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Date: Tuesday, 20 February 2024

To: **Members of the Communities Scrutiny Committee**

Please attend a meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Wednesday, 28 February 2024 at 10.00 am in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2**, District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield S42 6NG.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Sarah Steuberg'.

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Members of the Committee

<u>Labour Group</u>	<u>Conservative Group</u>	<u>Liberal Democrat Group</u>
Councillor Stuart Fawcett – Chair Councillor Michael Durrant Councillor Graham Baxter MBE Councillor Richard Beech Councillor Nicki Morley	Councillor Pam Jones Councillor Carolyn Renwick Councillor Kevin Tait	Councillor Pam Windley

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A G E N D A

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 20 September 2023.

4 Draft Notes of the Local Plan Review Working Group (Pages 9 - 11)

Following the announcement at full Council the notes of the meeting are being shared with Scrutiny Committees for their information.

5 Damp and Mould Implications

To receive an update on the Housing Options work to address Damp and Mould problems in private sector rented properties, and to assess the implications of the new Social Housing Standards.

Ken Eastwood, Assistant Director of Environmental Health and Chris Hixon, Housing & Public Health Team Manager

6 Performance Management (Pages 12 - 18)

To consider progress made against the Council Plan Targets and Objectives relevant to the Committee and any issues where further progress is required.

Kath Drury, Information, Engagement and Performance Manager and Amar Bashir, Improvement Officer

7 Residents Survey (Pages 19 - 23)

Committee to discuss the outcomes of the Residents Survey and to determine if they want to look at any areas as part of their Work Programme.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer / Kath Drury, Information, Engagement and Performance Manager and Richard Shaw, Improvement Officer

8 Cabinet Business (Pages 24 - 37)

To inform Committee of recent and forthcoming Cabinet business.

A digest of Cabinet decisions taken since 29 June 2023. This information is published by Cabinet meeting on the Council's website. Cabinet Agendas,

Decisions and Minutes can be viewed at: [Cabinet](#)

The Forward Plan of Executive decisions.

[Plans](#)

These plans are updated to include new business.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

9 Work Programme (Pages 38 - 42)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

10 Additional Urgent Items

To consider any other matter which the Chair of the Committee is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at 10.00 am.



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COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2023

Present:

Councillor Stuart Fawcett (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Michael Durrant (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE
Councillor Pam Jones
Councillor Pam Windley

Councillor Richard Beech
Councillor Kevin Tait

Also Present:

J Dethick	Director of Finance and Resources & (Section 151 Officer)
L Pepper	Assistant Director Communities
A Maher	Governance Manager
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer
L Shaw	Managing Director - Rykneld Homes Ltd

CSC/ Apologies for Absence

9/23-
24

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C Renwick.

CSC/ Declarations of Interest

10/2

3-24 None.

CSC/ Notes of the Informal Meeting

11/2

3-24 **RESOLVED** – That the notes of the Informal Communities Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 14 July 2023 were endorsed.

CSC/ The Council Tax Premium on Empty Homes Policy

12/2

3-24 Committee discussed how accommodation in the District might be increased by bringing back into use currently vacant properties. In particular, it heard from the Assistant Director – Communities about proposals to impose a Council Tax 'Premium' (or additional charge) on those home which had been empty for two years or more. Members were informed that many local authorities across Derbyshire and other areas had introduced a Council Tax premium in order to encourage the owners to occupy, offer for rent or sell them for owner-occupation.

Committee discussed the problem of empty properties in the District. Members highlighted the impact which unoccupied homes can have on local communities, and especially when they become a focus for crime and anti-social behaviour. Members also heard about the range of powers which the Council has to combat the problem. In this context, they discussed the number of empty properties within the District and how these vary by Council Tax category. They also discussed the

income that might be generated from a Premium and how this could be used by the Council to help owners bring their properties back into use through the creation of an Empty Homes Officer Post.

Members queried whether the funds generated from the additional Council Tax premium for Empty Homes would meet the cost of the Empty Homes Officer post. The Director of Finance and Resources confirmed that the intention was for it to be self-financing, but advised that for the first year the post would be funded from the available grant to give the scheme the opportunity to embed. It was also noted that the additional income generated from Council Tax forms part of the Collection Fund so benefits all major preceptors.

At conclusion of the discussion the Consensus that the imposition of the proposed Premium would be an appropriate response to the problem of empty homes in the District and should be supported.

RESOLVED – That the proposed approach be supported.

**CSC/
13/2
3-24** **The Problem of Damp and Mould**

The Rykneld Homes Limited Managing Director gave Members a presentation on recent developments relating to Damp and Mould in homes.

Members were informed of the national Damp and Mould picture, including the 2020 death in Rochdale of Awaab Ishak, changes needed and led by Government, the Housing Ombudsman/Regulator and changes to Regulation of Damp & Mould.

The steps taken by Rykneld Homes in response were as follows:

- A Damp and Mould Policy
- Triage Process
 - Information & Advice
 - Mould Clean
 - Identification of issue
 - Rectification/Repair
- Specialist Trained Team
 - 2 x Surveyors
 - 1 x Administration Role

A 'Condensation and Mould' leaflet was presented to Members which would be circulated to tenants. The leaflet set out steps to prevent Damp and Mould and guidance for when both are found in homes.

Members asked where the budget was for Damp and Mould publicity, and were informed that it was within Rykneld's own budget. The Council Director of Finance and Resources added that in 2012, self-financing regulations were introduced which meant Rykneld had to cover the cost, but the Council was considering a change to this arrangement.

Members asked if properties had been surveyed for Damp and Mould. The Rykneld Homes Managing Director explained that every property had to be

surveyed by Damp and Mould surveyors.

Members enquired how many disrepair claims had been made relating to Damp and Mould. The Rykneld Homes Managing Director explained that 18 claims had been received, and added that each claim was legally challenged.

Members were concerned by the possibility of vulnerable people being targeted by companies to put in the complaint. Members were advised that these people should contact Rykneld Homes directly.

Members referred to private tenancies and asked what the Council was doing to protect private renters. The Assistant Director – Communities explained that work was being carried out by Environmental Health and its private sector team (that deliver work of this nature in the PRS) to reach out to private landlords. The Chair requested that the action taken to address the problem of Damp and Mould through the Environmental Health private sector team be looked at further and included as an item on a future Committee meeting agenda.

RESOLVED –

(1) That the update be noted.

(2) That action to address the damp and mould problem in private rental accommodation be taken as an item on a future Committee meeting agenda.

CSC/ 14/2 3-24 **Legislative Changes affecting the Housing Service**

The Director of Finance and Resources explained to Members an important upcoming change in Housing law, which would mean social housing landlords must meet four standards set by the Regulator of Social Housing:

- Safety and Quality Standard
- Transparency, Influence and Accountability Standard
- Neighbourhood and Community Standard
- Tenancy Standard

The Director of Finance and Resources added that the Council would need to decide how to work to these standards over the next six months.

