

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING PARTY

Tuesday, 7th June 2005 at 2.00 p.m.

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

Observer: Councillor G. G. Selway

01/05 **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.

02/05 **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.

03/05 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor D. McGrath.

04/05 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Local Development Framework Working Party held on 19th April 2005 were submitted.

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

05/05 **STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

Members received a report on the production of a Statement of Community Involvement. It was reported that the Statement had been the subject of extensive consultation within the community and would be required to be submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination. There would then be a further statutory six week period to allow any aggrieved parties to submit representations on the Statement of Community Involvement to an independent Planning Inspector and it is likely any objections received would be dealt with by way of written representations.

It was noted that the Council would be required to meet the fees of the Planning Inspectorate in relation to the assessment of the document and the consideration of any challenges. It was anticipated that the fee would be approximately £5,000 for a two day Inquiry should this be required. Funding for this could be met from the Local Plan budget for 2005/2006. It was

RECOMMENDED: that the Statement of Community Involvement be approved by the Cabinet and submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination.

06/05 **M.G. ROVER - LONGBRIDGE**

The Working Party considered a report on the M. G. Rover site including the current planning situation and action proposed in relation to securing the future use of the site. There was discussion of both the short term and long-term future of the site including the Statement of Intent and Planning Framework document. It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the report be noted;
- (b) that the Statement of Intent and Planning Framework attached to the report be approved;
- (c) that the proposed application to the Rover Task Force to fund the preparation of Action Plans by consultants be approved; and
- (d) that the proposal to form a cross authority steering group to produce an Action Plan for each Authority as a Local Development Framework document be approved.

07/05

ISSUES AND OPTIONS PAPER

Members gave consideration to the Issues and Options Paper which would be used to promote discussion on planning issues facing the District. It was noted that the results of the discussions would inform the content of policies for the Core Strategy and associated documents. It was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the identified issues and options be approved as a basis for consultation subject to the following amendments and additions:-
 - (i) Key Issue - Location of Growth
Issue 1 - Location for Growth
Option 3 to read "Apportion growth in respect of the size of each settlement on both brownfield and Greenfield sites, including growth in Bromsgrove Town."
Issue 2 - Areas of Development Restraint
Option 3 to be re-worded.
 - (ii) Key Issue - Housing for Everyone
Issue 1 - Type of Housing
Option 3 to read "Ensure all schemes have a needs assessment for the type of dwellings being proposed but against clear guidelines with respect to 1 and 2."
 - (iii) Key Issue - Rural Life
Issue 3 - Supporting the Rural Economy
Option 2 to read "Allow limited extension of any existing businesses within villages with adequate infrastructure."
 - (iv) Key Issue - The Local Economy and Creating Jobs
Issue 1 - The Future of the Bromsgrove Economy
Option 2 to read "Develop business parks to encourage new high technology and other industries."
 - (v) Key Issue - A Safe and Well Designed Environment
Issue 2 - A Better Designed Local Environment
Option 2 to read "Produce enhancement schemes for key locations and promote designs which reflect local character."
 - (vi) Key Issue - Preserving the Past
Issue 1 - Designating and Enhancing Conservation Areas
Option 3 to read "Take action first in areas where the threat to the historic environment is greatest."
 - (vii) Suggested Additional Issues/Items for Consideration
 - (a) Land use - Backland/Frontland development and how this should be addressed.
 - (b) Agricultural land - Policies on Control of Industrial Uses/development.
 - (c) Enhancement of areas such as Spadesbourne Brook.
 - (d) Improvement in the quality of design of buildings.

- (b) that the additional work to be carried out by the consultants appointed to undertake work in relation to the Sustainability Appraisal be noted.

08/05

SURVEY OF BUILDINGS OF LOCAL INTEREST

The Group considered a report on the proposal to commence survey work to enable production of a draft list of buildings of local architectural, historic or landscape interest within the District. It was intended to consult Members, Parish Councils, amenity bodies and local history societies, together with the general public, for nominations. It was intended that the draft list would be submitted to Members and full consideration would take place with the owners of nominated buildings. It was noted that a local list and associated planning policies would ensure development proposals affecting buildings that help to give local distinction to the District are given appropriate consideration. It was

RESOLVED: that the proposals contained in the report be approved and that consideration be given to the possibility of recognising the importance of buildings included in the final list by means of a "blue plaque" type scheme.

(NOTE: Councillor Mrs. J. D. Luck declared a personal interest in this item as the owner of a property, which may be considered for inclusion in the draft list.)

The Meeting closed at 4.25 p.m.

Chairman