group’s core piece of work was completed, would they consider overseeing the refresh of the Economic Plan. It was agreed this would be appropriate and the group would re convene as required.</p> <p>Cllr Buttle thanked everyone and closed the meeting.</p>	<p>AB</p>

COMMUNITY SERVICES AND RESOURCES

Play Areas

Orphaned play areas are adopted by a suitable organisation so that children's play needs are satisfied and facilities are managed, maintained and improved.

Amended:

Ensure that children across the district have access to safe and well-maintained District Council play areas.

Outcome:

Undertake a review of play areas; identifying gaps in provision and appropriate management plans and develop a strategy to improve the provision of play areas across the district.

Leisure Centres and Services

Periodic contract review to determine value for money and focus of community based Leisure Services.

Amended: (section to be split)

Leisure Centres

Continue to work closely with our partners at Freedom Leisure to ensure the Council's Leisure Centres are operated and maintained to a high standard and meet the needs of residents and visitors.

Outcome:

To hold regular contract performance reviews and site inspections

Wellbeing

To promote and look to support the wider wellbeing offer.

Outcome:

To maintain, manage and promote a variety of physical activity and wellbeing initiative across the district and in communities

Parks, Open Spaces and Street Environment

Continue to maintain and enhance the attractiveness of these places consistent with environmental policies

Amended:

Continue to maintain and improve District Council parks, open spaces and street environment, with a focus on enhancing community use, and where possible, have a positive impact on the environment.

Outcome:

To develop a parks and open space improvement plan, which encourages the engagement of community groups

Events

Continue to provide attractive events with third parties that bring together the Dales' communities.

Amended:

Continue to provide and support events that bring together Dales communities and attracts visitors.

Outcome:

To ensure that events which take place on District Council owned land consider the impact on the local community and the environment.

To help promote community events to encourage greater attendance to events in the district.

Markets

New

Proposed: To review and enhance the markets offer to the local community and businesses.

Outcome: Undertake a review of markets, with the aim of increasing stall occupancy and footfall, enhancing the visitor offer and promoting sustainable communities.

Public Toilets

Continue to identify opportunities for re-opening toilets closed in the last 5 years working with community organisations and others

Amended: To ensure good provision of public toilets across the district for residents and visitors.

Outcome: Review the provision of public toilets across the district and undertake a feasibility study to consider the reopen of toilets where there is an affordable and identified need.

Car Parks

Maximise the benefit to the Council and the Dales' communities that car parks provide through additional sources of revenue generation while tariffing car parks to attract residents and visitors to Dales' towns.

Amended:

To develop and implement a car parks improvement plan that supports communities and local businesses.

Outcome:

Explore opportunities to develop our Car Parks and consider differential charging within the district with local businesses and residents at the forefront.

Waste & Recycling

Prepare a policy and strategy for the period following the end of the Serco contract

Amended:

To provide an effective waste and recycling collection service with a focus on waste reduction.

Outcome:

To consider alternative service delivery options and develop an implementation plan for the collection of household waste and recycling, following the end of the Serco contract.

To develop a strategy to support the reduction of waste produced and collected.

Emergency Planning

Continue the excellent support provided

Amended:

Maintain the Council's high standard of response to civil emergencies and incidents.

Outcome:

Continue to play an active role within the wider emergency planning partnership, including the Derbyshire Resilience Forum.

Community Safety Partnership

Work to reduce crime and disorder and improve community safety in the Dales

Amended:

To maintain the low levels of crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

Outcome:

Continue to work with the Community Safety Partnership, including the Police, and improving communications with the community on crime and safety.

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