

Central Lancashire Local Development Framework Joint Advisory Committee

Wednesday, 26 March 2014

Present: Councillor Dennis Edgerley (Chair), Chorley Council
Councillor Harold Heaton, Chorley Council
Councillor Dave Rogerson (substitute), Chorley Council
Councillor Neil Cartwright, Preston City Council
Councillor Bill Shannon, Preston City Council
Councillor Joseph Hughes MBE, South Ribble Borough Council
Councillor Jon Hesketh, South Ribble Borough Council
County Councillor David Howarth (substitute), Lancashire County Council

Officers in attendance:

Jennifer Moore (Head of Planning), Chorley Council
Peter McAnespie (Policy and Design Team Leader), Chorley Council
Mike Molyneaux (Planning Policy Manager), Preston City Council
Helen Hockenhull (Planning Manager), South Ribble Borough Council
Marcus Hudson (Head of Planning), Lancashire County Council
Louise Wingfield (Democratic and Member Services Officer), Chorley Council

13.LDFJAC.70 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING

RESOLVED – That Councillor Dennis Edgerley of Chorley Council be appointed as Chair for this meeting.

13.LDFJAC.71 WELCOME BY CHAIR AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

13.LDFJAC.72 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Paul Walmsley (Chorley Council), Councillor John Swindells (Preston City Council), Councillor Caroline Moon (South Ribble Borough Council) and County Councillor Marcus Johnstone (Lancashire County Council).

13.LDFJAC.73 MINUTES

RESOLVED - That subject to the following amendment the minutes of Central Lancashire Local Development Framework Joint Advisory Committee held on 17 December 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

That the line which stated Marcus Hudson also indicated that that there were no current proposals to widen Golden Bridge be amended to read; Golden Way would be duelled by the replacement of line markings and that there would be no need for any engineering works.

13.LDFJAC.74 CENTRAL LANCASHIRE GTAA

The Central Lancashire LDF Team submitted a report which provided information about the Central Lancashire Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment (GTAA).

RESOLVED - That the report be noted and the progression of a joint Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Development Plan Document in accordance with the timetable be endorsed.

13.LDFJAC.75 LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

District Councils updated the meeting on the progression of their individual Council's Local Plan.

The Policy and Design Team Leader from Chorley Council informed the group that Chorley's Local Plan would be out for consultation from 4 – 16 July and submitted to the Inspector in September, with adoption in February 2015.

The Planning Policy Manager from Preston City Council stated that Preston intend to submit their plan at the end of April but may ask for this to be put back to September. The Master Plan for Preston is going out for representations with a view to submitting on 4 July. The City Centre Action Plan publication version will be available in August.

The Planning Manager from South Ribble Borough Council informed the meeting that the Inspectors had indicated the need to address transit need by adding text committing to this with the Local Plan. The Local Plan is due to go to Cabinet for endorsement and will then go out for consultation for 6 weeks. The Inspector's final report will be received in June and be presented to Full Council in July.

RESOLVED - That the updates be noted.

13.LDFJAC.76 CIL CLAIM UPDATE

The Head of Planning from Chorley Council provided the group with an update

The hearing took place on Monday 10 March at Manchester, and sat for one day only. Officers outlined the nature of the three grounds upon which the challenge was made, and the key rebuttal points argued. No timing for the handing down of judgement by The Hon Mr Justice Lindblom was given, but it is considered by all parties that a decision will be issued as soon as possible, given the impact of the claim. Legal officers will contact the courts in due course to ask for any further indication of timing.

Officers from Chorley Council have chased for a response earlier this week and this will be shared with Officers from Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire County once received.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

13.LDFJAC.77 CORE STRATEGY MONITORING REPORT

The Central Lancashire LDF Team submitted a report which provided an update on the latest Core Strategy Monitoring Report. The purpose of the Core Strategy MR is to assess the effectiveness of the Core Strategy policies and the extent to which policies are being successfully implemented.

During the monitoring year the target for dwellings was exceeded in Chorley, whilst there was a significant shortfall of completions in South Ribble and Preston. During the year a total of 289 affordable dwellings have been delivered across Central Lancashire consisting of 40 in South Ribble, 183 in Chorley and 66 in Preston. Together this exceeded the Core Strategy target of 126.

A total of 0.67 hectares of open space on three sites was lost to other uses in Chorley, it was considered in all cases that the loss of open space would not have a detrimental impact and complied with the Central Lancashire Open Space and Playing Pitch SPD.

The MR will continue to monitor Core Strategy indicators on an annual basis so as to provide consistency and continuity to the monitoring process and to allow for trend analysis, and will provide a comprehensive evidence base on which to inform policy development / review in the future.

The Planning Policy Manager for Preston City Council highlighted that the figures relating to developer contributions within the report were incorrect and should read £82,000 and £230,000 respectively.

RESOLVED - That the report be noted

13.LDFJAC.78 SPD UPDATES

Each authority provided an update on the Supplementary Planning Documents within their area.

Chorley Council

Renewable and Low Carbon Energy SPD - consultation will take place March / April. The SPD will provide further advice and guidance for applicants on the requirements of the relevant core strategy policies. It will draw together guidance from a range of documents that will need to be addressed in planning applications for renewable/low carbon energy schemes.

Biodiversity and Nature Conservation SPD – consultation will take place July / August. The purpose of this SPD is to explain the Council's approach as local planning authority towards encouraging Biodiversity.

South Ribble Borough Council

Renewable and Low Carbon Energy SPD – a report is going to Cabinet to endorse, with the final report going to Full Council in May for adoption.

Preston City Council

Healthy Foods – this provides a 400m zone around schools and the authority are currently seeking evidence from other authorities around the issue and are likely to restrict to secondary schools.

RESOLVED – That the updates be noted.

13.LDFJAC.79 CITY DEAL UPDATE

The Head of Planning from Lancashire County Council provided an update on City Deal.

A report has been submitted to Cabinet on Thursday, 3rd April which provides an update of the progress made to ensure the City Deal can be implemented from 2014/15, and also seeks;

- endorsement of the draft City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Plan which will be considered by the City Deal Executive in April 2014.
- the approval of the principles of the Stewardship Board Agreement which will be considered by the City Deal Stewardship Board in May 2014
- endorsement of the principles of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) and in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, to approve and execute the final MoU and subsequent loan agreements.
- Approval of the operating principles for the establishment of the City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Fund and Heads of Terms regarding fund flow between the 3 Councils and delegate authority to the County Secretary and Solicitor and the County Treasurer, in consultation with the Leader of the County Council, to finalise and execute the Heads of Terms and thereafter the formal Legal Agreement;
- authorisation for the County Treasurer to incorporate expenditure commitments and funding arising from City Deal projects approved through the City Deal Governance Structures within the County Council's Capital Investment Programme on an ongoing basis.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

13.LDFJAC.80 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee is to be held at 5.30pm on 2 July 2014 at Preston City Council.

Chair