

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Policy Sub-Committee** held on **11 October 2000** when there were present:

Cllr D A Weir (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs J M Giles
Cllr A Hosking
Cllr C C Langlands

Cllr Mrs S J Lemon
Cllr C R Morgan
Cllr R A Pearson
Cllr R E Vingoe

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs W M Stevenson and Mrs M A Weir.

OFFICERS PRESENT

S Scrutton	Head of Corporate Policy and Initiatives and Acting Head of Planning Services
Mrs M A Martin	Committee Administrator

93 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 September 2000 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Resolved

That, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of Exempt Information as defined in Paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

94 URBAN CAPACITY STUDY - CONSIDERATION OF BIDS

The Sub-Committee considered the exempt report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Initiatives which summarised the bids received to undertake an Urban Capacity for the authority. Planning Policy Guidance Note No. 3 Housing requires Local Planning Authorities to prepare Urban Capacity Studies to feed into the Local Plan.

At the meeting of the Sub-Committee held on 22 August 2000, Members had agreed to the arrangements for seeking tenders from consultants to undertake an Urban Capacity Study.

A schedule listing the consultants and their fee proposals, had been appended to the report, together with a series of appendices which provided extracts from the various proposal documents explaining the methodology for the study in more detail.

Members undertook a detailed discussion of the proposals and the various methods suggested for examining the urban areas to assess the capacity. Members noted that, given the timetable for publication of a Deposit Draft and the necessity for the recommended consultant to begin work as soon as possible, it was proposed to take urgent action under the arrangements agreed at Council on 25 July 2000 to implement the Sub-Committee's recommendation. A report of the action taken would be presented to the next meeting of the Transportation and Environmental Services Committee.

Recommended

That Broadway Malyan be appointed to undertake an Urban Capacity Study for the district. (HCPI)

The meeting commenced at 6 pm and closed at 7 pm.

Chairman

Date