BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 8th February 2005 at 4.00 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

04/04 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Local Development Framework Working Party held on 24th November 2004 were submitted.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

05/04 **SUSTAINABILITY APPRAISAL**

Members received a report and presentation on the Sustainability Appraisal process which would report on the extent to which the implementation of plans would achieve the social, environmental and economic objectives by which sustainable development could be defined. The Council would need to undertake a Sustainability Appraisal of each Development Plan and Supplementary Planning Document that was produced as part of the Local Development Framework. It was also noted that when undertaking the Sustainability Appraisals, the Council would need to have regard to a European Directive which required formal strategic environmental assessment of plans.

Following the presentation, officers responded to Members' questions and comments.

RESOLVED: that the contents of the presentation and report be noted.

06/04 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Members received a report and presentation on the requirement to produce a Statement of Community Involvement as part of the Local Development Framework which would show how the Council aimed to involve the community throughout the planning process. The draft Statement of Community Involvement which had been prepared set out the issues and options available to the Council on how it proposed to consult the community, who it hoped to involve in the process and what it would consult on. Members commented on the contents of the draft document and put forward various suggestions as to how to the Council might engage with people in the District.

RESOLVED: that the contents of the draft Statement of Community Involvement be noted and that it provide the basis for public consultation.

The Meeting closed at 5.25 p.m.

Chairman