

# Minutes

## Policy Review Committee

Venue:	Committee Room
Date:	21 October 2015
Time:	5.00 p.m.
Present:	Councillors J Deans (Chair), M Hobson (Vice Chair), K Arthur, K Ellis, D Hutchinson, R Packham and Mrs J Shaw-Wright.
Apologies for Absence:	None
Officers Present:	Jonathan Lund - Deputy Chief Executive, Keith Dawson – Director Access Selby, Stephen Hay – Interim Planning Policy Manager and Janine Jenkinson - Democratic Services Officer.
Also in attendance:	John Mackman - Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping.

### 16. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 17. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED:

**To receive and approve the minutes of the Policy Review Committee held on 15 September 2015 for signature by the Chair.**

## **18. CHAIR'S ADDRESS**

The Chair informed the Committee that the provisional meeting scheduled to consider the Enforcement Report on Tuesday 17 November, had been cancelled. The Executive had been due to consider the Enforcement Report in November; however this had been deferred until December. Therefore, the Policy Officer had requested that the Policy Review Committee consider the Enforcement Report on 19 January 2015, to align with the revised timetable.

## **19. PLAN SELBY – RESPONSES TO FOCUSED ENGAGEMENT**

Keith Dawson, (Director Access Selby), Stephen Hay, (Interim Planning Policy Manager) and Councillor John Mackman, (Deputy Leader of the Council and Lead Executive Member for Place Shaping) provided the Committee with an update on the key issues arising from the Plan Selby Focused Engagement Consultation which had been held between 29 June – 10 August 2015.

The Interim Planning Policy Manager reported that the representations received in response to the Focused Engagement related to the following key themes:

- Designated Service Villages (DVS) and Growth Options
- Development Limits
- Employment Land Review
- Green Belt
- Highways Assessment
- Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)
- Market Towns Study
- Site Selection
- Villages in Green Belt
- Strategic Countryside Gap

The Committee was informed that further work was underway in relation to the most suitable growth options for Selby Town based on detailed site assessments. The Interim Planning Policy Manager reported that there was a need to focus upon a balanced range of sustainable sites for housing and employment. In particular, it was important to plan positively for the needs of an ageing population. In addition, Councillors were advised that in order to maintain the existing network of green spaces to a good standard, work would be focused on maintaining and strengthening Selby's natural and heritage assets.

With regard to Tadcaster, the Interim Planning Policy Manager informed the Committee that land availability and deliverability had been recognised as key local issues. Due to the land availability constraints in Tadcaster, PLAN Selby would need to identify land for three times the amount of housing identified as appropriate for the town. Councillors were advised that the regeneration of Tadcaster town centre was a key priority focus.

The Committee was informed that local concern had been raised about the scale of growth linked to the approval of recent planning applications in Sherburn in Elmet. It was noted that some respondents' considered Sherburn in Elmet a highly sustainable settlement for growth. Councillors expressed concern regarding the capacity of the local infrastructure in Sherburn in Elmet to support growth. Particular attention was drawn to the capacity of the local primary schools that were considered to be oversubscribed and unable to accommodate additional pupils.

In response to a query concerning the wording of Option 1 - policy considerations/work tasks listed on page 9 of the report - 'Some settlements are subject to housing growth through recent planning permissions and this may be considered in the future allocation or apportionment of growth', the Interim Planning Policy Manager confirmed to the Committee that no decisions had yet been taken and this matter may be considered in the future allocation or apportionment of growth.

With regard to the Highways Study information presented on page 13 of the report, some concerns were raised that increased traffic generation and highways capacity issues would not be appropriately addressed.

It was requested that reference to South Milford be included on page 15 of the report under the heading 'Flooding'.

In response to a question regarding the improvement of the public realm to increase the prosperity of town centres, Councillor Mackman reported that work was currently being undertaken in relation to retail and leisure policies. He highlighted that the remit of Selby Town Enterprise Partnership (STEP) was to stimulate and promote businesses in Selby Town Centre and he advised the Committee that parish and town councils had an important role in developing their local areas. The Committee noted that neighbourhood planning would allow local communities to determine the most appropriate sites for development in their areas.

In response to a query in relation to development limits, the Interim Planning Policy Manager reported that development limit details would be considered as part of the site allocations policy process.

Councillor Mackman addressed the Committee in relation to the Council's Five year housing land supply. He reported that the Council had been working extremely hard to address the issue and an update report would be presented to Full Council on 1 December 2015.

**RESOLVED:**

**To ask that the Director Access Selby and the Interim Planning Policy Manager take into consideration the comments made during the meeting, as outlined above.**

**20. WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

The Committee considered the current Work Programme 2015/16.

**RESOLVED:**

- I. To include the Enforcement Report on the agenda for the Committee meeting to be held in 19 January 2015**

The meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.