MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2022 AT 7.00 P.M.

287. **PRESENT** Councillors A.D.J. Thomas (Chair), G. Powell (Vice Chair), C. Chell, G. Bentley, Mrs E. Haines, B. Charlesworth, P. Routledge and R. N. Wood.

288. **APOLOGIES** were received from Councillors R. Locker and Mrs P. Upton.

289. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor G. Powell declared an interest in any planning matters as he is a Member of Cheadle Unite.

290. **SECTION 33 DISPENSATION REQUEST**

None

291. **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2022**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 7th November 2022 were approved and confirmed as a correct record.

292. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE – REVIEW AND APPROVE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

This item was delayed on the Agenda in order to facilitate members of the public who had attended to speak on Planning Applications and the Cheadle New Housing Development agenda item. The Committee agreed that it would make a recommendation to Full Council that the Development Services Committee would not wish to include non-Council Members onto its Committee, and would support any move to have this written into Standing Orders for all Standing Committee's. Councillor A. Thomas (Chair) proposed that the second meeting of the Committee, currently held after Full Council, should add its business to the Full Council Agenda, but in respect of Planning Applications only. He stated that this would satisfy the notice period for Planning Responses, the Committee would only need to meet once during each month. Cllr Powell (Vice-Chair) stated that this would detract from helping the public with planning issues, and only allow one meeting for additional business. Further discussion took place in respect of the Terms of Reference for the Committee, and the Clerk stated that he had amalgamated the draft documents approved by Full Council and the document subsequently submitted by Councillor Thomas. Cllr Powell started to make some proposals for adjustments to the draft document, however the meeting was disrupted and led to Cllr A. Thomas (Chair) and Cllr R. N. Wood leaving the meeting at 9.05pm. Cllr A. Thomas (Chair) commented that he was resigning his seat on the Committee and his position as Chair. Personal comments were made to Cllr. Powell on leaving the room by Cllr A. Thomas. Following the departure of the two Councillors, Cllr Powell took over as Chair and the Committee agreed some proposals for amending the draft Terms of Reference which he would address and submit to the Clerk for approval at Full Council.

293. **DEVELOPMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE POLICIES – REVIEW AND ADOPT POLICIES**

This item was delayed on the Agenda in order to facilitate members of the public who had attended to speak on Planning Applications and the Cheadle New Housing Development agenda item. A list of working Council policies was provided to the Committee by the Clerk, and a discussion was held in respect of policies that were relevant to the Development Services Committee. It was agreed that the Committee would have the responsibility for the Severe Winter Weather Management Policy.

294. REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FROM S.M.D.C –

SMD/2022/0333 – 72, Thorley Drive, Cheadle
2 Storey Extension to form Entrance Hall, Boot Room & Utility with Bedroom and Bathroom over: single storey extension to form enlarged living room and study.

Mr Nigel Kelsall and other representatives came to speak to Council in respect of this Application, and confirmed that they are nearby residents who would be affected by This development if it was to be approved. Mr Kelsall stated that he had significant Concerns around the size and scale of the proposed development, which he stated would affect his property in terms of light, view and electric/gas provision to his home. He stated that he had already encountered a reduction in light and higher noise levels from the new Keepmoat development which had also affected his way of life, and asked the Council to support his objections to the development. Councillors agreed that the proposed development would have an adverse effect on nearby residents and put forward objections to this development in terms of street scene and over-development.

SMD/2022/0601 – Winrush, 1 Harewood Close, Cheadle
Extensions to the side and rear of an existing dwelling.

The Committee offered no objections or comments in respect of this Application

SMD/2022/0586 – Blakeley Lane Methodist Church, Blakely Lane, Dilhorne
Proposed change of use and alteration of former Methodist Chapel to office use.

The Committee offered no objections or comments in respect of this Application

295. CHEADLE NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ISSUES & UPDATES

Cllr G. Powell provided an update on the road surfacing and some of the other matters raised in respect of the Augustus Way/ Mercian Way development. It was agreed that the Committee would write to the County Council and ask when the road surfacing was planned for. Mr & Mrs Milward attended the meeting, and made a request for some additional support through the Committee with their ongoing issues surrounding the Persimmon development and the heights at which some of the dwellings had been built. It was agreed that the Committee would write to the District Council Planning department and request a face-to-face site visit in order to address the ongoing issues, and in particular their lack of responses to correspondence with the Town Council and local residents.

296. STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS FIRST RESPONDER – ACTIONS FOLLOWING VISIT AT FULL COUNCIL

Rescinded following the departure of Cllr A. Thomas.

297. COMMUNITY SPEED AWARENESS – UPDATE & DISCUSSION

Rescinded following the departure of Cllr A. Thomas.

298. THE COUNTRYSIDE CHARITY (STAFFORDSHIRE) – SUBSCRIPTION (RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL)

The Committee agreed to recommend this subscription to Full Council

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.

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