

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Wednesday, 24 February 2021

Venue: Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting

PRESENT:

Councillor T Davies (Chairman)

Councillor P J Davies (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: J E Butts, Mrs T L Ellis, J S Forrest, N J Walker and
S Cunningham

Also Present: Councillor S D Martin (Item 6 & 7)



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 01 October 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

There were no declarations of interest received at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

6. CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO PUBLICATION LOCAL PLAN

The Panel received a presentation from the Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development, Gayle Wootton and Principal Planner (Strategy) Peter Drake. The presentation provided an overview of the Consultation Responses to the Publication Local Plan which completed on the 18 December 2020.

Members considered the contents of the presentation which was delivered covering each section of the Local Plan in turn. Members asked questions to Officers and sought further details on the consultation responses where appropriate.

At the invitation of the Chairman, the Executive Member for Planning and Development Councillor S Martin took part in discussions on this item.

A copy of the presentation is appended to these Minutes.

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

7. PLANNING STRATEGY UPDATES

The Panel received a presentation from the Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development, Gayle Wootton updating Members on aspects of Planning Strategy that are significant but do not require an individual report for consideration.

The presentation began with an update on the Council's current Housing Delivery Test position. Members expressed their concerns over the details

provided which showed a pessimistic outlook. The main point of discussion for Members of the Panel was that the Government's targets have not reflected the nitrate neutrality issue which will have a significant detrimental effect on the Council's ability to meet the Housing Delivery Test going forward. Officers explained that - until a sustainable, long term nitrate mitigation strategy is in place, the Housing Delivery Test is going to be a concern for many years to come. Officers also explained that the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) have continued throughout the last two years to lobby Members of Parliament on this matter, but as yet no resolution has been identified.

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8. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule

No comments received.

(2) Hook Lake Management Study

No comments received.

(3) Nitrate Mitigation - Legal Agreement with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust & Isle of Wight Council

No comments received.

(4) Local Development Scheme

No comments received.

(5) Government Consultation on White Paper 'Planning for the Future'

No comments received.

(6) Publication (Regulation 19) Local Plan

No comments received.

(7) Partnership for South Hampshire Statement of Common Ground

No comments received.

(8) Introducing charges for heritage advice and design codes, and the use of Planning Performance Agreements

No comments received.

(9) Hook Lake Management Study - Award of Contract

No comments received.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Chairman asked Members of the Panel to consider the Scrutiny Priorities for the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel.

Members discussed a number of topics including; Welborne delivery prospects, particularly in relation to the funding and delivery of the J10 M27 improvement scheme; the anticipated impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the delivery of the Fareham Town Centre Vision and the likely need for future regeneration initiatives; and a number of Highway matters.

It was agreed that Officers would provide an update on the delivery of Welborne and the delivery of the Fareham Town Centre Vision as appropriate within the 2021/22 municipal year. Officers also advised that through consultation with the Chairman an invitation would be sent to Hampshire County Council to attend a future meeting of the Panel to update on the South East Hampshire Rapid Transit (SEHRT) project.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel:-

- (a) considered the Scrutiny Priorities;
- (b) asked Officers to schedule Updates on the delivery of Welborne and the delivery of the Fareham Town Centre Vision and associated regeneration as appropriate within the 2021/22 municipal year; and
- (c) asked Officers, in consultation with the Chairman, to invite Hampshire County Council to a future meeting of the Panel to update on the South East Hampshire Rapid Transit project.

(The meeting started at 6.03 pm
and ended at 9.57 pm).