

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

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

Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

PRESENT:

Councillor M R Daniells (Chairman)

Councillor N J Walker (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors: Ms S Pankhurst, Mrs T L Ellis, Mrs J Needham and P Nother

Also Present: Councillor Ms C Bainbridge (Items 6 & 7), Councillor S D Martin, Executive Member for Planning and Development (Items 6 & 7) and Councillor Mrs L E Clubley



1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology of absence was received from Councillor Mrs F Burgess.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel meeting held on the 31 January 2024 be confirmed and assigned as a correct record.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements made at this meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.

5. DEPUTATIONS

The Panel received a deputation from Lesley Goddard, on behalf of Friends of the Earth, who was thanked accordingly.

6. MOTION - CLIMATE AND ECOLOGY BILL

The Panel considered the Motion – Climate and Ecology Bill which was referred to the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel by Council on the 14 December 2023 for comment.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Ms C Bainbridge addressed the Panel on this item and presented her motion to the Panel.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor S D Martin, Executive Member for Planning and Development addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel received a presentation from the Policy, Research and Engagement Officer which provided an overview of the proposed Climate and Ecology Bill referenced in the Council Motion, and outlined the range of proposals relating to both climate and ecology matters which are included within this Private Members; Bill. (a copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes).

RESOLVED that the Panel:-

- a) considered the Motion referred to the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel; and
- b) had no comments on the Motion to report back to full Council.

7. ENVIRONMENT UPDATE

The Panel received a report from the Director of Planning and Regeneration to allow Members of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel to consider the Environment Update Executive report and the 'Fareham's Greener Future' document before being taken to the Executive on the 18 March 2024.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor S D Martin, Executive Member for Planning and Development addressed the Panel on this item.

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Ms C Bainbridge addressed the Panel on this item.

Members of the Panel discussed the branding of the proposed Fareham's Greener Future publication, and questioned whether it was appropriate for the document. They felt that a separate branding for this publication (and also the Environment Strategy going forward) which focused more specifically on the environment would be more appropriate than using the same graphics as that used for the Corporate Strategy.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel:-

- a) note the contents of the Executive Report; and
- b) advise the Executive at their meeting in 18 March 2024 of the Panel's full support for the publication of the Fareham's Greener Future document as a comprehensive summary of the full range of work undertaken by the Council on both carbon reduction/management (principally focused on energy-related projects) and also the service delivery and projects seeking to improve the local natural environment;
- c) request the Executive to consider amending the branding for the Fareham's Greener Future document to focus more specifically on the environment;
- d) advise the Executive of the Panel's support for the preparation of an Environmental Strategy going forward.

8. WELBORNE DELIVERY UPDATE

The Panel received a report from the Director of Planning and Regeneration on an Executive report detailing the progress in the delivery of the Welborne Garden Village since July 2022.

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel:-

- a) note the content of the Executive Report and the Building Welborne Beautiful brochure attached at Appendices A to the Executive Report; and
- b) advise the Executive at their meeting on 18 March 2024 of the Panel's full support for publication of the Building Welborne Beautiful document

as a comprehensive summary of work undertaken by the Council over many years to enable the delivery of Welborne Garden Village.

9. COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) UPDATE

The Panel received a presentation from the Head of Planning updating Members of the Panel on the progress of the new proposed charging schedule for the Community Infrastructure Levy. (A copy of this presentation has been appended to these minutes)

RESOLVED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel:-

- a) note the contents of the presentation; and
- b) advise the Executive at their meeting on the 8 April 2024 that the Panel endorses the approach taken in progressing the CIL Review and the proposed CIL charging schedule.

10. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS

Members of the Panel were asked to consider the items of Executive Business.

(1) Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document for Consultation

No questions or comments were received.

(2) Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document

No questions or comments were received.

11. PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES

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

No suggestions were put forward from the Members on this occasion.

(The meeting started at 6.00 pm
and ended at 8.04 pm).

..... Chairman

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