

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Tuesday, 14 September 2021

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor M R Daniells (Chairman)

Councillor P J Davies (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: T Davies, J S Forrest, N R Gregory, L Keeble 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 25 May 2021 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 received from Members of the Panel.

5. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations received at this meeting.

6. PLANNING STRATEGY UPDATE

The Panel considered a presentation from the Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development on prevailing Planning Strategy Matters. The presentation included a summary of the responses received on the Revised Publication Local Plan Consultation, which ran from June-July 2021.

The Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development ran through each site in turn, for which comments had been received and concluded with information on the next steps for the Council's Local Plan. Members asked questions and commented as appropriate throughout the presentation. A copy of the presentation is appended to these Minutes.

The Head of Planning Strategy and Economic Development concluded by providing Members with a brief overview of a new Government scheme for affordable housing, First Homes. Although this is a housing initiative it will have an impact on the Council's Planning process, therefore Members were reminded that an item will be presented at the Housing Scrutiny Panel on the 16 September 2021 which will provide more details on the scheme.

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

7. COUNCIL TREES SERVICE REVIEW

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Planning and Regeneration on the Council's Tree Service Review. The report provided an opportunity for the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel to scrutinise the report prior to the Executive meeting on the 21 September 2021.

The Head of Development Management presented the report highlighting the key areas of the review and how these in turn have influenced the recommendations put to the Executive for decision. The Panel expressed their support for the proposals and asked questions for clarification throughout the discussions.

Members of the Panel provided details of possible funding opportunities for tree planting and discussed the importance of tapping into as much available funding as possible. Officers explained that a lot of work has already been carried out to investigate funding opportunities for tree. It is expected that this work will increase once the proposals from the review have been agreed.

Members also enquired about the link to the proposed revisions to Council's Tree Planting programme and the Council's Climate Change Action Plan, asking for reassurance that these changes wouldn't have a detrimental impact on the number of trees planted each year. Officers explained that with a re-organisation of the proactive tree planting towards strategic sites it was not anticipated that there would be an overall reduction in the number of trees planted and that this will be monitored by officers.

Members enquired as to which trees types capture the most carbon and if consideration could be given to this as part of the Council's Tree Planting programme. Officers agreed to investigate this matter and notify Members of the Panel accordingly.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel: -

- a) note the contents of the Executive report at Appendix 1; and
- b) recommends to the Executive at its meeting on 21 September 2021, that it endorses the recommendations as set out in Appendix 1.

8. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

(1) Approval of Revised Charging Schedule for CIL

No comments received.

(2) Coastal Partnership - Chichester District Council request to join Coastal Partners

No comments received.

(3) Housing Delivery Test Action Plan

No comments received.

(4) Local Development Scheme

No comments received.

(5) Revised Publication Local Plan Consultation

Members asked if the Revised Publication Local Plan will be used to determine planning applications. Officers explained that it will certainly be a material consideration in determining planning applications.

9. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

The Chairman asked Members of the Panel to consider the priorities for the Panel.

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

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 8.17 pm).