

Local Plan Committee

Wednesday 24 August 2016 at 7.00pm
in the Council Chamber, The Cube, Corby

Councillors present: Councillors Dady (Chair) Beeby, Pengelly, Keane, Reay and McEwan

8. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elliston and Rutt. Councillor Reay substituted for Councillor Elliston.

9. Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any interest they might have in the business to be discussed and/or indicate whether these were prejudicial or non-prejudicial, the nature of the interest and whether they intend to participate in the relevant agenda item. No declarations were made.

HoS Planning and Environmental Services introduced Paul McKim to Committee Mr McKim was to take up the role of Planning Manager from the 5 September 2016.

10. Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2016, copies of which had been circulated to Members, be agreed as a correct record.

11. Local Development Scheme Review.

The Principal Planner (Local Plans) presented a report for Members to consider amendments to the Local Development Scheme to reflect the timetable for Part 2 Local Plan for Corby.

The existing LDS was prepared in April 2015 to support the progress of the North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy, the most strategic part of the Local Plan was adopted in July 2016, the report sought to approve the update to the LDS to include details of the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby, this would provide locally specific policies and site allocations to complement the strategic policies provided by the Joint Core Strategy.

The JCS was a long term vision for North Northamptonshire and set out the overall spatial strategy for growth, it also set out strategic site allocations and provided the framework for all subsequent planning documents including Part 2 Local Plans and Neighbourhood Plans.

Work had commenced on the Part 2 Plan for Corby in terms of initial evidence gathering, a number of technical studies had been progressed or commissioned to ensure that Part 2 was based on robust evidence justifying the choices made. The next stage as the Local Planning Authority was to initiate public participation in the Local Plan.

Following initial consultation it was anticipated that a 'Emerging Draft' document would be produced for consultation in Autumn 2017 followed by publication of the draft plan in early 2018. Beyond that work would focus on preparing for independent examination anticipated for Summer 2019 with final adoption towards the end of 2019.

Members expressed concerns over the amount of information they were required to read and understand without having officers there to discuss prior to making a decision, it was suggested that perhaps a seminar could be provided to take them through the document before a decision was made at the next meeting.

It was agreed to hold a one hour briefing before the next Local Plan meeting to assist Members with the process.

RESOLVED that:-

It is recommended that Members:

- i. *Agree the amendments to the Local Development Scheme set out in Appendix 2 to be*

incorporated into the North Northamptonshire Local Development Scheme;

- ii. *Note that the Regulation 18 Scoping Document including issues and policy options will be reported to the next meeting of this committee.*

12. Close of Meeting

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.