

Local Development Framework Project Management Board

Workshop 24; Full Council Resolution from 17th January and Submission of Plan

Brympton Way, 21st January 2013

Ctte Room 3, 11.00 a.m. – 12.00 p.m.

Members Present: Ric Pallister, Tim Carroll, Sue Steele

Officers Present: Rina Singh, Martin Woods, Andy Foyne, Dave Norris, Helen Rutter, Andy Moger

1. Notes of last meetings and matters arising

All enacted and agreed by full Council on 17th January 2013.

2. Implications of Full Council's resolutions

All recommendations for amendments went through full Council unchanged.

A request was made during Full Council for a copy of the speech made by Marcus Fysh. AF is to make a formal request through Angie for a copy of Marcus's speech. Any issues arising from the speech are to be reviewed by MW and AF and brought for discussion at the next PMB meeting.

3. Submission of Plan and associated documents

Submission being finalised today and PINS have been informed that the plan will be submitted to them today. The submission will include the plan itself and all accompanying evidence base material, the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment and all representations.

A file of representations that were received late will also be sent and the Inspector will then make the decision as to whether or not to accept these.

There are two documents not quite ready to be sent yet, these are the Housing Topic paper and the 'tracked changes' version of the Submission Plan incorporating the amendments agreed by Full Council. These are likely to be ready for submission by the 23rd January.

Attention was drawn to Policy SS7 where the supporting text has been changed beyond the amendments agreed at Full Council because it was noted that the reasoned justification for the policy required a brownfield first approach which does not comply with the NPPF or the amended Policy SS7.

Noted that the Ekosgen work should be moved to sit beneath the Economic Prosperity heading. AF to check Ekosgen work included in submission documents.

4. Press briefing on submission

Christine Self informed of the inclusion of her contact details on the press release and is happy with this.

Minor amendments to the press release to clarify that the "...timescale to adoption by the Council will be determined by the Inspector" and also "...where there will be a further opportunity to address the Inspector".

Noted that the Inspector does not hear representations in support of the plan, they will only hear objections as the Council is considered to represent the viewpoint of those in support of the plan.

5. Proposed Submission Plan track changes

See 3.

6. Programme officer (oral report on position)

Christine Self has been appointed as Programme Officer with her appointment officially beginning today as the Council cannot submit the Plan without having a Programme Officer in place.

AF and MW are to meet with Christine Self on 22nd January to discuss various issues including database access and security, communications and accommodation. Currently in the process of clearing the planning library in order to provide an office for the Inspector and accommodation requirements will be covered in more detail in the meeting on the 22nd.

The Council Chamber has been booked for May for the Examination. It is anticipated that the Examination will begin the first week of May and last for approximately 3 weeks.

AF to ask Christine Self for a timeline for the process, with the early points for clarification from the Inspector anticipated in around 2/3 weeks.

Noted that the information received from an Inspector in August 2012 did not suggest major problems with the Plan and the issues that were raised have already been addressed in the Submission Plan.

Noted that following Examination the Inspectors recommendations are no longer binding and therefore the Council can decide whether or not to accept them.

7. Next Meeting

To be held following receipt of the points for clarification from the Inspector which are anticipated in around 3 weeks time.

8. A.O.B

The first speaker at Full Council on 17th January made reference to the large number of representations that were received and suggested that this implied that the Plan would be found unsound. It was noted that the representations were not all objections.

AF to ask Helen Harris to review the number of representations and objections that were received on the previous Local Plan for comparison.