

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON THURSDAY 12 MAY 2016

PRESENT: Jennie Jenkins – Chairman

Clive Arthey	David Holland
Simon Barrett	Frank Lawrenson
Sue Carpendale	Jan Osborne
Alan Ferguson	Peter Patrick

Richard Kemp was unable to be present.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2016 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 PETITIONS

None received.

4 QUESTIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None received.

5 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

None received.

6 STRATEGY COMMITTEE FORWARD PLAN 2016/17

Members had before them Paper S10. Members were informed that the report on the New Anglia Enterprise Zone had been re-scheduled for July and Lindsay Barker, Strategic Director, outlined the work which is underway on this item. Reference was also made to other items which were currently being progressed and would be added to the Forward Plan in due course.

RESOLVED

That the content of Paper S10 together with the update reported above be noted.

7 NEW JOINT LOCAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK: KEY DECISIONS ON PARAMETERS

Simon Barrett, Portfolio Holder – Business Growth and Increased Productivity, introduced [Paper S11](#) asking Members to make a number of decisions which were of considerable significance in the preparation and completion of a new Local Plan and which he outlined by reference to the Recommendations in 2.1 to 2.6 of the report. The decisions made today would enable the new project plan – the ‘Local Development Scheme’ – to be drawn up for consideration at the next meeting.

Bill Newman, Corporate Manager – Strategic Planning, then explained in more detail some aspects of the recommendations, including the work being done on modelling various ranges of growth and in relation to the Ipswich Housing Market Area and the Ipswich Functional Economic Area. In response to questions from Members, he confirmed that cross-boundary working with Councils both within and outside Suffolk is a legal requirement and that he would in due course model the costs and benefits of the Plan.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the contents of Paper S11 be agreed in order to progress production of a new Joint Local Plan;**
- (2) That the term of the joint Local Plan period be until 2036;**
- (3) That assessments based upon current estimates of Objectively Assessed Needs, assessments of affordable housing and further growth scenarios be prepared in order to inform future decisions on the distribution and levels of growth in both Districts;**
- (4) That the Councils enter into the “Memorandum of Understanding relating to planning for housing and employment development within the Ipswich Housing Market Area and Ipswich Functional Economic Area”(Appendix A to the report);**
- (5) That the draft Mid Suffolk ‘functional clusters areas’ map be agreed and used for assessment of growth capacity findings for each of these cluster areas, together with the Babergh functional clusters areas (based on the adopted Core Strategy 2014 clusters map, as consequentially amended);**
- (6) That the current Local Plan work programme and timetable (Local Development Scheme) be reviewed and revised and reported back to the next meeting of this Committee.**

8 DEVELOPING OUR STRATEGIC APPROACH TO LEISURE

Jan Osborne, Portfolio Holder for Community Capacity Building and Engagement, introduced [Paper S12](#), outlining the project within the Strategic Plan delivery programme to develop a planned, evidence-based, strategic approach to the future delivery of sports, recreational and leisure facilities across both Districts.

Chris Fry, Assistant Director - Environment and Projects, referred to significant Member involvement in the process, to be achieved through various means including briefings and a workshop to which all Councillors would be invited. He confirmed that the project would address leisure in its widest sense and that there would be extensive collaboration – Sport England, South Suffolk Leisure, public realm, walking-based activities and CIL database were all referred to in this connection.

RESOLVED

That the contents of Paper S12 be noted.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 6.00 p.m.

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Chairman