

CABINET (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK) COMMITTEE

5 September 2012

Attendance:

Committee Members:

Councillors:

Humby (Chairman) (P)

Coates (P)

Weston (P)

Tait (P)

Other invited Councillors:

Jeffs (P)

Evans (P)

Hutchison (P)

Others in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillors Read and Wood

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held 28 November 2011 be approved and adopted.

2. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no questions asked/statements made.

3. **APPOINTMENT OF VICE- CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Weston be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the 2012/13 Municipal Year.

4. **REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME 2012**

(Report CAB2376 (LDF) refers)

The Head of Strategic Planning answered questions from Members.

It was clarified that Local Plan Part 2 – Development Management and Site Allocations would not replace Village Design Statements, which are

Supplementary Planning Documents, but that these could still be produced by Parish Councils should they wish to do so. Part 2 would review the old Local Plan's policies and deal with detailed policy issues and site allocations that were not included in Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy, which contained strategic level planning policy.

There would be an all-Members' Briefing on Tuesday 18 September to explain the proposals for rolling out Local Plan Part 2, with briefings for Parish Councils to follow in October. Parish Councils would be able to feed in their own neighbourhood planning work by May 2013, with specific development sites to be identified and assessed by August 2013, and a first draft of the plan (issues and options) to be published in October. There would be cost savings to Parishes in contributing to the Local Plan Part 2 route as opposed to preparing formal Neighbourhood Plans, for example by avoiding the cost of the examination and referendum. The Parish Councils would lead the process locally, with support from the City Council's officers as required. There would be a liaison officer for the eight largest parishes and it was noted that the Local Plan Part 2 would only include the parts of the District outside of the South Downs National Park, as the area within the Park would be subject to the Park's own Local Plan. There would be close liaison with the National Park Authority in developing policies, as some settlements such as Swanmore and Bishops Waltham would be the subject of the policies of both the City Council and the Park Authority. Communication with Parishes and the public would be important to avoid any potential confusion. The Winchester Town Wards would also be subject to the Local Plan Part 2 requirements.

There was not a formal timetable for the abolition of Regional Strategies by the Government and the removal of each Strategy would need to be the subject of an Environmental Assessment. It was noted that Fareham Borough Council's recent consultation on options for the 'New Community North of Fareham' had included within it an area for the development of a school and housing that was located on land within the Winchester District boundary, which had been shown within Winchester's policies as an undeveloped gap. Officers clarified that this area of land remained in the City Council's control as the Local Planning Authority and that the particular option mentioned would conflict with Winchester and Fareham's' Core Strategies.

The Committee agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RECOMMENDED:

TO CABINET:

1. That the Winchester District Local Development Scheme 2012, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Report, be approved and brought into effect from 13 September 2012.

2. That (subject to The Overview and Scrutiny Committee not exercising its powers of call-in) a one-off Revenue budget virement of £71,400 be approved for 2012/13 from the General Fund Flexible Resource Management budget to the Local Plan budget to cover the Local Plan Part 1 and commencement of Part 2.

TO THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:

3. That consideration be given as to whether the Committee wishes to exercise its powers to call in the approval of a budget virement of £71,400 for review.

5. **AMENDED AND UPDATED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR CABINET (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK) COMMITTEE**
(Report CAB2384 (LDF) refers)

In reply to Members' questions, the Head of Strategic Planning stated that dialogue would continue with the Department of Communities and Local Government to clarify any areas of doubt in terminology within the guidance arising from the recent changes in legislation, including the Localism Act, but of most importance was to get the process right.

It was also noted that although the Community Infrastructure Levy's (CIL) charging schedule, method of collection and distribution criteria might potentially vary between the City Council and the South Downs National Park (SDNP) areas within the District, work would continue with the SDNP and East Hampshire District Council to seek to achieve a consistent approach and timing where possible.

The Committee agreed to the following for the reasons set out above and outlined in the Report.

RECOMMENDED (TO CABINET):

That the revised Terms of Reference for Cabinet (Local Development Framework) Committee, as set out the Appendix to the Report, be agreed.

6. **PUBLICATION OF THE SPARSHOLT VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT 2012**
(Report CAB2383 (LDF) refers)

The Committee agreed to the following for the reasons outlined in the Report.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Head of Strategic Planning be given delegated authority to make minor factual amendments and other minor updates to the Sparsholt Village Design Statement, in consultation with the

Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Economic Development, to enable the document to be adopted and published.

2. That £500 be awarded to Sparsholt Parish Council towards the cost of publishing the adopted Village Design Statement.

The meeting commenced at 10.00am and concluded at 11.00am.

Chairman