

Local Development Framework Sub-Committee – 6 November 2007

Minutes of the meeting of the **Local Development Sub-Committee** held on **6 November 2007** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr K H Hudson

Cllr C I Black
Cllr K J Gordon
Cllr J M Pullen

Cllr C G Seagers
Cllr D G Stansby

VISITING MEMBER

Cllr Mrs M J Webster

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Scrutton - Head of Planning and Transportation
S Worthington - Committee Administrator

9 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings held on 18 and 19 September 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10 ROCHFORD LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

(Note: Cllr Mrs M J Webster declared a personal interest in this item by virtue of being Vice-Chairman of the National Trust Rayleigh Mount Local Committee.)

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Planning and Transportation seeking approval for a revision to the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS), the timetable for the production of the development plan documents that will comprise the Local Development Framework.

Members of the Sub-Committee were provided with an amended timetable for the preparation of the West Rochford Joint Area Action Plan development plan document (DPD). Particular reference was made to the revised date for adoption and publication of this DPD, in August 2009, which was several months later than originally anticipated.

In response to a Member enquiry relating to the delayed timetable for preparation of the Core Strategy, officers confirmed that the Government Office had indicated that the revisions proposed to the timetable would not impact on the Authority's planning delivery grant. Officers did, however, stress the importance of ensuring that the timetable was realistic and achievable as the Authority would be assessed in the context of performance against the agreed timetable.

Responding to further questions relating to staffing levels, officers advised

that there was a vacancy that needed to be filled. Temporary agency staff would, however, be sought in the short term.

In response to a Member drawing attention to recent press coverage about the National Trust considering the possibility of purchasing land with a view to protecting it from development, officers observed that this would probably not be achievable, given current planning legislation.

Members concurred with the revisions to the Local Development Scheme, incorporating details of the new Joint Area Action Plan, revisions to the Core Strategy timetable and providing details of supplementary planning documents to be prepared by the Authority, subject to the following minor amendments to the document:-

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Paragraph 1.4 (c): delete 'take'.

Paragraph 1.4 (f), first sentence: replace 'n' with 'in'.

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Delete date at the end of paragraph 1.6.

Page 6.7

Under Development Control Policies, the date of submission to the Secretary of State should be amended to September 2009.

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Under Playing Pitch and Open Spaces, the expected date of consultation should be amended to October/November 2008.

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Replace 'is' with 'it' in the second sentence of paragraph 3.3.

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Replace 'form' with 'from' in paragraph 8.6.

Recommended to the Executive Board

That the revised Local Development Scheme be submitted to the Government Office for the East of England for approval. (HPT)

The meeting closed at 7.46 pm.

Chairman

Date

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