

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

Date: Tuesday, 21 January 2020

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor T Davies (Chairman)

Councillor P J Davies (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: K A Barton, J E Butts, J S Forrest and N J Walker

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence received at this meeting.

2. MINUTES

It was AGREED that the Minutes of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel held on the 30 August 2019 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made at this 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. AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT

The Panel received a report from the Planning Strategy Manager on the Council's annual Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) which covers the period from the 01 April 2018 to the 31 March 2019.

Officers explained the main areas of interest within the report and asked Members for their comments on how the document could be improved or amended prior to publication.

Members discussed the wording of paragraph 4.6 on page 21 suggesting that Officers give some thought to adding an explanation on viability in order to provide a better understanding as to why some sites would be unviable had they included Affordable Housing.

A suggestion was also made by the Panel to amend the wording on page 27 to reference the current and future CIL receipts earmarked to help fund the remodelling of Ferneham Hall.

Members also suggested some minor grammatical changes that need to be made before publication.

The Panel raised several questions concerning the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership's (ESCP) work and asked that further information be provided to the Panel, particularly around the tactical asset management work that the partnership undertakes in relation to health and safety. The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel suggesting that the Panel discuss the potential for the ESCP attending a future meeting during item 8 – Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel Priorities.

RESOLVED that the Panel: -

- (a) provided comments and raised questions for clarification on the AMR for 2018/19, as set out in Appendix A to the report;
- (b) notes that the Director of Planning and Regeneration make the necessary changes to the wording of paragraph 4.6 on page 21 to provide an explanation on viability and its impact on the Affordable Housing completions data, add reference on page 27 to the CIL receipts earmarked for the remodelling of Ferneham Hall, along with the suggested minor grammatical changes to the AMR 2018/19, prior to publication, providing that these do not change the overall direction, shape or emphasis of the document, and do not raise any significant issues; and
- (c) notes that the report will be published, subject to the changes at (b), on the Council's website.

7. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

The Panel considered the Executive items of business which falls under the remit of the Planning and Development Portfolio, including individual Executive Member decisions, that have taken place since the last meeting of the Panel on the 30 August 2019.

The Panel considered the decisions shown at item 7(1) to 7(5)

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel considered the following item of Executive Business:

(1) ESCP Agreement 2019

No comments received.

(2) Interim Nitrogen Mitigation Solution

Members raised concerns that little appeared to have moved forward in resolving the issues surrounding a solution to Nitrogen Mitigation since this report went to the Executive in September 2019. Officers advised that although a solution has not yet been achieved, a great deal of work is being undertaken by Officers from Fareham, working together with other affected Local Authorities, with the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) being the main driving force for this work in order to allow authorities to share expertise and knowledge.

(3) Portchester Village Centre Regeneration Update

No comments were received.

(4) Draft Local Plan Consultation

No comments were received.

(5) Transport for SE Consultation Response

No comments were received.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

Members of the Panel considered the Scrutiny Priorities for the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel and discussed possible items for future meetings. The Panel suggested the following items for consideration; an update on the Nitrogen Mitigation and the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP).

Members raised further concerns around the social and economic impact that the unresolved Nitrogen Mitigation issues are having within the Borough and surrounding areas. The Director for Planning and Regeneration suggested the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) be informed of the Panels concerns surrounding the social and economic impacts on the Borough.

RESOLVED that the Panel: -

- (a) considered the Scrutiny Priorities for the Planning and Development Portfolio;
- (b) requested that an update on the Nitrogen Mitigation and the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP) be scheduled for future meetings:
and
- (c) ask officers to inform PfSH of their concerns surrounding the social and economic impacts of the unresolved Nitrogen Mitigation issues on the Borough.

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