

PLANNING POLICY SUB COMMITTEE

MEETING: Thursday, 26th March 2015

PRESENT: Cllrs. Taylor (Chair), Smith and Dee

Officers

Anthony Wilson, Head of Planning

Helen Chard, Housing Strategy & Enabling Service Manager

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Lewis and McLellan

21. MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 11 December 2014, 12 February 2015 and 4 March 2015 were approved as correct records and signed by the Chair.

22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

23. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)

There were no questions from members of the public.

24. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)

There were no petitions or deputations.

25. TEWKESBURY BOROUGH PLAN 2011 - 2031 DRAFT POLICIES AND SITE OPTIONS - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Members were presented with a report which set out an overview of the key issues Officers had identified in relation to the Tewkesbury Borough Plan 2011-2031 Draft policies and site options public consultation (February 2015). The report provided a letter of representation which was proposed to be sent to Tewkesbury Borough Council as the City Council's response to the consultation as a strategic partner.

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Planning Policy Sub-Committee was asked to recommend that it endorsed Appendix 1 as the Council's response to the consultation.

RESOLVED – That Appendix 1 be endorsed as the Council's response to the Draft Tewkesbury Borough Plan Draft Policies and Site Options Public Consultation (Feb 2015).

26. GLOUCESTERSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 2015-31 CONSULTATION AND PROTOCOL FOR HIGHWAYS MODELLING SUITE CONSULTATION

Members were presented with a report which provided an overview of the key issues identified by Officers in relation to the Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan 2015-31 public consultation and which sought endorsement of Appendix 1 as the Council's formal response to the consultation. The report also set out an overview of the Gloucestershire protocol for third party access to the highways modelling suite consultation and sought endorsement of Appendix 2 as the Council's formal response to the consultation.

Councillor Smith recommended that the City Council should contact the other district councils asking them to reinforce the points made by Gloucester City Council.

RESOLVED

- (1) That Appendix 1, response to the Gloucestershire Local Transport Plan 2015-31 public consultation be endorsed.
- (2) That Appendix 2, response to the Gloucestershire Third Party Access Protocol for using the Highways Modelling Suite Consultation be endorsed.

27. RESPONSE TO CLG CONSULTATION - SECTION 106 PLANNING OBLIGATIONS, SPEEDING UP NEGOTIATIONS CONSULTATION

Members were presented with a report which sought their approval for a proposed response from Gloucester City Council to the Department of Communities and Local Governments Consultation (DCLG) on speeding up Section 106 negotiations.

Councillor Smith remarked that the Council's response to Question 4 'Do you agree that legislative change is required to bring about a significant reduction in the delays associated with negotiating Section 106 agreements' was weak and would not provide a resolution to the problem. Councillor Smith suggested that there should be a cut off point for developers to make any changes to Section 106 agreements to avoid them submitting revised versions a couple of days before Planning Committee. The Chair concurred with this comment. It was agreed that the Head of Planning would seek legal advice on revised wording for the response to Question 4 and email it to the Sub-Committee Members.

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RESOLVED – That subject to the required amendments to the response to Question 4, that Appendix 1 be endorsed as the City Council's response to the DCLG Consultation on Speeding Up Section 106 Negotiations.

28. SCI/CIL UPDATE

Members received an update on the Statement of Community Involvement.

The Head of Planning reported that there had been 200 'hits' on the website and less than 20 representations. The closing date for comments was 31 March 2015.

Community Infrastructure Levy

The Head of Planning advised Members that he had received a preliminary draft on the charging structure for the Community Infrastructure Levy. A report would be submitted to the Annual Council Meeting on 21 May 2015 and it would be necessary to brief Members on its content at Planning Committee on 12 May.

RESOLVED - That the update be noted.

29. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 18 June 2015 at 18.00 hours.

Time of commencement: 18:00 hours Time of conclusion: 18:50 hours

Chair