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COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a virtual Special Meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held at 6.00 pm on Monday 02nd November 2020.

Under Regulations made under the Coronavirus Act 2020, the meeting was held virtually. Members of the public were able to view the virtual meeting via the District Council's website at www.derbyshiredales.gov.uk or via our YouTube channel.

PRESENT

Councillor Chris Furness - In the Chair

Councillors: Matthew Buckler, Sue Bull, Martin Burfoot, Helen Froggatt, Clare Gamble, Susan Hobson, David Hughes, Tony Morley, Peter O'Brien, Joyce Pawley, Garry Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Andrew Statham, Alasdair Sutton, Steve Wain and Mark Wakeman.

James McLaughlin (Director of Corporate and Customer Services), Mike Hase (Policy Manager) Jim Fearn (Communications & Marketing Manager) and Simon Johnson (Democratic Services Officer).

The meeting was recorded and broadcast live on YouTube.

APOLOGIES

There were no apologies.

125/20 – DERBYSHIRE DALES STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT 2020

The Committee considered a report, referred from Council held on 08th October 2020, seeking approval for revisions to the Council's current Statement of Community Involvement and a request that delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration & Policy to undertake the revisions to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2020 and to commence a six week public consultation.

Section 18 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Planning Act 2008, the Localism Act 2011 and the Neighbourhood Planning Act 2017) requires that local planning authorities prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) emphasises the role of community engagement in the planning system, setting out that "Plans should be prepared with the objective of contributing to the achievement of sustainable development... be shaped by early, proportionate and effective engagement between plan makers and communities, local

organisations, businesses, infrastructure providers and operators and statutory consultees.” (Paragraph 16 NPPF). Furthermore the NPPF states “plans should be accessible through the use of digital tools to assist public involvement and policy presentation” (Paragraph 16 NPPF). In respect of decision making, the NPPF further emphasises that “early engagement has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties” (Paragraph 39 NPPF).

The purpose of the SCI is to explain to local communities and stakeholders how they will be involved in the preparation, alteration and review of Local Plans and also in the determination of planning applications. Local planning authorities are also required to set out in the SCI their policies for giving advice or assistance to neighbourhood planning groups and their policies for involving communities and other interested parties in the preliminary stages of plan-making.

The current Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2019 was adopted at a meeting of the Community and Environment Committee on 10th January 2019 (Minute 286/18).

Temporary changes to the publicity requirements for certain planning applications were introduced through the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure, Listed Buildings and Environmental Impact Assessment) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 to support timely decision making, and avoid delays to development as a result of the effects of the pandemic, while maintaining public participation in the decision making process. These temporary changes have given local planning authorities greater flexibility in relation to the way they publicise planning applications, if they are unable to comply with a particular requirement because it is not reasonably practicable to do so for reasons connected to the effects of coronavirus. This includes for instance flexibility relating to the publicity of planning applications if the Local Planning Authority is unable to discharge the specific requirements for site notices, neighbour notifications or newspaper publicity cannot be achieved and promoting the use of digital communications, including social media.

A review of the adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan is also proposed, as required under Regulation 10A of the Town and County Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended), local planning authorities should review Local Plan and Statements of Community Involvement at least once every 5 years from their adoption date to ensure that policies remain relevant and meet the needs of the local community. To comply with this duty a review of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan and accompanying Derbyshire Dales Statement of Community Involvement must be undertaken be completed by December 2022.

The revised SCI identifies the Local Development Documents upon which the public and stakeholders will be consulted; these include the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan and any forthcoming Supplementary Planning Documents. The revised SCI also sets out how the District Council will give advice and assistance to neighbourhood planning groups on the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans and involve communities in the preliminary stages of plan making.

Although the SCI is not required to be subject to an independent assessment it is considered best practice that it be subject to a period of public consultation prior to formal adoption.

Councillor Tony Morley requested that it be noted, that communities should be encouraged to seek help and advice from the District Council in preparation of their Local Neighbourhood Plans.

It was moved by Councillor Tony Morley seconded by Councillor Susan Hobson that

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

1. That delegated authority be given to the Director of Regeneration and Policy to undertake the revisions to the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2020 as set out in Appendix 1 and to commence a period of six weeks public consultation.
2. That a report be presented to a future meeting that sets out and considers any representations received during period of six weeks public consultation.

126/20 – DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2020-2023

The Committee considered a report, referred from Council held on 08th October 2020, seeking approval for the immediate publication of a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) on the District Council's website.

Section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by Section 111 of the Localism Act) requires that local planning authorities prepare a Local Development Scheme (LDS), which sets out the Council's programme for the preparation and adoption of Local Development Documents over a three year period.

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires that the planning system should be plan-led, with an up to date plan providing a positive vision for the future of the area that sets out a framework for addressing housing needs, economic, social and environmental priorities. The National Planning Practice Guidance states that local planning authorities must keep communities informed of plan making activity, by publicising and keeping up to date their timetable for producing their Local Plan in a Local Development Scheme (LDS). The LDS should be published on the authority's web site.

The current Local Development Scheme was brought into effect on 13th September 2018 and covers the period 2018-2021. This version was prepared, taking into account changes in legislation and to reflect the adoption of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan in December 2017.

Revisions to the Local Development Scheme have been prepared to cover the period 2020 to 2023. The revised LDS sets out the timetable for the review and preparation of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan, the resources required to take the Plan forward, and the risks associated with its preparation. At this time the LDS envisages that the review process could be completed by late 2021, and (taking account of previous timescales for the preparation of the current Derbyshire Dales Local Plan) the adoption of a new revised Local Plan being achieved by mid-2023.

It was moved by Councillor Garry Purdy seconded by Councillor Mark Wakeman that

RESOLVED That the Derbyshire Dales Local Development Scheme 2020-2023 as set out in Appendix 1 to this report be approved and brought into immediate effect.

Voting:

For	16
Against	0
Abstentions	1

The Chairman declared the motion CARRIED

MEETING CLOSED 7.00PM

CHAIRMAN