

LOCAL PLAN SUB-COMMITTEE

DRAFT MINUTES

Of a meeting held in the Penn Chamber, Three Rivers House, Rickmansworth, on Thursday 28 March 2019 between 7pm and 7.45pm.

Councillors present:

Martin Trevett (Chairman)

Sara Bedford

Stephen Cox

Sarah Nelmes (for Cllr Giles-Medhurst)

Alex Michaels

Chris Lloyd

Angela Killick

Alison Wall

Paula Hiscocks

Also in attendance: Councillor Marilyn Butler.

Officers Present: Geof Muggerridge, Director of Community and Environmental Services
Claire May, Head of Planning Policy and Projects
Marko Kalik, Senior Planning Officer
Sarah Haythorpe, Principal Committee Manager

LPSC17/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Stephen Giles-Medhurst with Councillor Sarah Nelmes being appointed substitute Member. Councillor Alison Wall had advised that she would be arriving slightly late for the meeting.

LPSC18/18 MINUTES

The following amendments to the minutes were moved by Councillor Angela Killick.

Under Minute LPSC213/18 – Local Plan Update

Paragraph 5 to include in this paragraph “that the Green Belt Review of 2017 would be made available on the website”

On Page 2 last paragraph the minutes record that 'many Councils were not undertaking their meetings in the public domain but this Council was'. To insert the words “any part of” before their meetings.

Councillor Chris Lloyd moved, seconded by Councillor Sara Bedford, that the minutes be agreed as presented to the sub-committee for agreement.

On being put to the Committee the motion was declared CARRIED the voting being 7 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstention.

The Minutes of the Local Plan sub-committee meeting held on 7 March 2019 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

LPSC19/18 NOTICE OF OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman ruled that the following item of business had not been available 5 clear working days before the meeting but was of sufficient urgency for the following reasons:

Local Plan

To enable the Council to progress the work required for the Local Plan.

LPSC20/18 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received.

Councillor Alison Wall arrived for the meeting.

LPSC21/18 LOCAL PLAN

The Committee received a report providing:

- a brief history of the work undertaken in respect of meeting the needs of Travellers and the decisions already taken by the Local Plan Member Working Group, Policy & Resources Committee and Full Council in respect of the allocation and/safeguarding of sites for Traveller use
- details of two additional sites to be added to the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, and an
- an update on the requirement to submit an Annual Position Statement.

Travellers

A Member asked if the Council should have a set number of sites for traveller use to meet the requirement. Officers advised that the definition of travellers had changed from when the previous needs assessment was completed and the population had changed. Some sites now had permanent permission and could accommodate more pitches within the site boundaries.

Councillor Chris Lloyd moved, duly seconded, that the recommendations be agreed.

RESOLVED:

Noted the decisions made by the Local Plan Member Working Group, Policy and Resources Committee and Full Council in regard to the GTTS LDD as set out in the report;

Noted the number of consultations already undertaken on the GTTS LDD and the proposed allocations for Travellers sites;

Noted that details of the consultations are available on the Council's website.

Noted the results of the Needs Assessments as previously reported to the Local Plan Member Working Group as set out in the report;

Noted that the contents of the GTTS LDD (Preferred Options) October 2014 are to be updated to reflect the changes detailed in this report and to reflect the findings of the Final Needs Assessment (Appendix 2);

That the updated content of the GTTS LDD be incorporated within the new Local Plan together with the criteria-based policy as set out in Policy CP5 of the Core Strategy (Appendix 3).

RECOMMEND:

That the Local Plan Sub-Committee recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee a Draft Local Plan that includes:

The updated content of the GTTS LDD and the criteria based policy as set out in Appendix 3.

Additional Sites

Members were advised that in addition to the 25 sites put forward in response to the Call for Sites exercise undertaken, a further 2 sites had been submitted for consideration. As the Council were still at a stage to include these in the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment when they were received, they would be assessed alongside the other sites. No further sites would be considered unless they were within the urban area and/or are on previously developed land.

RESOLVED:

Noted the inclusion of the 2 additional sites in the Strategic Housing Land and Availability Assessment.

Annual Position Statement Update

At 7 March meeting Officers advised that they would seek to clarify whether there was a need to produce an Annual Position Statement. Clarification had been sought and the Council were not required to produce an Annual Position statement.

An Annual Position Statement was only required when the Council wished to 'confirm' that it has a 5-year supply of deliverable housing through independent examination by the Planning Inspectorate. This would formally 'fix' the Council's 5-year land supply position making it impervious to challenge by applicants.

RESOLVED:

Noted that the Council does not need to produce an Annual Position Statement as we are unable to demonstrate a 5-year supply of deliverable housing.

LPSC22/18 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman moved the following motion, duly seconded, and it was agreed:

that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined under paragraphs (2 and 3) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act. It has been decided by the Council that in all the circumstances, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

LPSC23/18 PART II CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES – 7 MARCH 2019

Councillor Angela Killick moved amendments which were not agreed by the sub-committee.

The Part II Confidential Minute of the Local Plan sub-committee meeting held on 7 March 2019 was confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

POST MEETING NOTE: the Part II Confidential minute will be published when the draft Local Plan is published.

LPSC24/18 LOCAL PLAN

The Committee received an update on the Local Plan.

Councillor Sarah Nelmes moved, seconded Sara Bedford, the recommendations.

RESOLVED:

That public access to the report, recommendation and minutes be denied until the publication of the Draft Local Plan.

CHAIRMAN