West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the West Northamptonshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee held at Council Offices, Northamptonshire County Council, County Hall, Northampton, NN1 1ED on Monday 15 December 2014 at 6.00 pm.

Present
Councillor Rebecca Breese (Chairman)
Councillor Alan Chantler (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Michael Clarke
Councillor Stephen Clarke
Councillor Robin Digby
Councillor Matthew Golby
Councillor Tim Hadland
Councillor Andre Gonzalez de Savage
Councillor Phil Larratt
Councillor Jonathan Nunn
Councillor Chris Over
Councillor Mike Warren

Also Present:
Morag Ellis QC

Officers:
David Atkinson, Head of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit
Kevin Lane, Head of Law and Governance / Monitoring Officer
Mandy Anderson
Claire Berry, Development Plans Team Leader, WNJPU
James Doble, Democratic and Elections Manager
Louise Aston, Team Leader, Democratic and Elections

10 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 8 July 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

11 Declarations of Interest

6. Adoption of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy.
Councillor Tim Hadland, Declaration, with reference to sites in Brackley as he had advised a former client regarding a site in Brackley.

12 Matters of Urgency

There were no matters of urgency.

13 Public Participation (if any)

The following people addressed the committee:
Adoption of the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy

The Head of the Joint Planning Unit submitted a report for the Joint Strategic Planning Committee to accept the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Examination Inspector's Report; to adopt the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, as per the conclusions of the Inspector's Report, incorporating the Proposed Main Modifications required for soundness; and, to agree the actions required to meet the procedural requirements under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 relating to adoption and High Court Challenge.

In response to a point of order raised by Councillor Larratt the Lead Monitoring Officer explained that the legal advice the committee received came from Morag Ellis QC who was present at the meeting and the point of order had been exhausted.

Councillor Larratt requested that a recorded vote be taken. Members voted as follows:

Councillor Rebecca Breese – For
Councillor Alan Chantler – For
Councillor Michael Clarke – Against
Councillor Stephen Clarke – For
Councillor Robin Digby – For
Councillor Matthew Golby – Against
Councillor Andrew Gonzalez de Savage – Against
Councillor Tim Hadland – Against
Councillor Phil Larratt – Against
Councillor Jonathan Nunn – Against
Councillor Chris Over – For
Councillor Mike Warren – For

As the vote was tied the Chair used her casting vote in favour of the motion.

Resolved

1) That the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy Examination Inspector’s Report be accepted.

2) That the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy be adopted, as per the conclusions of the Inspector’s Report, incorporating the Proposed Main Modifications required for soundness.
3) That the Head of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit be authorised, in consultation with the Chair of the Joint Strategic Planning Committee, to make any final minor changes to the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy required to correct typographical or other errors.

4) That the actions required to meet the procedural requirements under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 relating to adoption and High Court Challenge be agreed.

15 Exclusion of Public and Press

Resolved

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the ground that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(The Head of the Joint Planning Unit and the Development Plans Team Leader left the meeting at the conclusion of the item).

16 Proposed Joint Planning Unit Budget: Financial Year 2015/16

The Director of Resources / Section 151 Officer, South Northamptonshire Council, submitted an exempt report which sought consideration of the proposed Joint Planning Unit Budget for the financial year 2015/16.

Resolved

1. That a reduction in the budget of 57.42% reflecting a Joint Planning Unit with a significantly reduced remit and level of activity be agreed.

The meeting closed at 6.56 pm

Chairman:

Date: