

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Tuesday, 15 January 2019

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor T Davies (Chairman)

Councillor P J Davies (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: K A Barton, J E Butts, S Cunningham, 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 12 November 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. 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 12 November 2018.

The Panel considered the decisions shown at items 6(1) to 6(3) of the agenda.

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

(1) Self Build & Custom Housebuilding Register

No comments were received.

(2) Council's Response to the Government's 'Technical consultation on updates to national planning policy guidance'

The Panel discussed this item in detail and fully support the Council's response to the Government's Technical consultation on the updates to the National Planning Policy and Guidance. Members asked whether the Government had responded to the consultation. The Head of Planning Strategy and Regeneration addressed the Panel to inform Members that, at this time the Government had not issued its response to this consultation.

During the discussions Members asked several questions surrounding the ONS (Office of National Statistics) household projections to gain better understanding of the method used in calculating local housing need. The

conclusion of this discussion was that Officers suggested an item be brought to a future meeting of the Panel to assist in informing Members of this Government process. Members agreed that this would be very useful.

(3) Provision of Highway Development Planning Advice

No comments were received.

7. WELBORNE RAILWAY STATION

The Panel considered a report by the Welborne Strategic Lead on the potential to deliver a railway station at the Welborne Garden Village.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor J Forrest addressed the Panel to introduce the item.

An in-depth discussion took place between Members and Officers, with Members keen to ensure that the Council's vision to provide a railway station at Welborne be delivered.

Members raised concerns over the degree of certainty around Network Rail's funding a review which would include the potential for a station for Welborne. The Welborne Strategic Lead addressed the Panel to confirm that Network Rail had existing plans to review the Eastleigh to Fareham line as part of their strategic focus on improving connectivity in the Solent area. Officers will take all the Members comments to their next meeting with National Rail.

Funding the project was also discussed at great length and Members asked that Officers commit to investigating funding and that potential funding partners are engaged at the earliest possible opportunity.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel considered and discussed at length the contents of the report.

8. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

Members considered the tabled item - Planning and Development Scrutiny Priorities Plan, attached to these Minutes. The Panel asked for guidance on items for pre-scrutiny and requested that Officers provide Members with a better understanding of items which fall under the Planning and Development Portfolio which could be future items for consideration.

As discussed at item 6(2) officers suggested that an item on the ONS (Office of National Statistics) Household Projections be brought to a future meeting of the Panel. This will be investigated as a possible option to be brought to the 12 March 2019 meeting.

Members also requested sight of the Authority Monitoring Report as this gives a detailed overview and performance update on the planning and development components which are of interest to the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel: -

- (a) considered the tabled, Scrutiny Priorities Plan; and
- (b) asked that Officers investigate the possibility of an item on the ONS (Office of National Statistics) Household Projections being brought to the 12 March 2019 Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel meeting.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 7.45 pm).