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Community & Environment Committee

Minutes of a Community & Environment Committee meeting held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 1st November, 2022 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Bank Road, Matlock, DE4 3NN.

PRESENT

Councillor Helen Froggatt - In the Chair

Councillors: Chris Furness, Tony Morley, Garry Purdy, Janet Rose, Andrew Statham, Susan Hobson, Martin Burfoot, David Hughes, Steve Wain, Matt Buckler, Neil Buttle, Mike Ratcliffe and Peter O'Brien

Paul Wilson (Chief Executive), Tim Braund (Director of Regulatory Services), Steve Capes (Director of Regeneration & Policy), Ashley Watts (Director of Community and Environmental Services), Kerry France (Legal Services Manager), Amanda Goodwill (Environmental Health Manager), Mike Hase (Planning Policy Manager), Dave Turvey (Events Manager), Vikki Hatfield (Neighbourhoods Manager), Karen Carpenter (Environmental Health Officer), Tommy Shaw (Democratic Services Team Leader) and Angela Gratton (Democratic Services Officer)

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor(s): Sue Bull, Dermot Murphy and Alasdair Sutton

171/22 - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with the procedure for public participation, Mr Peter Dobbs made a statement and asked questions regarding the air quality management action plan (AQMA) for

Ashbourne. A full response was published to the District Council website. Mr Robbie Currie, Local Resident made statement regarding the AQMA.

172/22 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Susan Hobson, seconded by Councillor Chris Furness and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community and Environment Committee held on 8 September 2022 be approved as a correct record.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

173/22 - INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

174/22 - ASHBOURNE AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA ACTION PLAN

The Director of Regulatory Services introduced a report seeking for approval of a draft Air Quality Management Area Action Plan for the purposes of public consultation prior to submission to DEFRA.

The Environmental Health Officer gave an updated picture of the situation at present, the County Council had confirmed that it had commissioned a transport consultancy, with specialist air quality consultants as part of their team, which would quantify the emission impacts of the proposed transport management mitigation measures. A value for money assessment was also to be completed. Members were also informed of the work being undertaken by consultants on an assessment of the Urban Traffic Management System to provide an initial assessment for Action 1. It was noted that the consultant's response was expected from DCC within 2-3 weeks. In addition, the administrative amendments to the Action Plan suggested by DEFRA in their appraisal document had been addressed by District Council officers, where the information required was available.

The Environmental Health Manager also informed Members that once the four week public consultation has been completed, the updated Action Plan would be presented to a further meeting of the Community and Environment Committee before submission to DEFRA.

During debate Councillor David Hughes moved to defer approval of the draft Air Quality Action Plan until the County Council report had been received. This motion was then seconded by Councillor Peter O'Brien and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

1. That approval of the draft Air Quality Action Plan attached as appendix 1 of the report be deferred until receipt of the County Council's report.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

175/22 - DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2022-2025

The Policy Manager introduced a report seeking approval of a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) for the period covering 2022-2025 to be published on the Council's website. It was noted that the review of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan would influence the ability of the District Council to achieve a number of its key aims and objectives during the next three years including the delivery of affordable housing, business growth, job creation and delivering a thriving district. It was also noted that the Derbyshire Dales LDS would have no direct climate change implications and that the review of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan would include revised policies which would seek to mitigate the effects Climate Change

It was moved by Councillor Garry Purdy, seconded by Councillor Chris Furness and

RESOLVED

1. That the Derbyshire Dales Local Development Scheme 2022-2025 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved and brought into immediate effect.

Voting

12 For

0 Against

2 Abstentions

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

176/22 - PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER - REVIEW OF BBQS / OPEN FIRES

The Neighbourhoods Manager introduced a report updating Members on the progress made and incidents of fires & BBQs over the last six months.

The report also informed Members that the PSPOs in place would operate from 10 October 2022 until 9 October 2025 and that no further consultation would be expected to take place unless any changes in circumstance had sufficient evidence. It was also noted that there would be the possibility of extending the PSPO for a further three years to 9 October 2028.

Councillor Garry Purdy moved the recommendations as set out in the report with two additional recommendations:

1. That the PSPO be brought back to Members for review should an incident occur which gives rise for concern.
2. That Members receive an Annual report.

