

Planning Policy Scrutiny Committee



Date	23 October 2007
Venue	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee members	Councillor John Bennett (Chairman) Councillor William Thompson (Vice-Chairman) Christine Akeroyd, Keith Beckett, George Caldwell, Maxine Chew, Lyndsay Greening, Angela Jacques
Other Councillors	Kevin Eastham
Officers	Paul Walker, Tony Donnelly, Mark Sims, Lyndsey Lacey
Members of the public	Representatives of St Annes on the Sea Town Council

1. Declarations of interest

Members were reminded that any personal/prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct adopted in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

2. Confirmation of minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Planning Policy Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 13 September 2007 as a correct record for signature by the chairman.

3. Substitute members

The following substitutions were reported under council procedure rule 25.3:

Councillor Christine Akeroyd for Councillor Michael Cornah

Councillor Angela Jacques for Councillor Ben Aitken

4. Extending your Home- Supplementary Planning Document

Mark Sims (Principal Planning Officer- Policy) presented an updated report on the work jointly undertaken between Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre councils on the draft supplementary planning document (extending your home)

Mr Sims explained that the Supplementary Planning Document (which formed part of the Council's emerging Local Development Framework) had now been finalised. He added that it provided detailed guidance for householders/ applicants and their agents on the preparation of high quality and sustainable designs for house extensions across the three boroughs. A copy of the full document was circulated with the agenda.

Mr Sims added that the SPD document intended to ensure;

1. Consistency and fairness in making decisions on planning applications;
2. That impacts on neighbours are acceptable;
3. That impacts on the character of the local environment are positive through adoption of good design principles; and
4. That the needs of home owners are met in so far as is compatible with the above.

After discussion it was RESOLVED:

1. To recommend to Council that the Supplementary Planning Document (as circulated) be adopted for development control purposes.
2. In the event of both Blackpool and Wyre councils being unwilling to adopt the SPD, officers be authorised to liaise with the Portfolio Holder for Development and Regeneration and the Committee Chairman and Vice - Chairman to decide an appropriate course of action.

5. Saved Local Plans policies

Mark Sims (Principal Planning Officer-Policy) reported that following Fylde Borough Council's submission to Government Office North West in March 2007, to save various Local Plan policies beyond September 2007, the Secretary of State had issued a Direction.

He explained that the Direction (dated 18 September 2007) indicated those policies which would be saved beyond 27 September 2007. In brief all policies in the Local Plan had been saved with the exception of Policy TR9: Car Parking Within New Developments. A copy of the Direction and accompanying letter was circulated with the agenda.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED to advise the Development Control Committee which Local Plan policies have been saved by way of a Direction issued by the Secretary of State.

6. Interim Housing Policy

Following discussion it was RESOLVED:

1. To defer this matter to allow detailed review of the Interim Housing Policy at a scrutiny workshop followed by a specially convened meeting of the Planning Policy Scrutiny Committee.
2. To arrange the workshop and Special meeting of Committee on 5 November and that the Special Meeting commence at 2.30pm