Members discussed the forthcoming changes. As part of this, they asked for clarification on how the work required to meet the standards would be funded. They also discussed what controls would be put in place to ensure compliance. Committee was informed that the budget would come from the Housing Revenue Account (although other sources were being considered) and the Government's inspection regime would be very strict.

At the conclusion of the discussion Committee indicated that the implications of the new standards should be considered further at a future meeting

RESOLVED –

(1) That the update be noted.

(2) That the impact of the new social housing standards be included as an item on a future Committee meeting agenda.

CSC/ Cabinet Business

15/2

3-24 The Governance Manager presented the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions to the Committee.

The Committee was informed that future updates on the Forward Plan would be provided in a digest style, to identify Cabinet decisions that they could scrutinise further, and how scrutiny of them could contribute to achieving the Council Plan objectives.

RESOLVED – That the Committee noted the update.

CSC/ Work Programme

16/2

3-24 Committee discussed the work programme for its next meeting. It reiterated that the Environmental Health work to address Damp and Mould problems in private sector rented properties, and an assessment of the implications of the new social Housing standards both be placed on the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

RESOLVED - That the suggested items be included in the Work Programme for the next meeting.

CSC/ Additional Urgent Items

17/2

3-24 None.

CSC/ Date of Next Meeting

18/2

3-24 10.00am Wednesday 15 November 2023.

LOCAL PLAN REVIEW WORKING GROUP

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2023

Present:

Councillor Stephen Pickering (Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Caroline Smith
Councillor Stephen Clough
Councillor Michael Durrant
Councillor Lee Hartshorne
Councillor Heather Liggett

Councillor Frank Adlington-Stringer
Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor David Hancock
Councillor Tony Lacey
Councillor Mick Smith

Also Present:

D Thompson	Assistant Director of Planning
H Fairfax	Planning Policy & Environment Manager
A Maher	Governance Manager
A Bond	Governance Officer

LPR/ Apologies for Absence

1/23-

24

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Suzy Cornwell and Stuart Fawcett.

LPR/ The Purpose of the Review Group

2/23-

24

Members of the Group introduced themselves before viewing a presentation by The Assistant Director Planning and the Planning Policy & Environment Manager. The presentation outlined the Terms of Reference and the purpose of the Local Plan Review Working Group.

Councillor S Pickering explained that the aim had been to ensure that all political groups across the Council had involvement with the Group and would be able to influence the work that it conducted. He stressed that the process would not be rushed and that it would be both constructive and collaborative.

LPR/ Discussions Based on the Attached Papers

3/23-

24

Group were presented with a report which outlined the issues and alternatives relating to a review of the Local Plan, the effectiveness of policies in the Adopted Local Plan and the outcome of a desk top review of the Local Plan.

Members heard that although the Council's Local Plan was adopted two years ago, it had been submitted for examination in May 2018 and had been prepared in line with the provisions of the 2012 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Since that time, the NPPF has had numerous changes including the introduction of the national design guide, the standard method for calculating local housing need and an increased emphasis on climate

change.

Officers had undertaken a desk top review of the Local Plan, which utilised the PAS assessment tool to identify if an early update of the Local Plan was likely to be necessary. The review suggested that the local plan was working well overall with the exception of a couple of areas of concern.

Group were also informed that new regulations, policy and guidance necessary for the preparation of the first new style of local plans would be in place by Autumn 2024. Plans would need to be submitted for examination by 30 June 2025. This would leave Council 20 months to secure the relevant evidence, prepare documentation and undertake the necessary consultation.

Members discussed the report at length. They considered the interim findings of the review and the RAG rating associated with each of the monitoring indicators: Green, to indicate that the relevant policies were being implemented effectively. Amber to indicate that there were some issues but these were being managed, and Red to highlight any serious issues.

Working Group discussed whether it would be best to begin work on a new local plan or to focus on a partial update of the current plan.

Councillor H Liggett raised concerns with regard to overloaded sewer systems and Group agreed to consider how best to address this issue as the work of the Group progressed.

Members discussed Neighbourhood Plans and if it would be beneficial for these to be updated at the same time as the Local Plan. They heard that these could be produced at any time and would depend on the needs of each individual Parish.

Group discussed the timeframe of a new Local Plan and heard the current Government proposals were that 'new style Local Plans' should not take more than 30 months to complete.

Group were reminded that the Local Plan must be reviewed every five years, in accordance with current national planning policy.

Members considered that evidence should be gathered so that Group could take an informed decision on how to proceed once there was clarity around the 'new style' plan making system.

LPR/ Next Steps

**4/23-
24**

Group discussed the next steps and considered the merits of progressing to a formal review under the current system. Officers advised Members that given the likely scope of the review (including the strategic matters of housing and employment land and the need to reflect the Environment Act 2021 biodiversity requirements), a partial review would likely take a similar length of time to a full review, due to the impact on the strategic policies of the current Local Plan.

Officers advised that, in light of the above discussion, there would not be sufficient time to complete a full review by June 2025 and that there was a risk of abortive work/having to re-do stages of the process if a formal review was commenced before the anticipated changes to the Plan process were introduced later in 2024. This assessment had been corroborated by an experienced planning professional who represented the Planning Officers Society Enterprise, who advise Local Planning Authorities on matters such as Local Plan preparation and reviews.

Officers also advised that the first substantive stage of a formal review would be evidence gathering in any case. The recommendation to progress with updating the evidence that would underpin an updated Plan/future Local Plan would address this requirement. The only difference from a formal Regulation 18 stage would be setting specific timeframes for public consultation.

Members were reminded that the Government consulted on the proposed 30 month system at the end of 2023 and the suggested process (to which officers provided a written response) would introduce a new 'gateway' system with associated consultation periods.

The Working Group heard that rather than duplicate consultation exercises, officers considered it prudent to issue a statement informing members of the public about the evidence gathering process that would be commencing in 2024 and explain the reasons for waiting for certainty on the 'new style' system before undertaking formal consultation.

At the conclusion of the discussion Members agreed –

1. To proceed with evidence gathering in advance of certainty regarding national requirements.
2. To prepare a statement that explains that a formal review is not going to commence until we have that certainty but that we have commenced evidence gathering.

LPR/ 5/23-24 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Members agreed that the next meeting of the Local Plan Review Working Group would take place in January 2024.

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Communities Scrutiny Committee

**Council Plan Objective – A Great Place to Live Well –
Update October to December 2024**

28th February 2024

Report of the Information, Engagement & Performance Manager

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Kath Drury, Information, Engagement and Performance Manager

Contact Officer: As above

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To report progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective - “A great place to live well” for the period ending 31st December 2023.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That progress against the Council Plan “A great place to live well” objective be noted.

IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes ☐ No ☒

Details

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes ☐ No ☒

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds: NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i>	No
Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/>	Details: Ward Members

Links to Council Plan priorities, including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.
A great place to live well council plan objective: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Community with Lifelong Good Health • A place to live that people value • A place where people enjoy spending time

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

1.1 The Council plan 2023-27 has four objectives:

- A great place to work.
- A great place to access good public services.
- A great place to live well.
- A great place that cares for the environment

Information on progress on what the Council has done for the live well objective is contained at appendix one and will be brought to the committee quarterly.

1.2 Under each objective there are several strategies which prioritise what the Council is setting out to achieve by March 2027. Under each strategy there are

specific tactics or commitments that will shape our approach and under those a
wrath of activities that in combination will help us to deliver the objectives.

- 1.3.1 Under the live well objective there are three strategies - A community with lifelong good health, A place to live that people value and A place where people enjoy spending time. There are four, three and two tactics under the respective strategies.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The appendix lists what has been done and achieved by those service areas with contributions to make for this period. These are noted under each strategy and tactic.
- 2.2 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 29th January 2024 for consideration and oversight.
- 2.3 No specific concerns or issues have been raised under this objective for this period.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1 This is an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the council plan objective for the environment.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 4.1 Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of progress against the council plan objective for the environment.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	A summary of progress for the Council Plan objective – A great place to live well – for the period ending December 2023
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet you must provide copies of the background papers)	

Council Plan 2023-2027 – A summary of progress by objective for the period ending 31st December 2023

A Great Place to Live Well
<i>The following progress has been made on A Community with Lifelong Good Health</i>
<p><i>Maximise opportunities for residents of all ages and abilities to participate in physical and social activity.</i></p> <p>Killamarsh skatepark development has been delayed due to bad weather over the last quarter. (Streetscene)</p> <p>Secured S106 contributions of £38,124.50 to be spent on Recreation ground/cricket ground, Birkinstyle lane, Stonebroom. Plus, a £13,393.82 10-year maintenance fee (22/00886/OL) (Planning)</p> <p>Leisure participation was 48,234 visits through this period which is 8,338 above the target.</p> <p><i>Directly or in partnership, reducing health inequality supporting Public Health, DCC and other partners to deliver targeted programmes in the district.</i></p> <p>Secured S106 contributions towards Chesterfield Royal hospital of £66,000 as part of application at Stonebroom (22/00886/OL) (Planning)</p> <p>In December a Stay Well, Check In on relatives, keeping health partner campaign was launched (Communications)</p> <p>Funded Parkinson's project finished December 2023, sessions continue at Eckington and Killamarsh centres. A total of 4880 attendances to community-based activity e.g., health intervention this quarter against a target of 4,800 (Leisure)</p> <p><i>Assist residents in ensuring their homes are suitable and meet their health needs.</i></p> <p>Secured conditions requiring accessible and adaptable homes in line with Policy LC4, including applications at Stonebroom (22/00886/OL). Approved application 23/00834 to amend the layout of Ellen House, Holmewood scheme to provide support space for residents (Planning)</p> <p>30 External Wall Insulation (EWI) measures have been completed on the Council's housing stock in December. The total for Q3 (Year to date) is now 146. Service Delivery performance information for the management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock for Q3 was reported to the Board of Rykneld Homes in December. No variances or exceptions to report in Q3 and service delivery is being maintained. Performance data is being produced in line with the Regulator for Social Housing's Tenant Satisfaction Measures. (Housing)</p> <p>During this quarter works have been completed at 5 premises to facilitate adaptations to meet health needs to the value of £34,050. Six Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) applications were approved to the value of £86,863 and 19 new applications were</p>

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received.

14 housing disrepair cases involving private landlords were resolved. 18 cases were dealt with giving energy efficiency advice. The new Outreach team dealt with 69 service requests.

2 private landlords were served notice to bring housing up to standard, 1 landlord was served notice to clear debris relating to an empty property; 2 premises owners were served notice to provide information regarding investigation of suspected unlicensed Homes in Multiple Occupation (HMO)

108 pest control treatment courses were completed, and 143 new Pest Control requests were received (Environmental health)

Property & Estates assist Rykneld in the delivery of several disabled adaptations across the Council Housing estate. One scheme in Dronfield ongoing for 2023/24.

Protect the public from ill health caused by environmental factors and business operations.

Included conditions on CCTD (planning permission ref. 23/00601/FL) decision to ensure acceptable living conditions for adjacent residents. (Planning)

The Commercial Team received 22 infectious disease notifications including 1 for legionella which is currently still under investigation due to the patient still being in hospital and a total of 104 food hygiene inspections/audits were carried out with 7 revisits. 9 complaints were received regarding food hygiene; 10 H&S at work visits at business premises took place and 2 H&S related complaints were investigated resulting in actions (Environmental Health)

88 business enquiries were received of which 76% were responded to within 3 working days and 39 domestic pollution service requests were dealt with (Environmental Health)

The Licensing Team issued 213 new licences (4 animal welfare, 10 House to House collections, 2 gambling, 4 small lotteries, 25 premises, 8 personal, 31 temporary events, 106 vehicle, 22 drivers, 1 operator) and issued 8 notices for either driver or vehicle suspensions (no taxi licences were revoked) on the grounds of public safety. (Environmental Health)

The following progress has been made A place to live that people value

Develop and continually improve the quality and range of housing providing a nice home and area for all residents to meet all needs.

As part of approved application ref. 23/00708/FL at North Wingfield we approved a variation to increase the numbers of affordable rent to adapt scheme to demand/need of local residents. (Planning)

We have committed to 2 properties as part of the safe and legal route consultation for a max of 8 people for Asylum Dispersal. At the end of December eleven families were in

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B&B accommodation including three because of winter provision. This is down by four from November. 23 households were in temporary accommodation in December, down from 35 in November. New measures have been introduced including senior sign off for placements and 2 weekly reviews of occupants in temporary accommodation. Service delivery performance information for the management and maintenance of the Council's housing stock for Q3 was reported to the Board of Rykneld Homes in December. No variances or exceptions to report in Q3 and service delivery is being maintained. Performance data is being produced in line with the Regulator for Social Housing's Tenant Satisfaction Measures. (Housing)

Directly and with partners, improve where people live to ensure they are safe, clean, functional, and attractive.

Worked with police and Environmental Health to approve new and upgraded public realm with a scheme of CCTV as part of CCTD application (planning permission ref. 23/00601/FL). (Planning)

Community Safety events planned with the Police, Schools and Extreme Wheels. Currently working indoors at Clay Cross, Killamarsh, and Holmesfield. New community safety officer commenced in role and this increased capacity has allowed the team to have a more visible presence in key district areas. Target Hardening currently in place for over 20 households.

Working in Dronfield and Unstone to increase awareness of ASB and Serious Acquisitive Crime. 5 "cuppa with a copper visits" carried out in December x2 Killamarsh x1 Dronfield x1 Eckington. 50 community door knocks carried out at Pilsley and Clay Cross and 70 households door knocked during burglary week too.