This was seconded by Councillor David Hughes.

During debate, Councillor Peter O'Brien moved an amendment that the PSPO would operate until October 2025 and then be brought back to Members and not extended for a further three years. This was seconded by Councillor Steve Wain and put to the vote as follows:

Voting

7 For

8 Against
0 Abstained

The Chairman declared the amendment **LOST**.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and

RESOLVED

1. That officers continue to review matters until 2025 and the decision to extend for a further three years (2028) be determined by the Neighbourhoods Manager in consultation with partners, such as Derbyshire Constabulary and Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service.
2. That the PSPO be brought back to Members for review should an incident occur which gives rise for concern.
3. That Members to receive an Annual report.

Voting

9 For
4 Against
1 Abstained

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

177/22 - REGENERATION CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Director of Regeneration and Policy introduced a report updating Members on the 'pipeline' of capital regeneration projects discussed at previous meetings, and setting out criteria for approval for future District Council involvement in town centre regeneration projects promoted by others. The report also provided an update on work undertaken at risk, following submission of the Levelling Up Fund bid in July 2022 in order to be prepared in anticipation of a potential imminent funding award.

Members raised questions regarding funding for smaller/rural communities, the Director of Regeneration and Policy informed Members of alternative funding methods, better suited to the needs of smaller/rural communities. An example given of one such funding stream was the Community Resilience Grant scheme – open to applications from community and voluntary organisations, social enterprises and town and parish councils with projects aimed at strengthening local communities and fostering local pride.

Councillor Tony Morley moved the recommendations as set out in the report, this was then seconded by Councillor Garry Purdy.

During debate Councillor Peter O'Brien moved an amendment to delete recommendation two, to be replaced with the following 'That a review of the Council's regeneration strategy (economic, social and environmental) is undertaken in consultation with partners and stakeholders in order to determine the priority for future capital funding bids and the allocation of resources to support their development'. This amendment was then seconded by Councillor Matthew Buckler and put to the vote as follows:

Voting

2 For

8 Against

4 Abstained

The Chairman declared the amendment **LOST**.

The substantive motion was then put to the vote and

RESOLVED

1. That the work undertaken on regeneration capital 'pipeline' projects since the last meeting of this Committee be noted.
2. That the criteria and template for project sponsors to submit regeneration capital project proposals for consideration for development work be approved.
3. That the Council is recommended to approve a revenue budget in 2023/24 of up to £50,000, financed from the Economic Development Reserve, to fund such development work as might fit the above criteria, subject to available resources and subject to reassessment following Levelling Up Fund announcements.
4. That the work undertaken by officers and consultants since the submission of the Levelling Up Fund bid be noted.
5. That expenditure of the Levelling Up Fund project development funding be noted and that the spending of the remaining sum be endorsed as set out in paragraph 7.3.
6. That authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Policy, Director of Resources and Director of Corporate and Customer services to accept grant funding, enter into grant funding and other necessary agreements (including with the Government, Derbyshire County Council and Ashbourne Methodist Church) in the event that the District Council is awarded Levelling Up Funding.

Voting

13 For

0 Against

1 Abstained

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

178/22 - EVENT STRATEGY 2022-2025

The Events Manager introduced a report seeking approval to adopt the Event Strategy for 2022 to 2025, which included the additions as detailed in the report. The Events Manager informed Members that there was one omission from the strategy to be added, the banning of the use of Chinese Lanterns and Helium balloons (this does not include the sale of hand held helium balloons at events) which go into the air at events held on District Council's land.

Members asked for their thanks to be noted for the hard work of the Events Manager and his team over the last few months at Matlock Bath and also to the boat builders for their hard work in facilitating the Illuminations.

It was moved by Councillor Susan Hobson, Seconded by Councillor Chris Furness and

RESOLVED (Unanimously)

1. That the revised Event Strategy be approved and implemented for any future event applications on District Council Land until March 2025.
2. That the Head of Community & Environmental Services continues to be delegated authority to approve applications for events on Council owned land in accordance with the Events Strategy and approved schedule of fees.
3. That the Chief Executive be delegated authority to act in the absence of the primary contact or in the event of a conflict of interest.

The Chairman declared the motion **CARRIED**.

Meeting Closed: 8.25 pm

Chairman