

# Minutes of the Planning and Development Policy Development and Review Panel

(to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 9 January 2018

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

**Councillor** A Mandry (Chairman)

**Councillor** N J Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: K A Barton, S Cunningham and J S Forrest

Also

Present:



## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor P J Davies.

## 2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Planning and Development Policy Development and Review Panel held on the 07 November 2017 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

#### 3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at the meeting.

## 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

#### 5. **DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

### 6. PERFORMANCE REVIEW: BUILDING CONTROL

The Panel received a presentation by the Head of Building Control on the Building Control Partnership (BCP) outlining the following: -

- Services provided by the BCP
- Building Control Performance
- Finance
- Dame Judith Hackett independent review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety
- Benefits and achievements
- Current focus

One of the main points of interest for the Panel was the Hackett report. The interim report by Dame Judith Hackett has highlighted a need to review the current building regulations to make them fit for purpose. This is inevitably going to have an impact on the BCPs ways of working in the future. The final report is likely to be released in spring 2018 when more details of possible changes are likely to be outlined.

The Head of Building Control also advised members that progress is being made to develop a business case to formulate a LATC (Local Authority Trading Company). When this work has been completed, a report and finalised business case, will be reported to the Building Control Partnership Management Panel as appropriate, prior to being taken through the revenant decision making process for approval in each of the client authorities.

The presentation has been appended to theses Minutes.

It was AGREED that the Head of Building Control be thanked for his informative presentation.

# 7. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PANEL WORK PROGRAMME

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Regulation which reviews the Panel's Work Programme for 2017/18 and gave initial consideration to the Work Programme for the next municipal year 2018/19.

The Director of Planning and Regulation asked members to contact him with any suggestions they may have for items to considered for next year's Work Programme.

It was AGREED that the Panel: -

- a) approved the programme of items for the remainder of 2017/18, as set out in Appendix A to the report;
- b) notes the progress on actions since the last panel meeting, as set out in Appendix B to this report;
- c) notes the Planning and Development Portfolio Executive Work Programme 2017/18 (at Appendix C);
- d) gave preliminary consideration to the outcome of the Panel's work programme for the current year 2017/18; and
- e) prepare a draft work programme for next year, 2018/19, which can be given further consideration at the next Panel meeting on 13 March 2018.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm and ended at 7.25 pm).