

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING PARTY

Wednesday, 24th November 2004, at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. M. M. T. Taylor (Chairman), Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E. (Vice-Chairman), G. N. Denaro, Mrs. K. M. Gall, R. Hollingworth, G. H. R. Hulett, Mrs. J. D. Luck, D. McGrath, D. C. Norton, N. Psirides J.P., J. A. Ruck, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey, C. J. Tidmarsh and C. J. K. Wilson.

01/04 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs. M. M. T. Taylor be elected as Chairman of the Working Party for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

02/04 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., be elected as Vice-Chairman of the Working Party for the remainder of the Municipal Year.

03/04 **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

The Director of Planning Services and the Head of Local Plans gave a general introduction to the Local Development Framework which is to replace the Local Development Plan system. It was noted that the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister would be monitoring the Performance of Local Authorities and that it was likely that the award of further planning grant funding would be linked to progress on the Local Development Framework.

It was hoped that the establishment of the Working Party would enable the process to move forward more swiftly although some major documents would need to be finally approved by Cabinet and in some circumstances by Council. It was hoped that the geographical spread of the representation of the Working Party would strengthen the process.

Officers from the Local Plan Section then gave more detailed presentations on the process of producing the Local Development Framework, which was initially based on a three year time frame, together with an overview on the development of a Statement of Community Involvement. During the presentations, Officers responded to a number of questions raised by Members of the Working Group regarding processes and time scales.

It was noted that the next Meeting would be required at the beginning of February 2005 with the objective of considering a Draft Statement of Community Involvement. Following that meeting it was likely that meetings would be required on a monthly basis.

RESOLVED: that the content of the presentations be noted.

The Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

Chairman