Gully and sweeping schedules have been adjusted following requests from DCC for areas of known flooding. Full review will commence in April 2024 (Streetscene)

The Enforcement team responded to 112 service requests from partners and residents to act on environmental issues including abandoned vehicles, fly tipping / litter accumulations, and dog related issues (strays, lost, fouling), and proactively carried out 4 patrols in town centres to tackle littering and dog fouling. 18 targeted proactive littering/dog fouling patrols were undertaken, and CCTV was placed in a fly tipping hotspot for evidence gathering.

9 FPNs were issued for littering (3), fly abandoned vehicles (3), Failure to produce (2) and Breach of PSPO (1). (Environmental Health)

Campaign was run in December to promote making resident's houses safe from burglars over the festive season. This was run as a website and social media campaign (Communications)

Well maintained public realm that connects our communities

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Approved new and upgraded public realm as part of CCTD application. Discussions with Economic Development regarding improvements to Dronfield Civic Centre Public Realm (Planning)

Met Sport England Officer 15.11.23 to discuss opportunities through the Active Parks/Environment for Clay Cross Active. A list of items with costs has been sent for potential project to improve connectivity to Clay Cross Town Centre (Leisure)

The following progress has been made on **A place where people enjoy spending time**

Improve and promote places and attractions to spend leisure time.

Promotion at Killamarsh Active of 7-4-1 soft play offer, trampolining promoted at Killamarsh Active too. Both were run as social media and website campaigns (Comms)

Promotion of excellent customer satisfaction results. Leisure rebranding is progressing well and the creation of a new Leisure website (Leisure)

Develop and promote the local 'offer' to ensure high quality and a diverse range of activities and places to spend time

Food and Drink trail being finalised in order to launch at the beginning of the 2024 tourist season.

RESULTS FROM RESIDENTS SURVEY

Communities Scrutiny

The Council undertook a Residents Survey in November 2023 to help further understand resident perceptions of their local area and local services.

A total of 3,269 responses were received.

The results will help the Council improve our services and communications and provide valuable resident insight to help shape priorities for making North East Derbyshire a great place.

The results have been broken down to fit into each Committees remit.

The Committee now need to determine if there are elements from the survey findings that they wish to explore further and include on the Work Programme going forward.

Executive Summary

- Of the 3,269 responses to the survey, 2,732 respondents (83.6%) stated they were satisfied with their local area as a place to live.
- 2,108 respondents (64.5%) felt that they 'belong' to their local neighbourhood, 864 respondents (26.4%) neither agreed nor disagreed.
- 2,251 respondents (68.9%) agreed that people in their local area treat one another with respect, 638 respondents (19.5%) neither agreed nor disagreed.
- 1,953 respondents (59.7%) agreed that people from different backgrounds get on well together in their local area, 1,044 respondents (31.9%) neither agreed nor disagreed.
- 3,007 respondents (92.0%) felt safe when outside in their local area during the day, with 2,003 respondents (61.3%) stating they feel safe outside during the evening after dark and a further 595 respondents (18.2%) stating neither safe nor unsafe.
- From the 16 options provided within the survey, the respondents felt that the top 5 most important things in making somewhere a great place to live were 'feeling safe/low crime rate' (69.8%), 'access to nature/open spaces' (62.2%), 'access to health services' (57.3%), 'shops' (36.8%) and 'clean streets' (33.7%).
- From the 16 options provided within the survey, the respondents felt that the top 5 areas where improvement is required are: 'public transport provision' (41.8%), 'activities for older children/teenagers' (40.0%), 'shops' (32.2%), 'access to health services' (31.0%), 'feeling safe low crime rate' (29.4%).

- In respect of public services, most respondents were satisfied with their Local Hospital (62.1%), followed by Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service (61.6%) and GP Service/Family Doctor (54.7%). Respondents were least satisfied with Derbyshire Police (44.2%), Local Bus Services (34.0%) and NHS Dental Services (28.6%).
- 2,135 of 3,050 respondents who expressed an opinion (70.0%), felt either 'very well' or 'fairly well' informed by North East Derbyshire District Council in respect of keeping residents informed about the services and benefits it provides.
- The top 5 methods respondents use to find out about the council's services and benefits provision are Council's 'The News' magazine (47.9%), Council's website (36.2%), Council's email bulletin (20.7%), Council's social media (18.0%) and Local newspaper/magazine (17.3%).
- 1,891 respondents (57.9%) were satisfied with the way North East Derbyshire District Council runs things, with 940 respondents (28.8%) being neutral and 438 respondents (13.4%) being dissatisfied. This would rank the council third in the list of local public service providers.

Findings

The findings from the survey have been extracted to what is potentially relevant to this Committee, and are below.

Quality of life

Respondents were given a list of 16 options and asked to select what they felt were the most important in terms of making somewhere a great place to live.

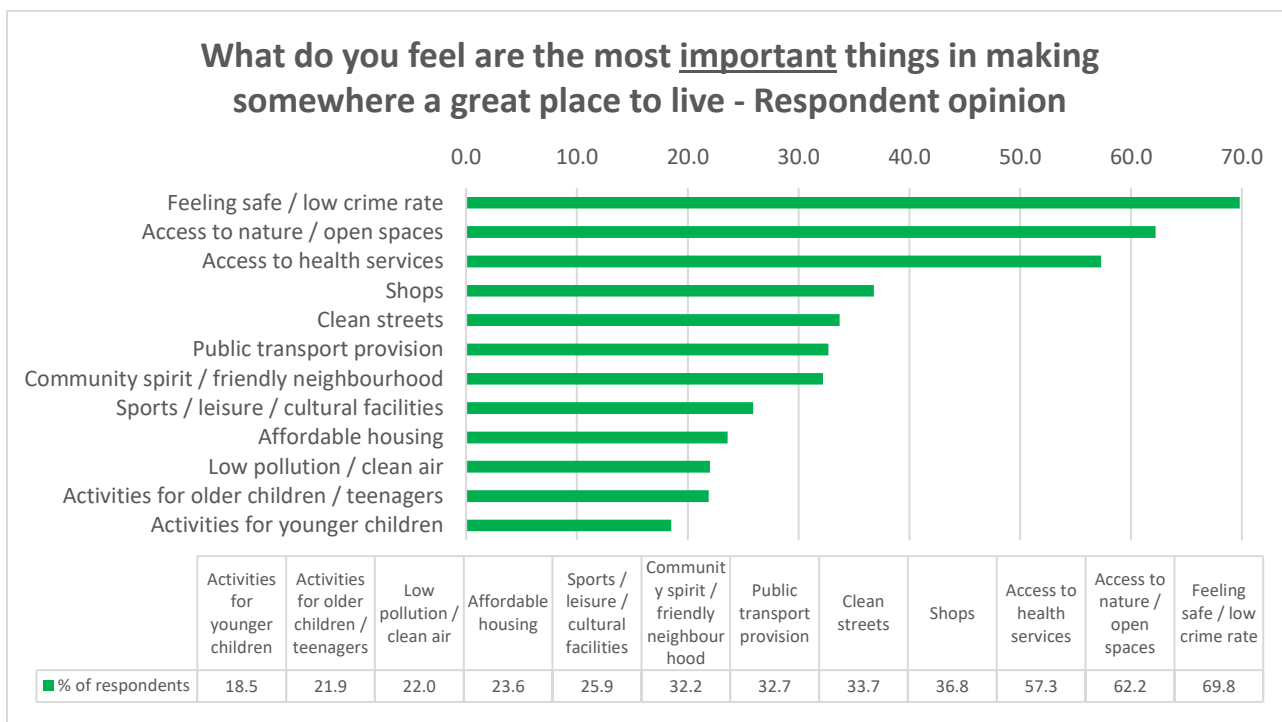
For the purpose of this Committee, within the top 12 the following were highlighted as being important:

