



Minutes

Policy Review Committee

Venue: Committee Room

Date: 16 June 2015

Present: Councillors J Deans (Chair), M Hobson (Vice Chair), K Arthur, K Ellis, R Packham and Mrs J Shaw-Wright.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor D Hutchinson

Also Present: Councillor J Mackman

Officers Present: Jonathan Lund, Deputy Chief Executive; Keith Dawson, Director, Daniel Maguire, Democratic Services Officer and Janine Jenkinson, Democratic Services Officer.

2. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: To receive and approve the minutes of the Policy Review Committee held on 24 March 2015 for signature by the Chair.

4. CHAIR'S ADDRESS

The Chair welcomed Councillors and Officers to the first meeting of the municipal year.

5. PR/15/1 – TIMING OF MEETINGS 2015/16

RESOLVED: That Committee agreed to commence meetings at 5.00 p.m. for the 2015/16 municipal year.

6. PR/15/2 – PLAN SELBY: RESPONSES TO INITIAL CONSULTATION

Executive Councillor Mackman and Keith Dawson, Director presented a final report on the results of the Initial Consultation.

Councillors were informed of the key issues arising from the first round of public participation and were asked to provide comments and recommendations on the scope and content of PLAN Selby, which could then be considered by the Local Plan Programme Board and the Executive.

Public participation on the Initial Consultation had provided a wide range of responses. The responses would be used to inform the future work on plan preparation, the scope of on-going evidence based work, discussions at the programmed focussed engagement and to assist in developing options to be tested in the plan making process.

The Committee received a presentation that highlighted the following key issues that had been raised in response to the initial public consultation:

- Providing Homes
- Promoting Prosperity
- Green Belt
- Safeguarded Land
- Development Limits
- Strategic Countryside Gaps
- Infrastructure Needs
- Climate Change and Renewable Energy
- The Environment

Keith Dawson outlined the Council's response to each of the key issues.

In relation to a query regarding 1.15 of the report, in particular – Sherburn in Elmet's growth and workshops during June and July, Keith Dawson advised that the workshops would be an opportunity to comment on the work in progress and review the methodology that had been used.

It was highlighted that a large number of responses had been received in relation to Climate Change and Renewable Energy. The majority of respondents had objected to identifying suitable areas for Renewable Energy, although a few responses had been supportive.

Keith Dawson, advised that there had been wide spread support for the use of separation thresholds and the need for further policy or guidance on cumulative impacts and other design issues, such as noise from turbines. In light of the comments received and the latest Government policy guidance and case law, the Council would be making decisions about the need for, and scope of, any policy framework required in PLAN Selby in addition to that already contained in the Core Strategy.

The Chair highlighted that many comments had been received regarding the need to ensure that new development was accompanied by associated infrastructure due to existing capacity issues. He said S106 agreements would be used to ensure that suitable infrastructure was provided alongside development.

Keith Dawson reported that in preparing PLAN Selby and during the focussed engagement, the Council would meet with those bodies that supported infrastructure delivery to discuss the representations that had been made.

Councillors were advised that the issues raised during the Initial Consultation on PLAN Selby would be used to inform further discussions with communities, stakeholders and to inform planning policy and option development.

The Council's response to the issues arising from representations throughout the plan process would be published in its Consultation Statement as part of the Council's supporting documentation when PLAN Selby was submitted to the Secretary of State.

The preparation of PLAN Selby would continue throughout the year on three main areas of work:

- Focussed Engagement (Summer 2015)
- Evidence gathering to inform and support the plan.
- Generation and Appraisal of Options (June – December 2015)

Keith Dawson suggested the Committee received an update report at the meeting scheduled for 15 September 2015.

The Chair thanked Councillor J Mackman and Keith Dawson for the report and presentation.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To note the content of the report.**
- (ii) To endorse the scope and content of PLAN Selby, and the comments raised at the meeting, as detailed above, be passed on to the Local Plan Programme Board and Executive for consideration.**
- (iii) To present a PLAN Selby update report to the Committee on 15 September 2015.**

7. PR/15/3 – WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

The Chair presented the Work Programme for consideration.

In relation to the Budget and Policy Framework - The State of Area Address, scheduled for 14 July 2015 meeting, the Committee was advised that this item

was no longer likely to be delivered and could be deleted from the Work Programme.

Councillor R Packham asked Councillors to consider a report published by The Children's Society, *The Wolf at the Door: How council tax debt collection is harming children*. He requested that a report, outlining the Council's approach to debt collection in the District be presented to the Committee. It was suggested that this issue could be incorporated into the Welfare Reform report scheduled to be presented at the meeting on 14 July 2015.

The Committee suggested that a Licensing Policy report and an Enforcement Policy report be added to the Work Programme. It was proposed that one of the reports be presented to the meeting on 14 July and the other be presented to the meeting on 15 September 2015.

RESOLVED:

- (i) To incorporate information in relation to the Council's approach to debt collection into the Welfare Reform report due to be presented at the meeting on 14 July 2015.**
- (ii) To present an update report on PLAN Selby to the Committee on 15 September 2015.**
- (iii) To include reports on Licensing Policy and Enforcement Policy on the Work Programme for either 14 July or 15 September 2015 meetings, subject to consultation with the relevant Officers.**
- (iv) To include the Work Programme on the agenda of each meeting as a standing item for review.**

The meeting closed at 5.50pm.