

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

13 September 2018

7.00 pm – 9.40 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	P	Councillor Steve Lydon	A
Councillor George Butcher (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Tom Skinner	P
Councillor Chris Brine	P	Councillor Haydn Sutton	P
Councillor Paul Denney	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	A
Councillor Jim Dewey	P	Councillor Jessica Tomblin	P
Councillor Alison Hayward	A	Councillor Tim Williams	P

P = Present A = Absent

Other Member(s) Present

Councillors Cooper, Cornell, Haydn Jones and Studdert-Kennedy.

Officers in Attendance

Director of Development Services	Head of Finance
Planning Strategy Manager	Accountant
Neighbourhood Planning Officer	Community Services Manager
Head of Community Services	Democratic Services Officer

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Hayward, Lydon and Tipper.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 June 2018 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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WORK PROGRAMME

The Director of Development Services confirmed that the updates in the Capital Programme report would be included within the budget reports and Performance Monitoring in future.

Community Involvement would be added to the work programme.

Concerns were raised regarding the changes being made to the opening hours of Horsley Tip by the Gloucestershire County Council, without consultation. The Chair agreed to write to the Cabinet Member on behalf of the Committee stating how disappointed they are about the changes being made and to reconsider the decision and undertake consultation.

RESOLVED **To note the above.**

EC.018 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

EC.019 **MEMBER REPORTS**

- a) Planning Review Panel (PRP) – Councillor Studdert-Kennedy updated members on discussions at PRP and the concerns on dispersal and numbers.
- b) Stroud Concordat - Councillor Pickering confirmed they had not met and would provide an update in December.
- c) Update from the Waste and Recycling Task and Finish Group – notes would be circulated to members.
- d) Performance Monitoring – The Director of Development Services had written an update that had been circulated to members. .
- e) Single Use Plastics – Notes from the Task and Finish Group would be circulated.

EC.020 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT 2018/19 Q1**

The Accountant outlined the above report which focused on monies spent up to the end of the financial year and variations +/- £20k. The UBICO overspend was drawn to Members' attention.

If the gateway project at Wallbridge did not come to fruition, Councillor Brine asked that Stonehouse will be a gateway once the canal progresses and requested that funding be considered.

Consultants had been commissioned to look into the costs the Council incurs from UBICO.

The garden waste scheme was being reviewed because it currently was unsatisfactory and not providing value for money.

RESOLVED **To note the outturn forecast for the General Fund Revenue budget and the Capital Programme for this Committee.**

EC.021**THE LOCAL REVIEW PREFERRED STRATEGY PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The Planning Strategy Manager outlined the above report which identified the national requirement for Stroud district to find land for a 40% increase in the level of housing compared to our current local plan. The figures were the minimum requirement in national policy.

The Wisloe development had not been in the consultation paper last autumn because it had not been promoted at that time but along with other new sites had been put forward by the County Council subsequently. All sites need to be tested for deliverability. The Planning Review Panel had considered the draft document at a meeting in August 2018. The intention is to bring a full draft Local Plan back to Committee in the autumn of 2019.

Councillor Denney raised concerns about the inclusion of sites 13, 25 and 26 in Cam and outlined his reasons, including that transport links were inadequate. He proposed a motion that these three sites be removed from the strategy, which was seconded by Councillor Brine.

The Planning Strategy Manager confirmed that these 3 sites had been actively promoted and totalled approximately 700 dwellings.

The Chair reminded members that they were not making a decision on which sites to allocate but which sites should go out to public consultation. He advised that the sites should remain in the strategy so that they can be tested.

Councillor Brine stated that by using the word “preferred” strategy there would be a presumption this and other sites were being approved.

Two members voted for the motion and it was lost.

Councillor Tomblin proposed a motion to defer from making a decision for a month to enable the Planning Review Panel to meet and ensure that the draft reflects the responses to issues and options before consulting. The motion was seconded by Councillor Skinner.

Members were reminded that the Planning Review Panel was not a decision making body.

The Chair reminded members that the proposal was for the preferred strategy to go out for consultation when concerns and views could be made and taken on board.

On being put to the vote the motion was carried.

RESOLVED **To defer from making a decision for a month to enable officers to take further account of: the views of members of Planning Review Panel; national policy; and the views of members of the public expressed during the Issues and options consultation stage.**

The meeting adjourned at 9.23 pm and reconvened at 9.31 pm.

EC.022 **STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

The Planning Strategy Manager outlined the above report.

RESOLVED **To approve the draft Statement of Community Involvement (Appendix A) for the purposes of public consultation.**

EC.023 **DURSLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN: PROGRESS TO REFERENDUM**

The Neighbourhood Planning Officer outlined the above report and confirmed that the referendum would take place on 15 November 2018.

RESOLVED **1. To accept all recommended modifications of the Examiner's Report (Appendix A);**
2. That the Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights, complies with the definition of a neighbourhood development plan (NDP) and the provisions that can be made by a NDP;
3. To take all appropriate actions to progress the Dursley Neighbourhood Development Plan to referendum in early December 2018.

EC.024 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 9.40 pm.

Chair