- Affordable homes
- Activities for older children/teenagers
- Activities for younger children

The table and graph below highlight the top 12 options selected by respondents.

Quality of Life Options	No. of respondents	% of respondents
Feeling safe / low crime rate	2282	69.8
Access to nature / open spaces	2032	62.2
Access to health services	1874	57.3
Shops	1203	36.8
Clean streets	1103	33.7
Public transport provision	1070	32.7

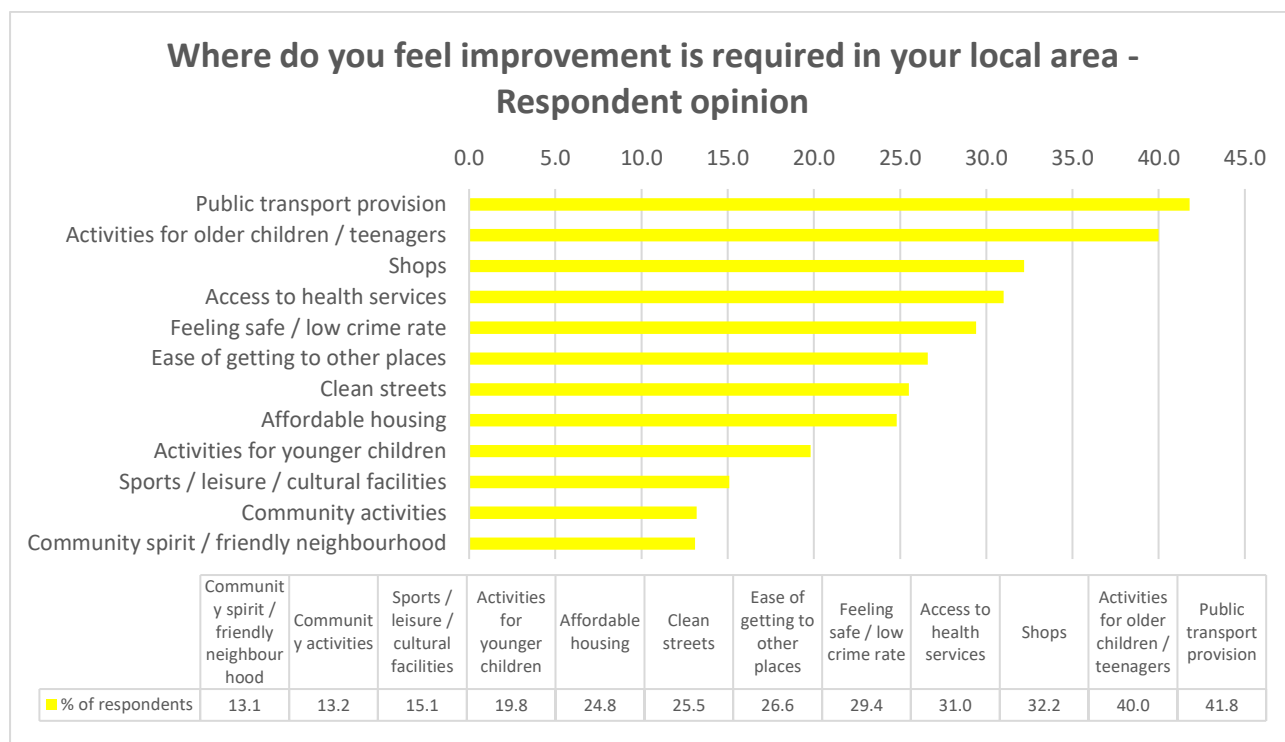
Community spirit / friendly neighbourhood	1052	32.2
Sports / leisure / cultural facilities	846	25.9
Affordable housing	771	23.6
Low pollution / clean air	718	22.0
Activities for older children / teenagers	715	21.9
Activities for younger children	606	18.5



Respondents were also asked to consider which, if any, of the list of 16 options where they felt improvement was required.

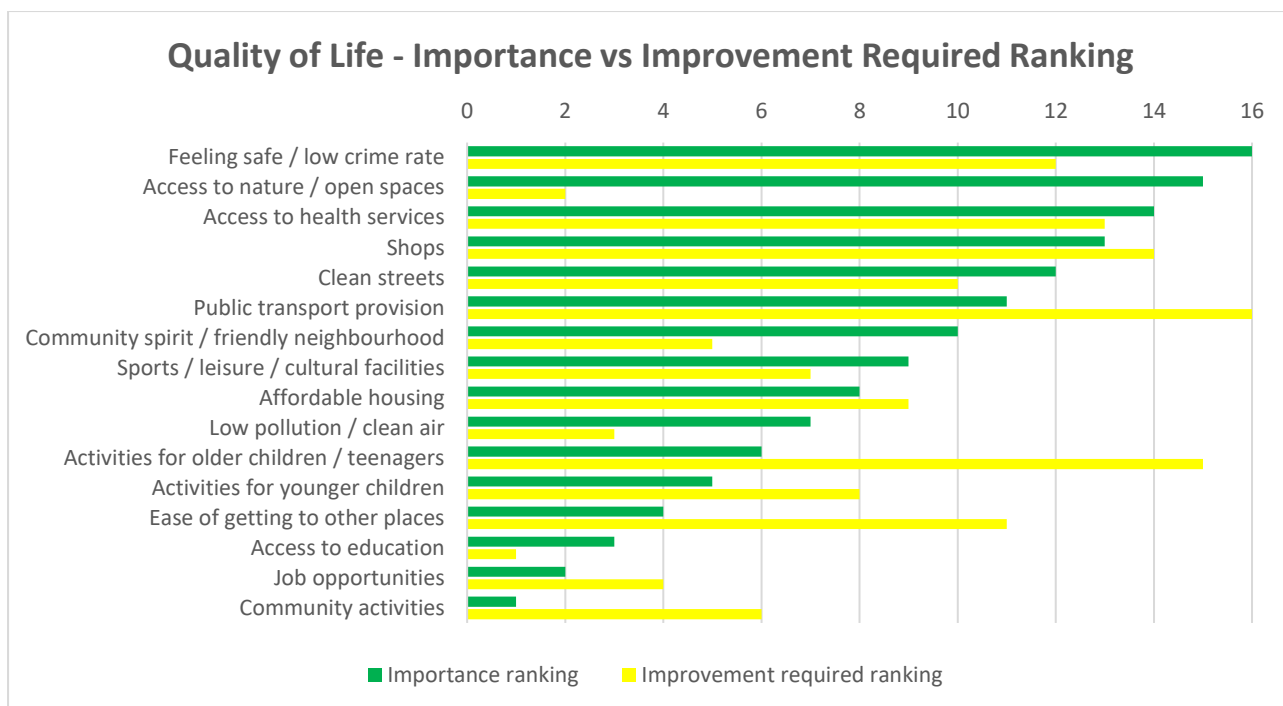
The same three areas were highlighted but also *Community activities* was flagged up as an improvement area.

Options	No. of respondents	% of respondents
Public transport provision	1367	41.8
Activities for older children / teenagers	1308	40.0
Shops	1051	32.2
Access to health services	1015	31.0
Feeling safe / low crime rate	960	29.4
Ease of getting to other places	868	26.6
Clean streets	835	25.5
Affordable housing	810	24.8
Activities for younger children	648	19.8
Sports / leisure / cultural facilities	494	15.1
Community activities	432	13.2
Community spirit / friendly neighbourhood	428	13.1



The table and graph below give an indication of the difference between the importance placed against the options criteria and the improvement required ranking.

Options	Importance ranking	Improvement required ranking	Differential
Feeling safe / low crime rate	1	5	4
Access to nature / open spaces	2	15	13
Access to health services	3	4	1
Shops	4	3	-1
Clean streets	5	7	2
Public transport provision	6	1	-5
Community spirit / friendly neighbourhood	7	12	5
Sports / leisure / cultural facilities	8	10	2
Affordable housing	9	8	-1
Low pollution / clean air	10	14	4
Activities for older children / teenagers	11	2	-9
Activities for younger children	12	9	-3
Ease of getting to other places	13	6	-7
Access to education	14	16	2
Job opportunities	15	13	-2
Community activities	16	11	-5



Items for Consideration

Given the remit of this Committee, the areas that have been flagged up in the survey as an area of importance and also an area for improvement were:

- Affordable housing
- Activities for older children/teenagers
- Activities for younger children
- Community activities

The Committee need to determine whether they want to actively progress any of these areas as part of the future Work Programme.

CABINET DECISIONS 2023/24

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
29 June 2023	Planning/Environmental Enforcement Scrutiny Review	Report of the Previous Administration's Organisation Scrutiny Committee	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Organisation Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.</p> <p>That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan</p>	To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations.
29 June 2023	Engagement with Business Scrutiny Review	Report of the Previous Administration's Growth Scrutiny Committee	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Growth Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.</p> <p>That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.</p>	To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations.
29 June 2023	Leisure Provision for Older Residents Scrutiny Review	Report of the Previous Administration's Communities Scrutiny Committee	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet noted the recommendations of the previous Administration's Communities Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the review report.</p> <p>That these recommendations be considered as part of the development process for the new Council Plan.</p>	To appraise Cabinet of the Scrutiny Committee's review and recommendations

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
29 June 2023	Adoption of the Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	Councillor S Pickering - Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet approved the Officer responses to the representations received to the public consultation on the Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), as set out in the Consultation Statement in Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>That Cabinet adopted and brought into effect the Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in Appendix 2 to the report to replace the current SCI (2014).</p>	To formalise the Council's response to the comments received during the consultation on the draft SCI, and to enable the document to be formally adopted as the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
29 June 2023	Purchase of Property in North Wingfield	Councillor N Barker – Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Key & Exempt	That Cabinet endorsed the purchase of the property in North Wingfield to help reduce hotel costs and to safeguard the property and local community.	By acquiring the property, the Council will be able to significantly reduce the use of hotels by its Homelessness Service and the associated costs, whilst also increasing its emergency housing capacity, at a time when pressures on the Homelessness Service are greater than ever before.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
29 June 2023	Housing at North Wingfield (Whiteleas) Development	Councillor N Barker – Leader of the Council & Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Non-Key & Exempt	That Cabinet agreed to the proposed change of tenure mix required on the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield.	Developing the vacant Council owned land at Whiteleas supports the delivery of new homes in the District. Changing the mix supports the Council's commitment to the delivery of high-quality affordable housing for rent in the District.
27 July 2023	The Council Plan 2023 - 2027	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet recommended to Council to approve the draft Council Plan for 2023 to 2027.	To ensure that the Council's work is carefully planned and structured.
27 July 2023	Five Year Housing Land Supply - Position Statement	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the annual assessment of the five-year land supply of deliverable sites for Housing.	To ensure Members are aware of the Council's latest position on the Five Year Housing Land Supply, prior to publication of the information on the Council's website.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
27 July 2023	Council Plan Targets Performance Update, January to March 2023 (Quarter 4)	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the outturns against the Council Plan 2019-2023 targets.	This was an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the Council Plan targets. This was the last report on performance on the previous Council Plan, and work was ongoing in relation to the new Council Plan performance framework.
27 July 2023	Medium Term Financial Plan - Financial Outturn 2022/23	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the outturn position in respect of the 2022/23 financial year. That Cabinet approved the proposed carry forward of capital budgets detailed in Appendix 4 totalling £10.783m.	To appraise Cabinet of the Council's financial management during 2022-23, and to enable specific capital budgets to be carried forward into the current financial year.
27 July 2023	Funding to Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support Organisations - Summary of Outcomes for 2022/23	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the report.	To ensure that the Council maximises efficiencies and outcomes through commissioning voluntary sector organisations to help achieve the Council's Priorities.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
21 Sept 2023	Medium Term Financial Plan: Budget Monitoring Report April-June 2023 (Q1)	Councillor P R Kerry – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the Quarter One budget monitoring position outlined in the report and detailed in Appendices 1-4 of the report.	The report summarised the financial position of the Council following the first quarter's budget monitoring exercise for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme.
21 Sept 2023	Establishment of Local Plan Review Working Group	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet recommend to Council at its meeting on 25 September 2023, the establishment of a Local Plan Review Working Group, in accordance with the structure in Option 4 of the report, and the terms of reference detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.	To establish a Local Plan Review Working Group in order to undertake the review of the Local Plan. Based on the benefits and risks assessment of the 4 options, officers were of the view that Option 4 was the most appropriate course of action and struck the best balance. The Member Working Group would provide regular feedback to officers during the Local Plan review process.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
21 Sept 2023	Decision on the Brampton Parish Neighbourhood Plan	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet accepted the Examiner's report and recommended modifications to the Plan as set out in the Decision Statement at Appendix 1 of the report in their entirety, and that the Plan, as amended, be taken forward to a referendum within the Parish as outlined in the report.</p> <p>That following a successful referendum, if more than half of those voting in the referendum vote in favour of the Neighbourhood Plan, the Managing Director should bring the Neighbourhood Plan into effect ('Made').</p>	The Brampton Neighbourhood Plan has been subject to examination by an independent examiner. The Examiner's view is that subject to specified modifications the Plan meets the Basic Conditions and other relevant legal requirements. It is considered that, subject to the modifications set out in the Decision Statement, the Draft Neighbourhood Plan would meet the legal requirements and Basic Conditions as set out in legislation, and that the Plan should proceed to Referendum.
21 Sept 2023	North East Derbyshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund Update	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the report.	To note progress of the activity funded by UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
21 Sept 2023	Funding to Voluntary and Community Sector Infrastructure Support Organisations - Summary of Outcomes for 2022/23	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the report.	To ensure that the Council maximises efficiencies and outcomes through commissioning voluntary sector organisations to help achieve the Council's Priorities.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
21 Sept 2023	Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Exempt	<p>That the Council retains legal ownership of the new commercial units and public realm areas that will be developed as part of the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme.</p> <p>That the Council adopts the ongoing management responsibilities of the new commercial business units and the public realm area within the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme.</p> <p>That the Council secures a Planning Approval and then seek further assurance from Derbyshire County Council in relation to their participation in the Clay Cross Town Centre Regeneration Scheme, and if necessary to report this response to Cabinet for further consideration.</p>	The proposals allowed the Council to retain ownership and management control of the asset to ensure the long-term success of the regeneration project.
26 Oct 2023	Equality Plan and Objectives 2023 - 2027	Councillor J Barry – Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non-Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet approved and adopted the Equality Plan and objectives for 2023-2027.</p> <p>That Cabinet noted the achievements and progress made under the last two years of the previous plan (2019-2023).</p>	To put into place the proposed Equality Plan and objectives 2023-2027, which will provide the framework for implementing the Council's obligations regarding the general and specific equality duties. The proposed Equality Plan and objectives have received broad support.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
26 Oct 2023	Safeguarding Policy and Procedures - Protecting Children and Adults at Risk	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non-Key & Open	That Cabinet approved and adopted the final draft of the Derbyshire-wide policy (Safeguarding Policy and Procedures, Protecting Children and Adults at Risk).	The Derbyshire-wide policy will subsequently replace the current Adult and Child Safeguarding policies. The Policy complies with legislation and provides a framework for Safeguarding.
26 Oct 2023	Purchase of 3 New Build Homes at Woolley Moor	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Key & Exempt	That Cabinet approved the purchase of 3 new build affordable rent homes, recognising the need for affordable housing in this area.	Purchasing these homes will help to meet the housing need in this area, where there is a limited number of homes for rent at affordable levels.

