

**Local Plan Committee**  
**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.00pm**  
*in the Council Chamber, The Cube, Corby*

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**Councillors present:** Councillors Dady (Chair) Beeby, Pengelly, Elliston, Watt and

**31. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Keane, McEwan and Rutt. Councillor Ferguson was present as a substitute for Councillor McEwan and Councillor Reay for Cllr Keane.

**32. 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.

Councillor Pengelly declared a personal, prejudicial interest in all items on the agenda due to his role with a local construction company. He therefore withdrew from the meeting and took no further part.

**33. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Members were asked to approve the minutes of the Local Plan meeting held on 8 March 2017 copies of which had been circulated.

**RESOLVED that:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2017, copies of which had been circulated to Members, be agreed as a correct record.

**34. Housing White Paper**

Members received a report on the Government's White Paper detailing its strategy to build homes and tackle the impact of the housing shortage. Consultation responses to 38 questions set out in the paper was 2 May 2017.

The White Paper covered numerous and various initiatives which were summarised in the report under four main headings:

- Planning for the right homes in the right places;
- Building homes faster;
- Diversifying the market;
- Helping people now.

Draft responses to the consultation questions were set out in the appendix to the report. The strategic response had been considered by the Joint Northamptonshire Delivery Committee on 13 April and would be considered by the Joint Planning Committee on 27 April 2017.

**RESOLVED that:**

The responses to the consultation questions set out in Appendix A to the report be agreed as the Council's response to the Housing White Paper.

**35. Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document**

Members were asked to consider the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) attached to the report at Appendix A which had been out for consultation for six weeks between 9 March and 20 April 2017. Appendix B detailed the comments received and subsequent changes made to the document.

The SPD would provide clarity for Planning Officers and developers on the approach to planning obligations when applications were being considered.

Members were asked to adopt the SPD and agreed that any further minor changes could be made in consultation with the Chair of Local Plan Committee. A consultation statement and adoption statement would then be published alongside the adopted SPD in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012.

**RESOLVED that:**

- i) The SPD be approved for adoption;
- ii) Any further minor changes required prior to publication be agreed with the Chair of Local Plan Committee.

**36. Nomination of Members for Joint Planning Committee**

Nominations were sought for a place on the Joint Planning Committee following a resignation. There were no nominations. In view of possible changes to the membership of the Local Plan Committee at the upcoming Annual Council it was felt appropriate to await the outcome of this.

**RESOLVED that:-**

The appointment of member representation on the Joint Planning Committee be reviewed at the first Local Plan Committee meeting after Annual Council.

**37. Part 2 Local Plan for Corby – Programme Highlights Report**

The Planning Officer (Local Plans) presented the second update on progress in the preparation of the Part 2 Local Plan for Corby.

The highlights were set out in the appendix to the report, summarising progress made since the previous meeting and work planned during the next period.

Queries were raised in respect of the budget set out in the appendix to the report. It was explained that this related to internal funding only. There would be further funding available from the Homes & Communities Agency Capacity Fund which would cover a variety of Planning work and also a top up from the Department for Communities & Local Government.

Queries were raised around the appointment of KKP to compile the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study. It was confirmed that the appointment had been agreed with colleagues in Culture & Leisure and external consultants were commonly used for this type of work as there were very stringent requirements to be met.

**RESOLVED that:-**

The current progress with plan making be noted.

**38. Close of Meeting**

The meeting closed at 7.28 pm.