

Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 24th September, 2014 at 10.00 am in Cabinet Room 'D' - The Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston

Present:

Chair

Councillor Fred Jackson, Blackpool Council

Committee Members

County Councillor John Fillis
County Councillor Janice Hanson
County Councillor Marcus Johnstone
County Councillor Alan Schofield
County Councillor Christian Wakeford
County Councillor David Westley
County Councillor Bill Winlow
Councillor Maureen Bateson, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Councillor Dave Smith, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

Officers

Jill Anderson, Lancashire County Council
Louise Nurser, Lancashire County Council
Ms Jane Saleh, Blackpool Council
Richard Sharples

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chairs

The Clerk reported that the roles of Chair and Vice Chair of the Joint Advisory Committee rotated between the three authorities on an annual basis. As this was the first meeting of the 2014/15 municipal year, it was necessary to appoint a Chair and Vice Chairs. Therefore, the Chair was due to be appointed from Blackburn with Darwen on this occasion, with Vice Chairs appointed from Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Council for the remainder of the 2013/14 municipal year.

Resolved:-

That

- i. Councillor Fred Jackson, Blackpool Council, be appointed Chair of the Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year;
- ii. County Councillor Marcus Johnstone, Lancashire County Council, and Councillor Maureen Bateson, Blackburn Council, be appointed Vice Chairs of the Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors Geoff Driver, Michael Green, Councillor Amy Cross – Blackpool Council, and David Proctor – Blackburn with Darwen Council.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 May 2014

Resolved: - That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2014 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

5. Amendments to Terms of Reference

A report was presented on the Terms of Reference of the Joint Advisory Committee which had been updated to ensure that references to legislation, policies and documents were current.

Resolved:- That the revised Terms of Reference be noted.

6. Onshore Oil and Gas Supplementary Planning Document - Draft Document for Consultation

Richard Sharples presented setting out the progress made in the preparation of the supplementary planning document on onshore oil and gas. The report described the completion of the first stage in production, the scoping consultation and drafting of a draft supplementary planning document, and sets out the next stage in production, the consultation on a draft supplementary planning document.

Richard reported that 22 responses had been received to date and key issues had been incorporated wherever possible.

Members queried whether an Environmental Impact Assessment was required and in response officers stated that the Supplementary Planning Document explained the adopted policies of the Minerals and Waste local Plan, which had been subject to sustainability appraisal, and so a separate sustainability appraisal of the SPD was not required. It was acknowledged that amendments could be made to make it clear that subsequent planning applications would require an environmental impact assessment.

Members also asked whether there should be a requirement for a Health Impact Assessment and it was noted that advice would be sought from the Director of Public Health.

Resolved:- That the Executive Members of each of the three authorities be recommended to approve the draft Supplementary Planning Document set out at Appendix 'A', for consultation purposes, subject to a number of minor amendments to improve the clarity around sustainability and public health assessments/appraisals.

7. Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Development Scheme 2014-2017

Richard Sharples presented a report describing the Local Development Scheme for the preparation of minerals and waste policy over the period 2014-2017, including the timetable for the preparation of the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan review. To take effect, the three authorities must resolve that the scheme is to take effect, specifying the date from which it is to have effect.

Resolved:- That the Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning recommends to the Executive Members of the three authorities that the Minerals and Waste Development Scheme 2014-2017 (Appendix 'A' refers) be adopted at their respective decision making sessions, and that the scheme will have effect from 31 October 2014.

8. Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Local Plan Review - Scoping Consultation

Richard Sharples presented a report setting out the purpose of a scoping consultation and how it will be carried out in relation to a review of the Joint Lancashire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy, and site allocation and Development Management Policies Local Plan.

The purpose of the scoping consultation is to consult with stakeholders on the scope of the Local Plan Review, to invite comments on what the review of the local plans should contain, and identify the issues from the evidence presented. It seeks to ensure that any issues which may influence the content of the revised Local Plan are identified at the beginning of the drafting process.

Richard informed the Members that the review was intended to extend the plan period to 2032, 15 years from the proposed adoption date of the reviewed Minerals and Waste Local Plan. Consequently the evidence must be tested to determine whether the current vision, objectives and policies would still be valid over the extended plan period.

Resolved:- That the Joint Advisory Committee for Strategic Planning recommends to the Executive Members of the three authorities to approve the consultation on the scope of the Local Plan review set out at Appendix 'A'.

9. Urgent Business

There was no urgent business to be considered.

10. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee would be held on a date to be arranged.

As it was Louise Nurser's last meeting of the Committee, as she was leaving the authority, the Chair proposed a vote of thanks to Louise for all the work she had undertaken with regard to the Joint Advisory Committee.

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