

Minutes of **Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee**

Meeting date **Tuesday, 22 November 2022**

Committee Members present: Councillors James Flannery, Caleb Tomlinson, Alistair Bradley, Margaret France, David Borrow, Alan Cullens and Matthew Maxwell-Scott

Committee Members present virtually (non-voting): Councillors S Whittam and Michael Green

Observers present: Councillors Mary Green, Phil Smith and Gareth Watson

Officers: Marcus Hudson, Zoe Whiteside (Head of Spatial Planning), Carolyn Williams (Central Lancashire Local Plan Co-ordinator) and Coral Astbury (Democratic and Member Services Officer)

Apologies: Councillor Martin Boardman (Chorley Borough Council) and Councillor Alistair Morwood (Chorley Borough Council)

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47 Appointment of Chair for the Meeting

Resolved:

Councillor James Flannery was appointed as Chair for the meeting.

48 Welcome by Chair and Introductions

The Chair, Councillor James Flannery, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

49 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Martin Boardman (Chorley Borough Council) and Councillor Alistair Morwood (Chorley Borough Council).

Councillor Margaret France (Chorley Borough Council) attended as substitute for Councillor Alistair Morwood.

50 Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 18 October 2022 of Central Lancashire Strategic Planning Joint Advisory Committee

Resolved:

That the minutes of the last meeting be agreed as a correct record for signing by the Chair.

51 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

52 Central Lancashire Density Study

Carolyn Williams, Local Plan Coordinator, gave an update on the Central Lancashire Density study. The aim of the study was to understand what densities had been delivered, what density zones are relevant across Central Lancashire for considering density levels and to consider the approach to densities to be set out in policy through the new Local Plan.

The Local Plan Coordinator gave an overview of the report and explained the report looked at the levels of housing required per site. Rural areas looked to be a minimum of 27 dwellings per hectare whilst town centres would have higher densities.

Resolved: (Unanimously)

That the report be noted.

53 Stage 1 Report Green Belt and Landscape Sensitivity

Philippa Lane, Planning Policy and Housing Officer, presented a report that sought to inform members of the final stage 1 reports for green belt and landscape sensitivity. Members were asked to consider the recommendations made by Land Use Consultants (LUC) on the existing Core Strategy and Local Plan policies related to open land designations.

The Planning Policy and Housing Officer explained the Green Belt Assessment and Landscape Assessment would be published on the website accompanying the Preferred Options consultation.

Resolved: (Unanimously)

That the report be noted.

54 Strategic Flood Risk Evidence Update & Level 1 Refresh Commission

The Central Lancashire Local Plan Co-Ordinator presented a report of the Head of Spatial Planning that sought to provide members with an update on the evidence base and safe assessment for flood risk.

The Central Lancashire Local Plan Co-Ordinator explained the government had introduced significant changes to planning policy guidance which would impact how officers prepare and write risk assessments for flooding.

There was a need to ensure the documentation is fit for purpose and sound with the risk assessments undergoing review and updates. Officers had met with representatives from Lancashire County Council (LCC) and the Environment Agency to ensure the approach taken was fit for purpose, the estimated cost for updating the risk assessments would be around £14,000.

Resolved: (Unanimously)

That the report be noted.

55 Consultation Plan Update

The Central Lancashire Local Plan Co-Ordinator gave a verbal update to members on the proposed consultation. There would be a series of consultation events held across the three authorities, individual areas had been agreed at the respective Local Plan Working Groups. Officers would be available at the consultation events with copies of the documentation for residents to view.

Officers were in the process of finalising venues for the consultation and would provide a list in the next few weeks of where events are to be held. The consultation would be extended by two weeks and finish on 24 February.

Resolved: (Unanimously)

The verbal update was noted.

56 Dates of Future Meetings

The date for the next meeting was noted

57 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: (Unanimously)

That the press and public be excluded for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

58 City Deal Update

Marcus Hudson, Planning Service Manager at LCC, provided a verbal update on the progress of City Deal and invited Members to visit the Preston Western Distributor.

59 Draft Preferred Options

Katherine Greenwood, Principal Planning Officer, gave a verbal update on the site assessment process.

60 Site Assessment Update

Katherine Greenwood gave an update on the site assessments and post housing employment allocations.

61 Preferred Sites Update

Zoe Whiteside gave a verbal update on the preferred sites for Chorley. Jonathan Noad gave an update on South Ribble Sites and Chris Blackburn gave an update on the preferred sites for Preston.

62 Any other business

There was no other business.

Chair

Date