

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

Date: Wednesday, 27 July 2022

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor M R Daniells (Chairman)

Councillor Ms S Pankhurst (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Ms F Burgess, Mrs T L Ellis, Mrs J Needham, P Nother and N J Walker

**Also
Present:**



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies received by Panel Members at the meeting.

Councillor S Martin, Executive Member for Planning and Development tendered apologies.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 08 June 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements made by the Chairman.

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. WELBORNE DELIVERY UPDATE

The Panel received a report by the Head of Strategic Sites, updating Members on the delivery of Welborne Garden Village. The Council has a significant strategic leadership role in the development as well as its role as Local Planning Authority. The report provided a detailed overview of various aspects of the Welborne delivery and Members asked questions for clarification.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel notes the contents of the report

7. PLANNING STRATEGY UPDATE

The Panel received a Planning Strategy Update presentation from Pete Drake, Principal Planner on the Strategy Team. The presentation provided an opportunity to communicate to members of the Panel relevant updates pertaining to Planning Strategy matters.

The focus of the presentation was to update Members of the Panel on the progress of the Council's emerging Local Plan through the Examination process. The recent Inspectors' Post-Hearing Findings letter and the associated technical housing consultation and forthcoming formal Council response were explained. Additionally, the anticipated next steps of Plan modifications to be recommended by the Inspector, associated public consultation and progression of the Local Plan to final adoption were also outlined.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel note the contents of the presentation.

8. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Welborne Forum

Members asked questions pertaining to the public participation of the Welborne Community Forum. The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel to explain that the Welborne Community Forum is not a public meeting and therefore, although members of the public are able to attend, they are not able to participate, only observe. The Membership for the forum has been specifically designed to include local authority, community, and business representatives from all interested parties to allow for information sharing and dialogue throughout the delivery of Welborne.

(2) Local Plan Examination Update

No comments were received.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Panel considered the Scrutiny Priorities for the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel.

The Director of Planning and Regeneration addressed the Panel to explain that, as highlighted at item 7, the Panel will be required to pre-scrutinise the Local Plan Main Modifications report before considered by the Executive. This is likely to take place in the Autumn and may require the need for an additional meeting of the Panel to be scheduled.

Members enquired as to when an update may be provided to the Panel on the Fareham Town Centre Masterplan to supplement the Local Plan. The Director of Planning and Regeneration explained that this area of work also falls within the remit of the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Panel given their overview of Fareham Town Centre Regeneration. Due to the overlapping scrutiny priorities, officers will ensure that the Panel are kept informed of any items of interest as the Town Centre regeneration work progresses, with a joint meeting of the two Scrutiny Panels anticipated towards the end of the calendar year.

RESOLVED that Members Panel considered the priorities for the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 6.39 pm).

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Planning Strategy Update

Pete Drake – Principal Planner

Post Hearings letter

- Post Hearings letter received by the Council in early June – sets out her initial findings.
- The letter was summarised for the Executive meeting on 4th July.
- Executive noted the content of the letter and the Inspector's request for a focused consultation on technical housing supply matters.
- The consultation is now closed having run for three weeks.
- Officers will be collating and providing comments on the responses submitted.
- All responses will then be passed on to the Inspector.

Council's Formal Response

- The Inspector has requested that the Council formally responds to the Post Hearings letter under delegated authority granted by Executive.
- The Council will be providing additional evidence to the Inspector to rebut concerns identified around Welborne start date and early delivery rates.
- Further evidence will also be provided on the ASLQ designations, to attempt to further justify the policy and the areas covered.
- Council's response will be published on our website and shared with Panel members.

Next Steps

- Following receipt of the Council's response and the outcomes of the focused consultation, the Inspector will deliberate and then, we anticipate, write to the Council recommending Main modifications to make the plan sound.
- Main modifications require consultation.
- Approval for that consultation will be sought through Executive and Council, with pre-scrutiny.
- 6 week consultation.
- Inspector then reviews consultation responses.
- Inspector provides Council with Inspector's report setting out 'soundness' changes.
- Council considers Inspector's report and considers whether to adopt the Local Plan.