

South Northamptonshire Council

Planning Policy and Regeneration Strategy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Policy and Regeneration Strategy Committee held at The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, Northants NN12 6AD on Wednesday 25 January 2017 at 5.00 pm.

- Present Councillor Ann Addison (Chairman)
 Councillor Robert G. Atkinson (Vice-Chairman)
 Councillor Roger Clarke
 Councillor Hywel Davies
 Councillor Valerie Furniss
 Councillor David Harries BEM
 Councillor Dennis Loveland
 Councillor Simon Marinker
 Councillor Catharine Tarbun
 Councillor Elaine Wiltshire
 Councillor Karen Cooper
- Substitute Councillor John Townsend (for Councillor Mary-Anne
Members: Sergison-Brooke)
 Councillor Karen Cooper (for Councillor Sandi Smallman)
- Apologies Councillor Mary-Anne Sergison-Brooke
for Councillor Sandi Smallman
Absence:
- Officers: Andy D'Arcy, Lead Officer Planning Policy
 Geni Hotchkiss, Business Support Unit Manager
 Jennie Johnson, Planning Policy Officer
 Louise Aston, Team Leader, Democratic and Elections

41 Declarations of Interest

7. Designation of Nether Heyford and Pattishall Parish's as Neighbourhood Areas. Councillor Roger Clarke, Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, as the owner of land in Pattishall and due to his position on the Parish Council, and would leave the meeting during the consideration of this item.

42 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 30 November 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

43 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

44 **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made the following announcement:

The Chairman reminded Members that the South Northamptonshire Council (SNC) Planning Policy and Regeneration Strategy Committee had challenged the update of the Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) Minerals and Waste Local Plan, over the way it had been prepared and the lack of proper and full consultation with SNC and in particular, the unneeded inclusion of a site allocation at Passenham (for gravel extraction), and its potential damage to Heritage Assets, including Listed Buildings and the Conservation Area.

The Chairman advised the Committee that NCC had been instructed to remove the Passenham site allocation to make the Plan 'sound'. If the site were to be retained, the Plan would be 'unsound', and could not be adopted.

The Inspectors Report and full reasoning for his decision, plus the final Minerals Plan from NCC, with the Passenham site removed, was awaited.

45 **Town Centre Business Rates Incentives**

The Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy submitted a report for Members to consider the proposed Town Centre Business Rates Incentives scheme that detailed awarding business rates incentives to bring back into use empty properties and sustain the vitality and diversity in Brackley and Towcester town centres.

Resolved

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That Betting shops be added to the list of exclusions for the Town Centre Business Rates Incentive Scheme.

46 **Designation of Nether Heyford and Pattishall Parish's as Neighbourhood Areas**

The Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy submitted a report for Members to consider the designation of Nether Heyford and Pattishall Parishes as Neighbourhood Areas and recommend to Full Council accordingly.

Resolved

- (1) That the designation of Nether Heyford Parish as a Neighbourhood Area be endorsed.

- (2) That the designation of Pattishall Parish as a Neighbourhood Area be endorsed.

47 **South Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part 2A) Preferred Options Consultation (Part 1)**

The Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy submitted a report for Members to consider the draft South Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part 2A) preferred options consultation documents and determine whether they wished to recommend them for formal consultation.

Resolved

- (1) That, having given due consideration, subject to the amendments below, Cabinet be recommended to authorise the publication of the draft South Northamptonshire Local Plan (Part 2A) Preferred Options consultation (Part 1) documents for a 10 week public consultation period:
 - Revised confines at Cosgrove
 - Revised confines at Chipping Warden
 - To amend the proposed allocation at the Bell Plantation, Towcester to remove the phased release of the site related to the transfer of land to the Football Club
 - To remove the need to accord with Policy Housing 5 Housing mix from the Locally Assessed Housing Needs Policy as they may be different to the requirements of Housing 5
 - To amend Policy Connections 1 (Electric Charging Points) to include the need for points to be provided on all sites where an additional dwelling is created (including conversions) with a garage or driveway
 - To remove the requirement for Town and Parish Council approval from Policies Housing 2 and 4
 - To subdivide Policy Housing 4 into two separate policies covering - Specialist housing needs and Residential / nursing care
 - To re-assess the village of Horton in the settlement hierarchy
 - To consider the inclusion of a Policy on solar panels on residential and commercial buildings for a future draft of the Plan
 - To consider whether an age restriction can be applied to occupiers or bungalows for a future draft of the Plan
- (2) That it be noted that formal consultation would take place following the completion and approval of the remaining parts of the Plan and subject to the completion of the outstanding evidence work on landscape it was intended that consultation would begin in June 2017 following consideration at the meetings of Planning Policy and Regeneration Strategy Committee and Cabinet.

48 **Review of Committee Work Plan**

The Head of Strategic Planning and the Economy submitted the work programme for noting by the Committee.

Resolved

- (1) That the committee work plan be noted and Officers be requested to liaise regarding the number of items currently scheduled for the March meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Chairman:

Date: