

**ECONOMIC GROWTH, ENVIRONMENT & DEVELOPMENT  
(OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY) COMMITTEE  
19 SEPTEMBER 2017**

**PRESENT**

Councillors Cox (Chairman), Miss Hassall (Vice-Chairman) Drinkwater (Vice-Chairman) Mrs Baker, Mrs Eagland, Mrs Fisher, Marshall, Smedley and Mrs Stanhope MBE.

(In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No.17 Councillors Pritchard and Wilcox attended the meeting).

**AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE** was received from Councillor Awty.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

There were no declaration of interest.

**MINUTES:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 June 2017 as circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**WORK PROGRAMME**

Consideration was given to the Committee's Work Programme.

The Chairman advised that the date of the first meeting of the Car Parking Task Group would be circulated in the near future.

Councillor Mrs Baker updated the Committee on the work of the Friarsgate Public Realm Task Group and thanked all those that had participated so far.

Members discussed the increasing emphasis placed on electric vehicles by the Government and car manufacturers and the infrastructure that would be needed to support and facilitate the transition. It was advised that the Local Government Association had established a task group to consider this issue.

An amendment was suggested to the wording in connection with the District's heritage assets to clarify the objective of the review.

**RESOLVED:** That the Committee's Work Programme be noted.

**BROWNFIELD LAND REGISTER**

Consideration was given to a draft 'Part 1' Brownfield Register that had been produced in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Brownfield Land Register) Regulations 2017.

Members welcomed the register and questioned if anything could be done to incentivise and facilitate development on brownfield sites given developers' general preference for

green field sites. The Committee was advised that brownfield sites would be prioritised wherever possible but deliverability was a key issue.

It was noted that the definition of brownfield sites had been amended and no longer included gardens.

The Committee recommended that Cabinet approve the draft Lichfield District Council Brownfield Land Register (Part 1) for publication.

**RECOMMENDED: (1)** That the draft Lichfield District Council Brownfield Land Register (Part 1) be noted.

**(2)** That Cabinet approve the Lichfield District Council Brownfield Land Register for publication

## **DELIVERING THE LOCAL PLAN**

The Committee was updated on the delivery of key housing and employment sites identified within the Local Plan Strategy.

Members noted that the monitoring tool used to oversee delivery highlighted sites where development had stalled or was proceeding more slowly than anticipated. This enabled the Council to consider actions that could facilitate delivery.

During the discussion an amendment was suggested to the 'red, amber, green' monitoring system, questions were asked in relation to a number of specific sites and clarification was provided on the definition of 'key sites'. It was acknowledged that some sites were complex and finding solutions involved working with multiple agencies.

**RESOLVED: (1)** That the progress made on the delivery of key sites within the Local Plan Strategy be noted

**(2)** That the use of a monitoring tool to help the Council oversee delivery of the Local Plan key sites be noted.

**(3)** That the planned interventions by the Council and/or its partners to assist in the delivery of sites where these are blocked or progress is slower than predicted be noted.

## **LOCAL PLAN UPDATE**

It was reported that consultation on the Draft Local Plan Allocations document (Regulation 19 Consultation) took place between 20 March 2017 and 12 May 2017 and approximately 5000 representations had been received.

The Committee gave consideration to the main issues raised during the consultation and the implications for the next stage of the Plan. A revised timetable for the Local Plan Allocations document was proposed together with a timetable for the Local Plan Review.

Members also received the Minutes of the Local Plan Sub-Committee held on 7 September 2017.

**RESOLVED: (1)** That the summary of responses received be noted.

(2) That as a result of the consultation the commitment to review the potential supply of housing available to meet the 10,030 (minimum) dwelling requirement be noted.

(3) That the commitment to a 'Focused Changes' consultation as a result of any major modifications be noted.

(4) That the timetable for the Local Plan Allocations and Local Plan Review via an updated Local Development Scheme be recommended to Cabinet for approval.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – RUGELEY POWER STATION DEVELOPMENT BRIEF**

Members noted that Rugeley Power Station had ceased power generation in 2016 and was currently being de-commissioned prior to demolition. The site crossed the boundary between Lichfield District and Cannock Chase District and presented a significant opportunity for brownfield redevelopment.

The Local Plan Allocations document identified the Power Station site as an opportunity to deliver a minimum of 800 dwellings within Lichfield District and committed the Council to producing a development brief for adoption as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) in collaboration with Cannock Chase District Council to guide the future development of the site.

Accordingly a joint Rugeley Power Station Development Brief SPD had been prepared and consideration was given to the key issues identified during a six week consultation exercise, together with the proposed amendments.

The Committee agreed that an update be prepared with a view to the Rugeley Power Station Brief SPD being adopted by Cabinet.

**RESOLVED:** (1) That the summary of the responses to the consultation be noted.

(2) That the Officer responses and additional work required be noted

(3) That an update be prepared with a view to the Rugeley Power Station Development Brief SPD being adopted by Cabinet.

## **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED:** "That as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, which would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972"

**IN PRIVATE**

**CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES:**

**RESOLVED:** That the Confidential Minutes of the meeting held on 20 June 2017 as circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

(The Meeting Closed at 7.47 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN