

MINUTES OF **CENTRAL LANCASHIRE STRATEGIC PLANNING JOINT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE **Monday, 28 October 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bill Evans, Caleb Tomlinson, Malcolm Donoghue, Alistair Bradley, Martin Boardman, Alistair Morwood, Peter Moss, Michael Green and Aidy Riggott

OFFICERS: Jonathan Noad (Director of Planning and Property (South Ribble Borough Council) and Steven Brown (Head of Development Management (South Ribble Borough Council)), Tom Wiggans (Central Lancashire Planning Policy Officer), Carolyn Williams (Central Lancashire Local Plan Co-Ordinator), Zoe Whiteside (Service Lead Spatial Planning (Chorley Council)), Marcus Hudson (Head of Planning (Lancashire County Council)), Chris Hayward (Director of Development (Preston City Council)), Chris Blackburn (Planning Policy Team Leader (Preston City Council)), Lizzie Bilborrow (Member Services Officer (Preston City Council))

34 PART A (Open to Press and Public)

35 Appointment of Chair for the Meeting

Resolved – That Councillor Peter Moss be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

36 Welcome by the Chair and Introductions

The Chair, Councillor Peter Moss, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

37 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of County Councillor Barrie Yates (Lancashire County Council) and Councillors Sue Whittam and John Potter (Preston City Council).

38 Notification of Substitute Members (if any)

Resolved – That the appointment of County Councillor Aidy Riggott in substitution for County Councillor Barrie Yates, in accordance with Procedure Rule 4, be noted.

39 Declarations of Interests

There were none.

40 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Director of Corporate Services submitted the minutes of a meeting of the Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee held on 3 September 2019.

Pursuant to minute number seven, apologies should also be noted as being given for County Councillor Barrie Yates (Lancashire County Council).

Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee held on 3 September 2019 be noted and signed as a correct record subject to the amendment detailed above.

41 Central Lancashire Local Plan Update

Carolyn Williams, Central Lancashire Local Plan Co-Ordinator, submitted a report on the Central Lancashire Local Plan.

The Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation was due to commence on Monday 18 November 2019 and run until Friday 14 February 2020 following approval by the three councils. The Consultation would encourage the use of Citizen Space, an online consultation tool. A series of drop-in events had also been arranged in each Council area.

Another Call for Sites would also be open during the Issues and Options Consultation period and it would be the last opportunity to submit sites before the Preferred Options document was prepared. The Committee were informed that the current Local Plan timetable contained within the published Local Development Scheme (LDS) had slipped due to a number of factors including delays to the appointment of key roles. A revised work programme (LDS) was being prepared and would be presented at the next Joint Advisory Committee meeting in January 2020.

Other issues discussed and detailed in the report related to the following:-

- Developer Forum
- Strategic Housing and Employment Land Assessment (SHELAA)
- Integrated Assessment (IS) Scoping Report
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA)
- Housing Study
- Open Space and Playing Pitch Strategy
- Duty to Cooperate Discussions.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

42 Issues and Options Consultation Programme

Carolyn Williams, Central Lancashire Local Plan Co-Ordinator, submitted a report on the Issues and Options consultation programme.

The Committee were informed that all consultation material would be available to view online through the Central Lancashire Local Plan website with links being made available on each Councils website. There would be consultation events hosted by each Council so consultees could respond in an informed manner. The number and location of events had been agreed locally with each Council.

A short video was then shown to the Committee which detailed how the three Councils were working together to prepare a Joint Local Plan. The video was to be used by all three Councils to promote the consultation at events and would also be placed on the Council websites and Social Media (Facebook and Twitter) to attract as many responses as possible.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

43 Integrated Assessment Update

Tom Wiggins, Central Lancashire Planning Policy Officer, provided details on the outcome of the consultation on the Integrated Assessment (IA) Scoping Report, and the changes proposed to the IA Framework following the comments received.

The Committee were informed that an IA Scoping Report had been prepared to assess the Local Plan. The IA would be undertaken alongside the key stages of plan preparation. Consultation on the IA Scoping Report took place over an eight week period between 12 August and 7 October 2019. A total of 17 responses were received to this consultation. The responses received on the Scoping Report were in general supportive of the framework proposed and no issues with the approach had been identified.

Resolved – That the report be noted and the changes proposed be supported.

44 The future Homes Standard Consultation & Implications for Local Plan

Zoe Whiteside, Service Lead Spatial Planning (Chorley Council) provided a verbal update on The Future Homes Standard Consultation 2019 Consultation.

The Committee were advised that changes had been made to Part L (Conservation of Fuel and Power) and Part F (Ventilation) of the Building Regulations for new dwellings.

There was a national commitment to introduce a Future Homes standard for new build homes to be future-proofed with low carbon heating and world leading levels of energy efficiency. Those measures were regulated by Part L & Part 6 of Building Regulations and the consultation set out plans to increase standards for all new homes from 2020.

Currently the Planning and Energy Act 2008 allowed Local Planning Authorities to set and apply policies in local plans which required compliance with energy efficiency standard in new homes that exceeded the requirements of building regulations. The consultation proposed to bring that to an end, by taking all energy efficiency measures and standardising those as part of Building Regulations.

Resolved – That the update be noted.

45 Central Lancashire Core Strategy Monitoring

Zoe Whiteside, Service Lead Spatial Planning (Chorley Council), provided a report on the Core Strategy Annual Monitoring Report, covering the period from April 2018 to March 2019. Monitoring policy implementation had been achieved by reporting against a broad range of indicators taken from the Central Lancashire Core Strategy monitoring framework. Taken together, the indicators provided a comprehensive evidence base on which to inform policy implementation, delivery and review.

The Committee was informed that recent figures had identified that a higher proportion of the Working Age Population Qualified to NVQ level 4 or higher – significant increase in the last three years for Preston and all three Councils were above the North West average.

Resolved – That the report be noted.

46 Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting of the Central Lancashire Strategic Joint Advisory Committee will be held at South Ribble Borough Council on Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 6.30 pm.

47 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved - That the public be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information which is described in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 which are specified against the heading to each item, and that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

48 PART B (Private and Confidential)**49 Update on the Central Lancashire Housing Study and Revised MOU (Paragraph 3)**

Zoe Whiteside, Service Lead Spatial Planning (Chorley Council) provided Members with an update on the key deadlines on the Central Lancashire Housing Study and Revised Memorandum of Understanding.

Resolved – That the report, Memorandum of Understanding and update be noted.

50 Update on the City Deal (Paragraph 3)

Marcus Hudson, Head of Planning (Lancashire County Council) provided an update on the City Deal Projects – Year 6 – Quarter 2 – July-September 2019. Information was provided on projects completed during this quarter as well as details of projects which were still outstanding.

Resolved – That the update report be noted.

Chair

Date