

EXTRACT OF MINUTES of a meeting of the Community Scrutiny Committee held at Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on Thursday, 25 June 2026

Present: Councillor T Eynon (Chair),

Councillors A Barker, M Ball, D Bigby, S Lambeth, P Lees, E Parle, J Windram and L Windram

Portfolio Holder: Councillor A Woodman

Officers: Mr J Arnold, Mr Z Fazil, Mr G Hall, Ms A Morgan, Mr P Sanders, Mr A Wallace and Mrs R Wallace

9. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE WATER MANAGEMENT IN THE COALVILLE STRATEGIC GROWTH AREA TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Councillor T Eynon, addressed the Committee as the Chair of the Task and Finish Group to present the recommendations as detailed within the report.

It was noted that an amendment was required within the Task and Finish Group report regarding the role of a resident which was incorrectly stated as a parish councillor. This would be amended prior to consideration by Cabinet.

The Committee agreed with the concerns of the task and finish group regarding sewer capacity in Coalville, sewerage discharges into the River Sence and the disconnect between housing growth, planning decisions and infrastructure delivery. Andrew Pritchard, from East Midlands Councils, who had assisted the group in undertaking the review, was invited to address the committee and provide some clarity on the concerns raised.

The Chair acknowledged that Councillor S Lambeth had submitted a briefing paper on the matter, listing concerns and possible actions, and it was noted that it was not possible to consider it at the meeting. Councillor S Lambeth was invited to address the Committee regarding his submission and a discussion ensued. It was agreed to take the paper to the next meeting of the Scrutiny Work Programming Group for further discussion, with an invite being offered to Councillor S Lambeth to attend.

A discussion was had on the sewer infrastructure and the links to the planning process; questions were raised regarding the implications of the Local Plan and concerns about the enforcement of sustainable drainage systems. It was suggested that Severn Trent should provide a stronger response through the Regulation 19 Local Plan Consultation Process to ensure infrastructure issues were fully considered. All Members were in support, and it was agreed to add this into recommendation one of the task and finish group report.

The Committee commended the work of the Task and Finish Group and were in support of the recommendations to cabinet, with the inclusion of the comments made above. Therefore, recommendation one was amended as follows:

'We have concluded that it is legally possible for the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to reject or to impose 'Grampian conditions' on new development where it is

acknowledged that a lack of sewer or water treatment capacity exists – if it has sufficient evidence from the water company. As a result, the Council should ask STW to review its approach to responding to full and outline planning applications in NW Leicestershire to ensure that robust technical evidence is made available which reflects STW's publicly stated view that the sewer system in Coalville is currently over capacity. The Council should ask STW to provide a full response on water infrastructure requirements through the regulation 19 Local Plan consultation process'

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations of the Water Management in the Coalville Strategic Growth Area Task and Finish Group as detailed within the report, and as amended above, be put to Cabinet at its meeting on 28 July 2026.

Meeting closed at 8.00pm