



MINUTES

Planning Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 12 September 2018
Venue:	Town Hall, St Annes
Committee Members Present:	Councillor Trevor Fiddler (Chairman) Councillor Richard Redcliffe (Vice-Chairman) Councillors Jan Barker, Neil Harvey, Linda Nulty, Liz Oades, Sandra Pitman, Heather Speak, Ray Thomas
Officers Present:	Paul Drinnan, Julie Glaister, Eddie Graves, Stephanie Shone, Alan Wallbank, Lyndsey Lacey- Simone
Members of the Public:	There were no members of the public in attendance at the meeting

Newly Appointed Planning Policy Officer

At the commencement of the meeting, the Chairman introduced and welcomed Stephanie Shone, newly appointed Planning Policy Officer to the meeting.

1. Declarations of Interest

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

At this juncture, Councillor Oades sought clarification on minute 5 relating to the consultation by the MHCLG on permitted development for Shale Gas exploration, in so far as it related to the sharing of the draft letter (which was delegated to the Head of Planning and Housing to prepare) with all members of the Council at the earliest opportunity. This matter was addressed by the Vice-Chairman who was in attendance at the meeting. An undertaking was given to make the letter available to all members prior to its submission.

Following the above, it was RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 5 September 2018 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions.

Decision Items

4. Local Development Scheme 2018

The Chairman invited Julie Glaister (Planning Policy Manager) to address the committee on matters associated with the Local Development Scheme (LDS) 2018. In doing so, she advised that the existing LDS was published in November 2015 and is now out of date.

For background purposes, Ms Glaister made reference to the legislative arrangements/requirements and context of the LDS. She also highlighted the main textual and other key changes from the 2015 LDS including the deletion of the reference to the Interim Housing Policy and the various Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) (detailed in the report) which are proposed to be produced and the timetable for consultation on them.

A copy of the updated Local Development Scheme 2018 was included as an appendix to the report for members' consideration.

Councillor Pitman made reference to various grammatical/punctuation inconsistencies within the document. She suggested that she would email the details direct to the policy team for their consideration.

Councillor Harvey sought clarification on the appropriateness of incorporating the Tree and Woodland Strategy (as proposed) as an additional Supplementary Planning Document within the LDS. An undertaking to do this was given at the meeting.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED: to agree the content of the Local Development Scheme 2018 for the purpose of publication on the Council's website subject to the document being modified along the lines outlined above.

5. Report on Responses to Consultation : Canopies and Glazed Extensions

Further to the committee report presented to the 13th June 2018 meeting, Eddie Graves (Principal Planning Policy Officer) presented an updated report on the responses to the consultation undertaken on the draft document relating to Canopies and Glazed Extensions on Commercial Forecourts.

Mr Graves reminded members that the document had been produced following concerns raised about a number of extensions that had been erected that were considered unsympathetic to the character and appearance of the Lytham Conservation Area, although the Design Note applies to all areas of Fylde. Members were advised that the draft document had been subject to a four-week period of consultation which had produced 35 responses.

Included as appendices to the report were: Report on Responses to the Consultation - Canopies And Glazed Extensions on Commercial Forecourts: A Design Note; Canopies And Glazed Extensions on Commercial Forecourts: A Design Note; Canopies And Glazed Extensions on Commercial Forecourts: A Design Note: version showing tracked changes from draft consultation version.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED:

1. That the recommendations contained in the 'Report On Responses to the Consultation - Canopies and Glazed Extensions on Commercial Forecourts: A Design Note' as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report be accepted.
2. That the document 'Canopies and Glazed Extensions on Commercial Forecourts: A Design Note' as amended and detailed in Appendix 2 of the report be adopted by the Council.

6. St Anne's Design Guide

Eddie Graves (Principal Planning Policy Officer) was invited by the Chairman to present the report.

Mr Graves reported that that further to the publication of The St. Anne's on the Sea Neighbourhood Plan (24th May 2017) and the Neighbourhood Plan, an accompanying Design Guide (which provides detailed guidance on acceptable types of development, within the context of St. Anne's) had been produced by Saint Anne's on The Sea Town Council. Mr Graves further reported that the Council is in the early stages of producing its own Good Design Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). It was proposed that the SPD would be a portfolio of design guidance

relating to different development types, or types of area, within the borough. He added that it is intended that the St. Anne's Design Guide be included as part of that portfolio.

Mr Graves sought approval of the committee to proceed through the necessary stages for adoption as an SPD.

It was RESOLVED: That the St. Anne's Design Guide be adopted by the Council as guidance for the determination of planning applications with immediate effect, and that it be put through the necessary stages for the Council to adopt it as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

7. Tree and Woodland Strategy for Fylde Borough

Paul Drinnan (Regeneration Manager) introduced the report. He then went on to invite Alan Wallbank (Tree and Landscape Officer) to present a PowerPoint presentation to the committee on the details of the Tree and Woodland Strategy.

In brief, members' approval was sought for the adoption of a tree and woodland strategy for the purposes of public consultation.

Mr Wallbank explained that the purpose of the document was to provide the Council, individual elected members, residents and developers with clear guidelines on tree management, protection and tree planting as part of approved landscaping schemes.

Members were advised that the strategy had been prepared in conjunction with a members' working group and would be subject to external consultation.

The Committee was asked to determine whether it supported the preparation of a capital growth bid for resources to support additional tree planting to be considered as part of the 2019/20 budget preparation.

At the conclusion of the presentation, members commented on various challenges relating to the removal and planting of trees in and around the borough and welcomed the document.

Following consideration of this matter, it was RESOLVED:

1. To adopt the tree strategy as presented for the purposes of public consultation.
2. To adopt the draft strategy for the purposes of on-going tree management issues in respect its policies, procedures and with regard to assessing proposals as part of its development management role.
3. To agree to the preparation of a capital growth bid for resources to support additional tree planting around the borough in the sum of £25k per annum to be considered as part of the 2019/20 budget preparation.

At the conclusion of the presentation and voting, the Chairman advised members that Alan Wallbank (Tree Officer) was leaving the authority to take up a new post at Birmingham City Council. On behalf of the Committee, he conveyed their thanks and appreciation for all the work he had undertaken in past years and wished Mr Wallbank every success in his new post.

Information Items

The following information items were received.

8. Outside Bodies

In accordance with the Protocol for Members on Outside Bodies, a report from a member representing the Council on one of the outside bodies (within the remit of the committee) was circulated with the agenda for information purposes.

The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the report prepared by Councillor Nulty in relation to the Education Liaison Group. He stated that it was somewhat disappointing and frustrating that to date, no meetings of the body had been held particularly in view of the large sums of money forwarded to the County Council over the years via S106 agreements for the provision of education facilities.

The Chairman went on to stress the importance of having a definitive statement regarding the provision of education facilities within the borough for future years up to 2032 following the adoption and publication of the Local Plan.

The Vice-Chairman indicated that he had expressed concern about this matter direct to the Chief Executive at County Hall.

Following on from the above, members asked for an updated report on the position with regard to meetings requested with County Council at the earliest opportunity. The Chairman gave an undertaking to do this in consultation with the Head of Planning and Housing.

9. General Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring Report 2018/19 – Position as at 31 July 2018

The information report provided an update on the General Fund (GF) Revenue Budget of the Council as at 31st July 2018 and specifically for those areas under the remit of the Committee.

10. Capital Programme Monitoring Report 2018/19 – Position as at 31 July 2018

The information report provided an update on the approved Capital Programme of the Council as at 31st July 2018 and specifically for those schemes under the remit of the Committee.

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