

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE LOCAL PLAN COMMITTEE,  
HELD ON THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2017 AT 6.00 PM  
IN THE PRINCES THEATRE, TOWN HALL, STATION ROAD,  
CLACTON-ON-SEA, CO15 1SE**

<b>Present:</b>	Councillors Stock (Chairman), Turner (Vice-Chairman), Amos, Bray (except minutes 28-30 and 31 (part)), Broderick, Bush, Cawthron, G V Guglielmi, Land, Platt, Scott, M J D Skeels and Stephenson (except minutes 28-30 and 31 (part))
<b>Also Present:</b>	Councillors McWilliams and White
<b>In Attendance:</b>	Lisa Hastings (Head of Governance and Legal Services), Cath Bicknell (Head of Planning), Simon Meecham (Planning and Regulation Manager), Nigel Brown (Communications and Public Relations Manager), Will Fuller (Planning Officer) and Katie Sullivan (Committee Services Officer)

**28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Chapman and Councillor Newton (with Councillor Bush substituting).

**29. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 19 January 2017, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**31. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The Chairman invited the following person to address the Committee:

Item A.1 – Local Plan Policies

Parish Councillor John Cutting (Chairman of Little Clacton Parish Council), made a statement in which he referred to Policy SPL2 - Settlement Development Boundaries and queried why the wording 'general presumption in favour of new development' was contained therein and why an exemption to this Policy was provided through Policy LP6 – Rural Exception Sites.

At the request of the Chairman, the Head of Planning responded and confirmed that Policy LP6 was not before Members tonight and would come to the Committee in May.

**32. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES - A.1 - LOCAL PLAN POLICIES**

The Committee had before it a detailed report of the Head of Planning Services (A.1), which provided it with an opportunity to comment on the revised policies for the Publication Local Plan which had taken account of the consultation representations on the Preferred Options Local Plan. The report covered the following chapters: Vision &

Objectives; Sustainable Places; Healthy Places; Protected Places and Connected Places.

Members were informed that the Local Plan Committee meeting at its next meeting on 23 May 2017 would consider the remaining chapters of the Local Plan and then Council would consider the whole Local Plan on 6 June 2017.

A brief summary of the changes to the aforementioned policies was reported. Appendix A to the report of the Head of Planning Services set out the full text of those policies with new text shown in bold and deleted text shown as 'struck through'. Appendix B to the report detailed the reasons for those changes.

The Committee also had before it an update sheet prepared by Officers which informed Members of minor amendments that were required to the text of various policies.

Having considered all of the information provided, it was moved by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor M J D Skeels and:

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL that:-**

- (a) the following chapters of the Tendring District Council Publication Local Plan, attached as Appendix A: Vision & Objectives; Sustainable Places; Healthy Places; Protected Places and Connected Places be endorsed;
- (b) the content of the chapters of the Tendring District Council Publication Local Plan (Appendix A) be approved for public consultation for a period of six weeks; and
- (c) authority be delegated to the Head of Planning Services, in consultation with the Chairman of the Local Plan Committee, to make minor amendments to the text of the Local Plan consultation documents up to the point of publication for consultation purposes.

**33. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES - A.2 - LOCAL PLAN EVIDENCE UPDATE**

The Committee had before it a detailed report of the Head of Planning Services (A.2), which provided an update on the progress of the evidence that was necessary to underpin the content of the new Local Plan.

The report provided an update on Ongoing Evidence Requirements including:

- (i) Strategic Flood Risk Assessment and flood risk sequential tests;
- (ii) Holiday Park Review;
- (iii) Transport Modelling – Phase 3;
- (iv) North Essex Garden Communities Transport and Movement Study;
- (v) Employment and Demography for the garden communities including non 'B' class uses;
- (vi) Infrastructure Delivery Plan (Braintree, Colchester, Chelmsford and Tendring);
- (vii) Habitats Regulation Assessment and appropriate screening;
- (viii) Local Plan Viability;

- (ix) Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment for the Submission Local Plan;
- (x) Concept Frameworks for the Garden Communities;
- (xi) Open Space, Sport and Recreation;
- (xii) Gypsy Traveller Accommodation Assessment; and
- (xiii) Integrated Water Strategy.

Having discussed the information provided, it was moved by Councillor Turner and seconded by Councillor Platt and:

**RESOLVED** that the Local Plan Committee:-

- (a) notes the latest progress on the evidence base to justify the content of the Local Plan; and
- (b) authorises the Head of Planning to continue commissioning and finalising the outstanding studies as set out in Table 1 of the report and any other evidence studies required, providing updates to this Committee on an ongoing basis.

The meeting was declared closed at 6.34 p.m.

**Chairman**