**Mansfield District Council**

**Overview & Scrutiny Committee (Place) Minutes**

**Date: Tuesday 21 December 2021 Time: 6:00 PM Place: Council Chamber**

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| **Present:**  | **Councillor John Coxhead, Councillor Vaughan Hopewell, Councillor Brian Lohan, Councillor Dave Saunders, Councillor Philip Shields, Councillor Stuart Wallace, Councillor Martin Wright** |
| **In Attendance:**  | **A. Norton, M. Pemberton, M. Saxton and J. Waldron** |

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|  | **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** |
|  | Councillor Wetton |
| **21/50** | **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** |
|  | There were no declarations of interest |
| **21/51** | **ADVANCE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** |
|  | There were no advance questions |
| **21/52** | MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING |
|  | The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 November 2021 were submitted for confirmation.RESOLVED - That the minutes be confirmed as a correct record. |
| **21/53** | **2010 TREE POLICY REVIEW** |
|  | Members were requested to confirm their views on the Council's Tree Policy, which had been adopted in 2010 and was to be up-dated to ensure that it was still relevant and applicable.One member questioned how much tree stock there was in the district and how many Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs) there were and how they were managed. The Committee was advised that the number of actual trees on Council land was not known but that the areas which were recorded. In addition, it was reported that a TPO register was kept. A comment was also made by one member that only there was no planting or general maintenance of trees in parks in his Ward only urgent works. Members were reminded that parks staff were being used in other services and that works to dying, dead and dangerous trees were prioritised. It was also reported that general maintenance works were being scheduled as a result of tree surveys.RESOLVED - That the briefing be noted.  |
| **21/54** | **DRAFT PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SPD** |
|  | The Committee received the draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document, which detailed the Council's approach to securing planning obligations, to provide infrastructure that was required to mitigate development in the District.Details of the key milestones in the preparation of the SDP were outlined for the Committee, which included submitting a report to the portfolio holder for Regeneration and Growth, to consult on the proposed document.The aim of the SPD was to assist with the delivery of sustainable development throughout the lifetime of the Local Plan. RESOLVED - That the document be noted and any comments from members be fed into the public consultation. |
| **21/55** | **CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY**  |
|  | Members were updated on the production of the Council's draft Climate Change Strategy, which had been prepared in response to the Council declaring a climate emergency in March 2019. The aim of the plan was to address how the Council would embrace the challenges posed by climate change.It was reported that the draft plan would be subject to public consultation commencing in January 2022, for a period of six weeks.RESOLVED - That the report be noted |
| **21/56** | **STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** |
|  | Members were up-dated on the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) following a period of public consultation held earlier in the year. Members were advised that 17 representations had been received during the public consultation. Members were reminded that the SCI set out how the public was able to get involved in the planning system and that all planning related consultations needed to be in accordance with the SCI.Members were requested to provide any comments on the draft SCI which would be included in the report the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Growth.One member referred to the disappointing consultation response from the public and questioned whether changing the word "will" to "may" would remove public confidence in the document and processes. In response the Head of Planning and Regeneration stated that the change of word would provide greater flexibility to respond to circumstances.RESOLVED - That the report be noted. |

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