

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY ADVISORY GROUP (SBDC)

Meeting - 1 February 2018

Present: J Read (Chairman)
J Jordan and M Lewis

83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

84. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2017 were agreed by the PAG.

85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

86. REPORT FROM MEMBERS

None.

87. CURRENT ISSUES

Members were advised that the Heathrow Airport Consultative Committee had been disbanded and replaced by the independent Heathrow Community Engagement Board, on which the Council still retained a seat.

88. STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The PAG considered a report which proposed to produce a joint Statement of Community Involvement for Chiltern and South Bucks. Members were advised that following the publication of a Government White Paper it had become necessary to update both the Local Plan and Statement of Community Involvement every five years. As the previous SCIs for Chiltern and South Bucks were published five years ago it was necessary to agree a timetable for updating these, which would be separate from the Local Plan timetable.

It was noted that the SCI would set out how the Councils would aid the public with the Planning process. This would include publicity, consultation on major planning applications and assistance with neighbourhood planning for Parishes. Members were advised that Social Media would form part of the SCI and that content would be managed by the Communications team.

The PAG noted that although there was an intention to charge neighbourhood planning groups for advice on producing neighbourhood plans, this was to be restricted to cost recovery only and the Council would not look to generate a profit from any charges.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet:

1. To agree the production of a joint Statement of Community Involvement as part of the Chiltern and South Bucks Planning and Economic Development Shared Service arrangements.
2. To delegate to the Head of Planning and Economic Development in agreement with the Portfolio Holder to prepare and publish a Joint Statement of Community Involvement for Chiltern and South Bucks District Councils based on the issues set out in the report.
3. To agree to amend the Local Development Scheme by the insertion of a timetable specifically covering the update and review of the Statement of Community Involvement and delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Economic Development to determine and amend as necessary the timetable.

That Cabinet recommend to Council:

4. That the Inter Authority Agreement delegated powers to the Joint Committee be extended to include updates to the Statement of Community Involvement (after recommendation 1 above has been implemented), Community Infrastructure Levy and other Planning Policy matters considered relevant to the Joint Committee under the Shared Service arrangements.

89. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY TIMETABLE**

The PAG considered a report which proposed to produce a revised timetable for the introduction of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), following Government announcements in the Autumn Budget.

Members were advised that the Community Infrastructure Levy allowed Local Authorities to raise funds from development in order to deliver infrastructure to support development in their area. There had been uncertainty as to the future of the CIL system nationally, however following an announcement in the Autumn Budget it was clear that there were no plans to replace it, therefore the implementation of CIL in Chiltern and South Bucks Districts could be resumed.

The PAG were advised that the budget for the implementation of the CIL had been retained and would be brought forward from 2017-18.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet to publish a timetable as part of the Local Development Scheme for the preparation of the necessary Community Infrastructure Levy Documents as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

90. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

91. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 following item of business is not for publication to the press or public on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act."

(para 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information))

92. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH HEATHROW AIRPORT LTD**

The PAG received a report which updated Members on the progress of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding with Heathrow. Members were advised that, following their selection as the Government's preferred scheme for meeting the need for additional runway capacity in the South East, Heathrow Airport Ltd were agreeing Memorandums of Understanding with host authorities which would last for approximately two years. These Memorandums guarantee that Heathrow will work in partnership with host authorities towards joint interests. Members noted that the issues covered included noise mitigation, improved transport links, landscape enhancements and limits to the impact on local ecology and air quality.

Members were advised that the Memorandum was expected to be signed shortly after the Cabinet meeting on 7 February and that details would be made available to the public.

The PAG gave their thanks to Principal Planner Jane Griffin for her hard work in securing the Memorandum.

Having considered the advice of the PAG, the Portfolio Holder **AGREED** to **RECOMMEND** to Cabinet to delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services to agree the terms of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and Heathrow Airport Ltd and such variations as may be required to reflect changes in circumstances as referred to in the report.

The meeting terminated at 6.22 pm

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