

PLANNING & HOUSING OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL

WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY 2018

PRESENT: Councillors Richard Kellaway (Chairman), Maureen Hunt (Vice-Chairman), Malcolm Beer, Gerry Clark, Leo Walters and Julian Sharpe.

Also in attendance: Councillors Derek Wilson, David Hilton & Christine Bateson.

Officers: Jenifer Jackson & Russell O'Keefe.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Dr L Evans.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Agenda item 5- Councillor Hunt declared that she had previously dealt with Star works as a borough councillor and that she would approach the item with an open mind.

MINUTES

Resolved UNANIMOUSLY That; The minutes be agreed subject to the following amendment:

- That the action reference to the 'Neighbourhood Plan' be amended to Borough Design Guide.

ETON AND ETON WICK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Jenifer Jackson outlined the report regarding the Eton and Eton Wick Neighbourhood Plan. The purpose of the report was sought to seek approval from Cabinet for the Eton and Eton Wick Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to referendum at the earliest practicable opportunity. The Panel were informed that as part of the examiner's report that the examiner had looked at all policies and the neighbourhood to reach a decision whether they had conformed with the national policy planning framework and guidance. Changes which had been suggested, discussed and agreed with the steering group which included, deletion of policies in relation to telecommunications and Eton High Street. It was confirmed that if the report was agreed that this would then go to referendum in July and would have a six week open consultation phase before it is fully adopted.

Members discussed the development of green built land and it was confirmed that RBWM was situated within the Metropolitan green belt which would limit any development in these areas. It was anticipated that the design guide and shop front guide would be finalised shortly and that this would form part of the overall plan. Members discussed implications of development under the Localism Act 2011 and the sensitivity needed for specific buildings. The Panel were reminded that consultations had taken place with Parish Councils. Members also discussed the importance of maintaining and protecting the character of buildings, forum neighbourhood plans and voting stipulations. It was also confirmed that brownfield sites could not be built upon and that sites were not to be allocated to on unbuilt brownfield land or settlement areas. At the conclusion of the report, the Panel agreed and noted the recommendations.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY That; The report be noted.

MINERALS AND WASTE OPTIONS PLAN- PREFERRED OPTIONS

Jenifer Jackson, Head of Planning outlined the report to the Panel. The Panel were informed that there had been an agreement for three unitary Berkshire authorities and RBWM to create a joint Minerals and Waste Options Plan. Hampshire County Council had been commissioned to carry out the work upon the Plan and Councillors Bateson and Coppinger were the assigned leads for this piece of work.

Members were told that currently there was a draft plan and that there was evidence for extraction and spatial strategy to meet the need for a steady supply of minerals in a justifiable way. It was also outlined that the plan would include development management policies, co-working with neighbouring authorities and capturing economic and social benefits. The report set out all available sites in the RBWM jurisdiction.

A range of issues were discussed which included:

- Start times for implementation.
- The removal of hazardous waste from specific named sites within the plan.
- Potential impact of waste from the proposed third runway at Heathrow.
- The use of autoclaves and hydroclave operations as future waste removal options.
- The impact and loss of the landfill site at Knowle Hill.
- Comments from the Transport Select Committee regarding the amount of energy which could be converted from waste and re-supplied.

Members also discussed the re-location of Lakeside facilities and the potential impact this would have. It was acknowledged that this would be a complex project plan and there would be contractual obligations associated with this. The Panel were concerned and wanted to place on record their concerns towards the loss of the facility. Members also discussed whether site owners who had been mentioned in the plan had given their expressed permission to do so. It was noted that Councillor Rayner had put forward two sites and had not been part of the decision making process. Panel Members were also informed that site owners had put forward sites and expressed multiple or single usage for the specific site(s). The Principle Member for Neighbourhoods, Ascot and Sunnings also informed the Panel that if agreement from the four authorities was not confirmed that the plan would become obsolete and work on the plan would need to re-commence. The Panel were informed that previous work had taken place on a plan in 2007 by the Strategic Planning Unit and some of this information had been used in preparation of the new draft plan.

Resolved UNANIMOUSLY That; The report be noted.

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates of future meetings were TBC.

The meeting, which began at Time Not Specified, finished at Time Not Specified

CHAIRMAN.....

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