

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING PARTY

Monday, 12th December 2005 at 3.00 p.m.

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

16/05 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

RESOLVED: that Councillor P. J. Whittaker be appointed Chairman of the Working Party for the remainder of the municipal year.

17/05 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. K. M. Gall, R. Hollingworth and J. A. Ruck.

18/05 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Working Party held on 25th October 2005, were submitted.

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

19/05 **ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT**

Further to Minute No. 14/05 of the Working Party in this regard, consideration was given to a draft Annual Monitoring Report under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. Members were advised that the Report was a Local Development document which formed part of the Local Development Framework and that the Report would assess (i) the implementation of the Local Development Scheme, and (ii) the extent to which policies in the Local Development documents were being achieved.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the draft Annual Monitoring Report for 2004/05 be approved and, accordingly, forwarded to the Government Office for the West Midlands; and
- (b) that, in the event that any further changes to the Report might be necessary, the Head of Planning and Environmental Services be granted delegated powers therefor.

20/05 **CORE STRATEGY – PREFERRED OPTIONS DRAFT**

Consideration was given to a "proposed options" draft of a Core Strategy, which was a key document in the overall scheme of producing a Local Development Framework, setting out the broad objectives of the Council and providing a strategic base for future plan development documents.

A further version would be compiled and submitted for public consultation in January/February 2006, and members were requested to submit comments for inclusion in such document before the end of December. Whereupon it was

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the following matters be considered for inclusion in the document:-
 - (a) that the words "and enlargement" be included in paragraph 3.12 where mention is made to the improvement of Bromsgrove Station (Councillor Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E.);
 - (b) that enquiries be made of the Head of Strategic Housing as to the size/adequacy of the Houndsfield Lane Caravan Site for use by the travelling community (Councillor Mrs. J. D. Luck).
- (2) that the comments/issues set out below be considered in future plan documents:-
 - (a) restrictions on the number of takeaway outlets situated in rural parts of the District (Councillor G. N. Denaro);
 - (b) that consideration be given to the possible inclusion of a specified "humanist" area within the Council's Cemeteries (Councillor G. H. R. Hulett).
- (3) that the word "derisible" in paragraph 3.1 (Profile of the District) be amended to read "desirable"; and
- (4) that, in all other respects, the draft report be noted and approved for consultation.

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DRAFT HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

A report outlining a new approach to the provision of affordable housing and the management of housing supply was submitted.

RESOLVED: that, subject to a clearer description being set out in paragraph 6 on page 6/33 of the Report (Where Development Sites are identified at key public transport interchanges), the documents be noted and approved, and that these initial drafts be forwarded to Hyder Consulting for them to undertake a sustainability appraisal prior to the consideration of a final draft in February 2006.

The Meeting closed at 4.55 p.m.

Chairman