

MINUTES

Planning Committee

Date: Wednesday, 11 March 2020

Venue: Town Hall, St Annes

Committee Members Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman)

Present: Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors Chris Dixon, Jayne Nixon, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, Michael Sayward, Ray

Thomas, Stan Trudgill

Other Members Present: Councillors Karen Buckley, Viv Willder

Officers Present: Mark Evans, Paul Drinnan, Julie Glaister, Eddie Graves, Stephanie Shone, Lyndsey

Lacey-Simone

Members of the Public: No members of the public attended the meeting.

1. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members.

There were no Declarations of Interest.

2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12 February 2020 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitute members.

Decision Items

4. Fylde Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

Stephanie Shone (Planning Policy Officer) was invited by the Chairman to present a report on the proposed review of Fylde's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

In summary, the report provided an overview of the relevant legislation and recent changes to the regulations which require local planning authorities to review their SCI at least once every five years. The report also provided a summary of the impacts on and amendments made to the SCI in order to bring it up to date.

Members were advised that the SCI is a key document that sets out the Council's approach to consultation on Local Plan Reviews, Supplementary Planning Documents, Neighbourhood Plans and planning applications.

Included as an appendix to the report was a copy of Fylde's Statement of Community Involvement (March 2020).

Following consideration of this matter, the Committee RESOLVED to agree to adopt the updated Statement of Community Involvement (SCI).

5. Partial Review of Fylde Local Plan to 2032

Julie Glaister (Planning Policy Manager) was invited by the Chairman to present the report. In doing so, Ms Glaister advised that the Council had commenced a Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032 (FLP32). She stated that the Partial Review will address the two objectives of revising plans to reflect policy changes that the (NPPF19) had made and examine the issue of Wyre's unmet housing need which was a commitment in the FLP32 and precondition of the Inspector finding the FLP32 sound.

It was further reported that at 22nd January meeting (incorrectly referred to as 22 February on the agenda), members agreed the scope of the Partial Review and authorised the commissioning of technical assessments. These include Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening and Economic Viability Appraisal. The Council had also carried out a screening of the Partial Review to determine whether there are any Health Impacts plus a three-week consultation with neighbouring authorities and statutory consultees on the draft statement of common ground, schedule of revisions and summary of responses.

Members were advised that the next stage is to publish the Partial Review for a six-week public consultation (Regulation 19/20 Publication stage). Once the consultation had finished, the Partial Review would be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

Included as links to the report were: Regulation 18 Consultation Letter; Summary of Responses to the Regulation 18 Consultation; Schedule of Evidence; Implications of NPPF19 for FLP32; References to NPPF12 within the Fylde Local Plan to 2032; Statement of Common Ground; Housing Needs and Requirement Background Paper; Health Impact Screening of the Partial Review of the Fylde Local Plan to 2032; Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment Screening and the Economic Viability Assessment 2020.

In addition to the above, a Schedule of Revisions to FLP32 was circulated as an attachment.

Following the publication of the agenda, a letter had been received from Wyre Council regarding the Duty to Cooperate and the Partial Review of Fylde Local Plan to 2032 which was included in the Late Observation Schedule (previously circulated).

It was acknowledged at the meeting that Fylde Council is committed to cooperating with Wyre Council in moving forward the reviews of the plans for both boroughs.

Members sought clarification on matters associated with Wyre's unmet housing need. This was addressed by Mark Evans and Julie Glaister.

Following consideration of this matter it was RESOLVED:

- 1. To approve the Partial Review, supporting documents and technical assessments for Publication in accordance with Regulation 19/20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 2. To approve the Partial Review, supporting documents, technical assessments and responses to the Regulation 19/20 consultation for submission to the Secretary of State.
- 3. That officers be asked to continue to liaise with Wyre Council in order to seek to address the issue of unmet housing need in Wyre.

6. St Annes Town Centre

Further to the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 22 January, the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Richard Redcliffe introduced the updated report which sought to clarify the Terms of Reference of the proposed establishment of the Town Centres Working Group.

The proposed Terms of Reference was set out in the report.

The Committee RESOLVED:

1.That a "Town Centres Working Group" (comprising a core group of 7 councillors namely: Councillors Richard Redcliffe, Liz Oades, David O'Rourke, Stan Trudgill, Michael Sayward, Roger Small and Michael Withers with

Councillors Cheryl Little and Viv Willder being co-opted as and when appropriate to consider matters relating to St Annes Town Centre) be formally constituted as a working group of the Planning Committee and that they be asked to examine all opportunities to secure funding to assist in the future development of St Annes, including, but not limited to any future rounds of the Future High Street Fund.

- 2. That the outcomes from the St Annes Town Centre workshop be reported to the Planning Committee via Town Centre Working Group for their consideration and appropriate action.
- 3. In the event of a working group member not being able to attend a meeting, with the agreement of the Chairman, a substitute member be nominated.

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