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## **COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a Meeting held on Thursday 29 October 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00 pm.**

### **PRESENT**

Councillor Joanne Wild - In the Chair

Councillors Jennifer Bower, Richard Bright, Martin Burfoot, Albert Catt, Ann Elliott, Susan Hobson, Tony Morley, Joyce Pawley, Lewis Rose, OBE, Colin Swindell and Philippa Tilbrook.

Sandra Lamb (Head of Corporate Services), Tim Braund (Head of Regulatory Services), Steve Capes (Head of Regeneration and Policy) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

Councillor Sue Burfoot attended as an observer.

### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jason Atkin, Sue Bull and Andrew Statham. There were no substitute Members.

### **185/15 - MINUTES**

It was moved by Colin Swindell, seconded by Councillor Jennifer Bower and

#### **RESOLVED**

(unanimously)

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community & Environment Committee held on 10 September 2015 be approved as a correct record.

The Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

### **186/15 – INTERESTS**

Councillor Richard Bright declared that his views were predetermined in respect of Item 5 on the agenda, relating to Hulland Ward. Councillor Bright spoke on the subject matter then left the meeting during the debate and voting of this part of the item.

## **187/15 – PLANNING APPEALS – LAND AT WHEELDON WAY, HULLAND WARD AND LAND OFF PARK LANE, TWO DALES**

Members considered a report on two appeals that had been lodged against the refusal of outline planning permission for residential developments, as set out in the report, together with the options available to the District Council in defending these appeals and the recommended preferred option for each.

On 13 February 2015 outline planning permission was refused for residential development of up to 48 dwellings on land at Wheeldon Way, Hulland Ward (Application 14/00698/OUT). The reason for refusal was as follows:

*'The proposed development would constitute an unsustainable expansion of the settlement of Hulland Ward. It would result in harmful encroachment into the countryside detrimental to its character and appearance and the character and appearance of the settlement. As such the proposal is contrary to Policies SF4 and NBE8 of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan (2005) and guidance in the National Planning Policy Framework'.*

An appeal had been lodged against the District Council's refusal of planning permission. This appeal was to be determined by Informal Hearing in January 2016 and the Council was due to submit its statement of case by 13 November 2015.

On 10 September 2015 outline planning permission was refused for residential development of up to 13 dwellings on land at Park Lane, Two Dales (Application 15/00480/OUT). The reason for refusal was as follows:

*'The proposed development will result in the loss of an attractive green field site which helps to both frame the settlement and also appears prominently in views out of the settlement to the wooded hillside of Hallmoor Wood beyond. The residential development of this field would be an intrusion into the countryside that will have an adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the landscape and the setting of the settlement. The adverse impacts of the development are considered to significantly and demonstrably outweigh the benefits and the proposal is considered contrary to Policies SF5 and NBE8 of the Adopted Derbyshire Dales Local Plan and guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework'.*

An appeal had been lodged against the District Council's refusal of planning permission. This appeal was to be determined by Written Representations, also in January 2016, and the Council was due to submit its statement of case by 18 November 2015.

The relevant points in considering both these appeals against the current policy position were set out in the report, and in order to defend the District Council's position in these appeals it was considered necessary to make financial provision to cover the costs of the Council's consultants and to deal with the possibility of an adverse award of costs. A total budget of up to £45,000 was therefore required to be funded from the General Reserve for the two appeals.

Prior to leaving the meeting during the discussion relating to Hulland Ward, Councillor Bright put himself forward to defend the planning decision, with advice and guidance from experts.

It was moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE, seconded by Councillor Tony Morley and

- RESOLVED**  
(unanimously)
1. That the Committee endorses the approach outlined in Section 4 of the report.
  2. That Council be recommended to authorise expenditure of up to £45,000 from the General Reserve and that this expenditure be into consideration in calculating the revised budget estimates for 2015/16.

It was then moved by Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE, seconded by Councillor Colin Swindell and

- RESOLVED**  
(unanimously)
1. That Councillor Richard Bright be nominated to defend the Hlland Ward appeal.
  2. That Councillors Sue Burfoot and Mike Ratcliffe be nominated to defend the Two Dales appeal, if required.

### **188/15 – DERBYSHIRE DALES ECONOMIC PLAN**

Members considered a report on the progress of the Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan, originally adopted in September 2014, to take forward Members' economic development priority.

Based on the fragility of the Derbyshire Dales' economy, there was a clear need for:

- More higher-paid jobs in local businesses
- Better rural broadband
- More (modern) workspace / employment sites

Three three key sectors and five key employment sites were listed in the report, and the work undertaken to date focused on the priority themes as listed below, each of which was updated in the report, indicating progress in the past year and next steps proposed:

1. Employment sites
2. Business engagement
3. Derbyshire Dales Business Advice
4. Enterprise Peak District partnership projects
5. Visitor Economy
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A table summarising planned expenditure from the Economic Development Reserve over the next three to four years (subject where indicated to current funding bids) was set out in the report. The approach remained to work with both D2N2 and Sheffield City Region LEPs for funding to address Derbyshire Dales' economic development priorities. Members would be advised of any significant changes, for example as a result of the forthcoming Government spending review, and asked to consider appropriate action or reprogramming as necessary.

It was moved by Councillor Tony Morley, seconded by Councillor Jennifer Bower and

- RESOLVED**  
(unanimously)
1. That progress in delivering the Derbyshire Dales Economic Plan 2014-2019 is noted
  2. That actions are brought back to Members for consideration as appropriate for implementing the Plan
  3. That the next steps as set out in the report are agreed

4. That Council be recommended to approve the planned expenditure of the Economic Development Reserve as follows:

Priority	Work Area	Activities	Spend	Year
<b>Employment Sites</b>	Ashbourne Airfield Link Road	Legal advice, prep of funding submissions, contract docs	£14,500	2015/16 to 2016/17
	Site Appraisals	Developer engagement and Growth Deal Round 3 bids		
<b>Business Engagement</b>	Business Forums, site promotion and investment pack	Venues, design & printing	£1,000	2015/16 to 2016/17
<b>Business Advice</b>	Full time DDBA service, Start-up support, Growth Hubs	One to one business advice, one to many events, Growth Hub products and services for businesses (details TBC)	£70,800* to be matched with ERDF	2015/16 to 2018/19
<b>Enterprise Peak District Package</b>	Inspired by the Peak District	Marketing materials and brand development	£12,500* to be matched with ERDF	2015/16 to 2018/19
	Broadband	Potential extension of Broadband Connection Voucher scheme Match funding contribution to help tackle harder to reach areas	£50,000 (est) £90,000* (est) to be matched with EAFRD	
<b>Visitor Economy</b>	Pedal Peak Business Initiative, Eroica signage	Contribution to establish cycle friendly business clusters; and permanent signage and marketing of Eroica route	£55,000* to be matched with ERDF and EAFRD (or LEADER)	2016/17 to 2018/19
<b>Other</b>	Support for local Market Town initiatives	Market town health checks and enabling support	£6,200	2015/16 to 2016/17
<b>Total</b>			<b>£300,000</b>	

**MEETING CLOSED 7.54PM**

**CHAIRMAN**