

MINUTES OF Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee

MEETING DATE Tuesday, 3 September 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Alistair Bradley (Chair) and Councillors Alistair Morwood, Debra Platt, Peter Moss, William Evans, Mick Titherington, Aidy Riggott and Keith Iddon

OFFICERS: Mark Lester (Chorley Council), Zoe Whiteside (Chorley Council), Alison Marland (Chorley Council), Carolyn Williams (Central Lancs Local Plan Team), Johndaniel Jaques (Central Lancs Local Plan Team), Chris Hayward (Preston City Council), Chris Blackburn (Preston City Council), John Crellin (Preston City Council), Steve Brown (South Ribble Borough Council), Jonathan Noad (South Ribble Borough Council), Marcus Hudson (Lancashire County Council) and Nina Neisser (Chorley Council)

APOLOGIES: Councillors Martin Boardman, Susan Whittam and County Councillor Michael Green

24. Appointment of Chair for the Meeting

Decision: That Councillor Alistair Bradley be appointed as Chair for the meeting.

25. Welcome by the Chair and Introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

26. Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 4 June 2019 of Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee

Decision: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

27. Declarations of Any Interest

There were no declarations of any interests received.

28. Central Lancashire Local Plan Review Update

Carolyn Williams, Central Lancashire Local Plan Co-Ordinator, presented the report which provided Member with an update on the Central Lancashire Local Plan Review.

The next key milestone in the Local Plan programme was the Issues and Options consultation planned for Autumn 2019. The programme had slipped as a result of the time taken to undertake the first iteration of the SHELAA and it was therefore proposed that a revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) be prepared and brought to the next JAC meeting in October for endorsement.

It was likely that the forecasted date for adoption of the new Central Lancashire Local Plan in Summer 2022, would also slip back. This would therefore be reviewed and a new programme would be presented to the next JAC meeting.

Iceni Projects Consultancy had been commissioned to undertake an additional housing study which would provide the necessary housing need analysis by the new NPPF and would also provide a robust evidence for an appropriate distribution of housing across the three authorities. The final report would be presented at the next JAC meeting.

JBA Consulting were also undertaking the update to the Level 1 Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) for Central Lancashire. Progress had been slower than anticipated due to issues with communication from Lancashire County Council (LCC), and some of the information provided by LCC was in an unusable format. The consultants would be assessing what further work was required to be able to use it. It had been agreed that LCC would fund any additional costs for this work.

Other issues discussed and detailed in the report related to the following;

- Integrated Assessment Scoping Report
- Open Space Recreation Sports Assessment (OSSRA)
- Transport
- Greenbelt Assessment
- Call for Sites

Following discussion, it was agreed that any information issued to the public be explained clearly and previous forms would be updated and simplified for public use.

Decision: That the report be noted.

29. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Decision: To exclude the press and public for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972.

30. Proposal For the Issues and Options Consultation

The Committee received the confidential report outlining the draft Issues and Options Consultation paper, and details of the approval process which included presentation to the three Executive Cabinets of Preston, Chorley and South Ribble.

Due to the date of the Executive Cabinet Meeting in Preston and taking into account the call-in period, the committee were advised that the consultation would now run from Monday, 18 November 2019 to Friday, 14 February 2020.

'Citizenspace', an online consultation portal, would be used to undertake the consultation, although hard copy responses would also be accepted. Online responses would be encouraged via drop-in sessions with technology available. A Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee Tuesday, 3 September 2019 detailed programme of consultation would be issued to help those completing the consultation.

Officers proposed the use of a Developer Forum for developers, land owners, RPs and planning agents to hear about the new Local Plan as it emerges and provide input. These were common practice for councils engaging in the development of a new Local Plan. Expressions of interest had been sought from stakeholders on the mailing list and at the time of the meeting there was approximately 50 interested in participating in the forum.

Decision:

1. To endorse the draft Issues and Options Paper
2. To agree that the proposed Issues and Options Consultation Paper be presented to the three Cabinets at Preston, Chorley and South Ribble for approval.
3. To endorse the approach to the Issues and Options Consultation including the timescales and communication and engagement methods, including the Developer Forum.

31. Demonstration of Citizenspace and Issues and Options Digital Consultation for Feedback

The committee received a demonstration of Citizenspace, the online consultation portal to be used for the Issues and Options consultation.

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Members discussed the portal and asked for further clarity on timescales including the presentation of final sites suitable for development at the preferred options stage.

Members thanked Officers for all of their work in developing this online consultation portal. Officers agreed to amend any changes as suggested by Members and provide a demonstration of the updated changes at the next JAC meeting.

Decision: That the demonstration be noted.

32. Any Other Business

As agreed at the previous meeting, the Chair requested a regular update report on the impact of City Deal. It was agreed that a report would be included on the agenda for the next JAC meeting. In the meantime, dashboards for the City Deal could be circulated to Members.

33. Dates and venue of next meeting

The next meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee will be held at Preston City Council on Monday, 28 October 2019 at 6.30pm.