

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

11 October 2018

7.00 pm – 7.55 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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Minutes

Membership

Councillor Simon Pickering (Chair)	P	Councillor Tom Skinner	A
Councillor George Butcher (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Haydn Sutton	A
Councillor Chris Brine	P	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Paul Denney	P	Councillor Jessica Tomblin	P
Councillor Jim Dewey	P	Councillor Tim Williams	P
Councillor Gary Powell	P	1 Vacancy	

P = Present

A = Absent

Other Member(s) Present

Councillors Haydn Jones, Mossman and Kay

Officers in Attendance

Director of Development Services
Planning Strategy Manager

Principal Planning Officer
Democratic Services Officer

EC.025

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Skinner and Sutton.

EC.026

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

EC.027

MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 September 2018 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

EC.028

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were none.

The Chair introduced this item and explained that a decision had been deferred for a month. Discussions have taken place to ensure that national policy and the views of the public have been taken into account. Meetings of the Planning Review Panel and training for all Members have also been undertaken. The Chair of the Planning Review Panel had made it clear to Members that the Panel does not make policy or decisions; it can only refer recommendations to Committee.

The Director of Development Services and Planning Strategy Manager explained to members the proposed amendments to the consultation document, to progress key issues, top priorities and local needs over the next 20 years. The amendments to the document included:

- Change of name of the consultation document to emerging strategy with consequential changes to replace “preferred” with “emerging” or “potential”.
- Additional wording to make clear that if sites on the Gloucester fringe at Whaddon and south of Hardwicke are not needed to meet Gloucester’s needs then they could come back into the strategy.
- Identifying the priority within the Stonehouse parish cluster for delivering a new station on the Bristol to Birmingham main line at Bristol Road, Stonehouse.
- Additional wording identifying the need for improvements to public transport and support for a new station.

Councillor Brine proposed a motion to adopt the emerging document as a consultation draft; this was seconded by Councillor Denny.

Councillor Pickering proposed an amendment to accept the proposed changes to the document which was seconded by Councillor Brine.

Members debated the proposed changes to the emerging document. Concern was expressed that the document did not include the public views from previous consultation. The Planning Strategy Manager explained how the document accurately reflected the views expressed in terms of the strategy options.

The motion to approve the proposed changes to the emerging document was put to the vote. This was carried.

Members debated the emerging document as amended. The Planning Strategy Manager confirmed that consultation would begin 16 November 2018 to 18 January 2019. The final decision to adopt the review of the plan would be submitted to Full Council in 2020.

When being put to the vote this was carried with 6 votes in favour and 2 votes against.

- RESOLVED**
1. **Approve the content of the Preferred Strategy paper (Appendix A) for the purposes of public consultation commencing October 2018.**
 2. **Delegate to the Director of Development Services the authority to make minor textual and formatting changes to the draft document for public consultation.**

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MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were none.

The meeting ended at 7.55 pm.

Chair