Cabinet Decisions since the last cycle of Scrutiny Committee Meetings.

23 Nov 2023	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) Revised Budgets 2023-24</p> <p>Relevant to all Scrutiny Committees</p>	Councillor P R Kerry – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet recommend to Council:</p> <p>The budget in respect of the General Fund as set out in Appendix 1 of the report be approved as the Current Budget for 2023/24.</p> <p>The budget in respect of the HRA as set out in Appendix 3 of the report be approved as the Current Budget for 2023/24.</p> <p>The Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 of the report be approved as the Current Budget for 2023/24</p>	To prepare revised budgets as early as possible within the financial year to provide sufficient time to allow any planned changes to be delivered. The Council has faced financial challenges this year, putting pressure on the ability to set a balanced General Fund budget but careful budget management, use of reserves ringfenced for providing resilience when needed, and the ongoing progression of the transformation agenda has mitigated this.
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23 Nov 2023	Council Plan Objectives - Update April to September 2023 Relevant to all Scrutiny Committees	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet noted progress against the Council Plan 2023-2027 objectives.	This is an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the Council Plan objectives.
23 Nov 2023	Planning Policy Annual Monitoring Reports for Publication Potentially relevant to Environment Scrutiny Committee	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet noted the contents of the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR19) for the period of 1st April 2022 – 31st March 2023, and approved its publication on the Council's website.	This report set out the key findings of the 2023 Authority Monitoring Report, Brownfield Land Register Update and Infrastructure Funding Statement. This enabled the Council to understand the effectiveness of its policies and trends over time. Publication of these documents on the Council's website would fulfil the Council's statutory duties to prepare and publish the required annual monitoring datasets.
23 Nov 2023	South Yorkshire Combined Authority Statement of Common Ground Potentially relevant to Environment Scrutiny Committee	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet endorsed the contents of the South Yorkshire Combined Mayoral Authority Statement of Common Ground. Cabinet authorised the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place to sign the document on behalf of North East Derbyshire District Council.	The Council will be able to demonstrate that it has addressed the requirements of the Localism Act 2011 with regards to the duty to co-operate.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
23 Nov 2023	<p>Proposed Social Housing Regeneration Scheme – Stonebroom</p> <p>Potentially relevant to Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Exempt	<p>That Cabinet agreed to the proposed redevelopment of non-traditional homes around the Cleveland Road area at Stonebroom.</p> <p>That Cabinet recommended to Council the approval of the necessary borrowing to fund the above the scheme.</p> <p>That Cabinet recommended to Council the inclusion of this scheme in the HRA Capital Programme.</p>	The regeneration scheme at Stonebroom supports the Council's commitment in its Council Plan to build, acquire and facilitate the delivery of more high-quality social housing for rent in the district.
25 Jan 2024	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2027/28</p> <p>Relevant to all Scrutiny Committees</p>	Councillor P R Kerry – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance	Key & Open	<p><u>RESOLVED</u></p> <p><u>Council is recommended at its meeting on 29 January 2024</u></p> <p>That the view of the Director of Finance & Resources, that the estimates included in the Medium-Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2027/28 are robust and that the level of financial reserves are adequate at this time, be accepted.</p> <p>That officers report back to Cabinet and the Services Scrutiny Committee on a quarterly basis regarding the overall position in respect of the Council's budgets.</p>	To recommend budgets to Council in respect of the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account, and the Capital Programme.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
				<p><u>General Fund</u></p> <p>That a Council Tax increase of £6.11 will be levied in respect of a notional Band D property (2.99%).</p> <p>That the Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the General Fund as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved as the Current Budget 2023/24, as the Original Budget 2024/25, and as the financial projections in respect of 2025/26 to 2027/28.</p> <p>That the shortfall in the General Fund budget for 2024/25 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be met from the Resilience Reserve.</p> <p>That the General Fund Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 to the report be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2023/24, and as the Approved Programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28.</p> <p>That any under spend in respect of 2023/24 be transferred to the Resilience Reserve to provide increased financial resilience for future years of the plan.</p>	

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
				<p><u>Housing Revenue Account (HRA)</u></p> <p>That Council sets its rent levels for 2024/25 in consideration of the Social Housing Rent Standard increasing rents by 6% from 1 April 2024.</p> <p>That the Medium Term Financial Plan in respect of the Housing Revenue Account, as set out in Appendix 3 to the report, be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2023/24, as the Original Budget in respect of 2024/25 and the financial projection in respect of 2025/26 to 2027/28.</p> <p>That the HRA Capital Programme as set out in Appendix 4 be approved as the Current Budget in respect of 2023/24, and as the Approved Programme for 2024/25 to 2027/28.</p> <p>That the Management Fee for undertaking housing services at £12.05m and the Management Fee for undertaking capital works at £1.1m to Rykneld Homes in respect of 2024/25 be approved</p>	

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
				<p>That Members endorse the section in the financial framework within the Management Agreement which enables the Council to pay temporary cash advances to Rykneld Homes to help meet cash flow requirements of the company should unforeseen circumstances arise in any particular month.</p> <p>That Members note the requirement to provide Rykneld Homes with a 'letter of comfort' to the company's auditors and grant delegated authority to the Council's Director of Finance & Resources (S151 Officer) in consultation with the Leader of the Council to agree the contents of that letter.</p>	
25 Jan 2024	<p>Publication of the first Biodiversity Net Gain report</p> <p>Potentially relevant to the Environment Scrutiny Committee</p>	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	That the first Biodiversity Net Gain report be now published on the Council's website.	To comply with Section 103 of the Environment Act in relation to the publication of annual reports, demonstrating that the Council is meeting its statutory duty.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
25 Jan 2024	<p>Delegating authority to officers to enter into Planning Performance Agreements with Developers</p> <p>Potentially relevant to the Business Scrutiny Committee</p>	Councillor S Pickering – Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	<p>That Cabinet approved the use of powers delegated to the Assistant Director of Planning to set up a mechanism allowing applicants to enter into Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs); and</p> <p>That Cabinet agreed the publication of a document on the Council's website explaining the purpose of Planning Performance Agreement to applicants and members of the public, based on the contents of Appendix 1 to the report.</p>	The use of PPAs will allow the Council to recoup a large part of the costs associated with officer time spent on proactively dealing with the large-scale planning applications received by the Council and reduce the cost of the Planning Service to the Council's General Fund.
25 Jan 2024	<p>Purchase of 15 units for affordable rent - Oaks Farm, Calow</p> <p>Potentially relevant to the Communities Scrutiny Committee</p>	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Key & Exempt	That Cabinet approved the proposed purchase of the 15 units at Oaks Farm, Calow.	Purchasing these units will help to meet the affordable housing need in this area and the District.
25 Jan 2024	<p>Implementation of a Council Tax Premium for Empty Homes</p> <p>Potentially relevant to the Services Scrutiny Committee</p>	Councillor N Barker – Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Key & Exempt	<p>That Cabinet endorsed the implementation of an Empty Homes Premium, as set out in the report.</p> <p>That the implementation of the Empty Homes Premium commences from 1 April 2024.</p>	The introduction of an Empty Homes Premium will help to reduce the number of current empty homes in the District.

COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

WEDNESDAY AT 10AM

CHAIR: CLLR S FAWCETT

VICE CHAIR: CLLR M DURRANT

MEETING DATE	AGENDA ITEM	WHAT IT WILL COVER	WHO IT INVOLVES
FRIDAY 14 JULY 2023	Remit of the Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Briefing on Scrutiny :<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Setting the scene- The terms of reference for the Committee- How the Committee operates, ways of working– Discussion- The Council’s new Council Plan and scrutiny arrangements - discussion	Lee Hickin – Managing Director Jayne Dethick – Director of Finance & Resources and S151 Officer Sarah Sternberg – Assistant Director of Governance & Monitoring Officer Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
	EXAMPLE – Medium Term Financial Plan	MTFP Financial Outturn 2022/23	Jayne Dethick – Director of Finance & Resources and S151 Officer
	Draft Scrutiny Work Programme	To consider the draft Scrutiny Work Programme	Committee Members/ Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer

20 SEPTEMBER 2023	Performance Management	Developing the Performance Framework to support the new Council Plan	Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Cabinet Reports and the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	To review recent Cabinet Reports, receive an overview of Cabinet business, and review the Forward Plan	Portfolio Holder Senior Officer Leader/Deputy Leader
	Policy Development	Empty Homes – Council Tax Premium	Jayne Dethick – Director of Finance & Resources and S151 Officer
	‘Horizon Scanning’	Briefing Paper on Legislative Changes to Housing Services	Jayne Dethick – Director of Finance & Resources and S151 Officer
	Scrutiny Work Programme	To consider the Committees’ work programme	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
15 NOVEMBER 2023	Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update	Q&A with the Portfolio Holder Relevant Service Managers/Directors Kath Drury – Information, Engagement and Performance Manager Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Cabinet Reports and the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	Five Year Housing Land Supply	Helen Fairfax – Planning Policy & Environment Manager - CONFIRMED

	Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	'Horizon Scanning'	PROVISIONAL – Damp and Mould in Social Housing	Ryknel Homes Jayne Dethick – Head of Finance & Resources & S151 Officer
	Scrutiny Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Damon Stanton – Senior Scrutiny Officer
28 FEBRUARY 2024	Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update	Q&A with the Portfolio Holder Relevant Service Managers/Directors Kath Drury – Information, Engagement and Performance Manager Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Cabinet Reports and the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	To review recent Cabinet Reports, receive an overview of Cabinet business, and review the Forward Plan	Portfolio Holder Senior Officer Leader/Deputy Leader
	Scrutiny Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Senior Scrutiny Officer

	Residents Survey	Committee to discuss the outcomes of the Residents Survey and to determine if they want to look at any areas as part of their Work Programme	Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Damp & Mould Implications	To receive an update on the Housing Options work to address Damp and Mould problems in private sector rented properties, and to assess the implications of the new social Housing standards	Ken Eastwood, Assistant Director of Environment – ACCEPTED
08 MAY 2024	Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update	Q&A with the Portfolio Holder Relevant Service Managers/Directors Kath Drury – Information, Engagement and Performance Manager Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Cabinet Reports and the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions	To review recent Cabinet Reports, receive an overview of Cabinet business, and review the Forward Plan	Portfolio Holder Senior Officer Leader/Deputy Leader
	Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	‘Horizon Scanning’	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	Lead Officer

	Council Plan Tactics Performance	To review progress made against Council Plan objectives at year's end	
	Community Safety Partnership	To receive an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership	Faye Green – Community Safety Manager – ACCEPTED
	Charity Funding	PROVISIONAL - To speak with charities in the District which receive funding from the Council	
	Anti-Social Behaviour	PROVISIONAL – Police & Crime Commissioner representation	
	Scrutiny Work Programme	To consider whether the Committee's Work Programme has been completed	Senior Scrutiny Officer

NOTES

- Angelique Foster PCC to be invited to the May meeting.
- Charities to be invited to the November and May meetings.