

LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP

A meeting of the Local Plan Working Group was held on 12 March 2018.

PRESENT: Councillors C M Rooney, Harvey, Walters and L Young

OFFICERS: P Clarke, A Conti, K Whitwell

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were submitted on behalf of Councillors Bloundele, N J Walker.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest.

17/6 MINUTES - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT WORKING GROUP - 15 SEPTEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2017 were agreed as being an accurate record.

17/7 CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK

The Government has published for consultation changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. AC summarised the main changes which include:

- A standardised methodology for assessing housing need.
- Statements of common ground between Duty to cooperate bodies.
- Requirement for 20% of housing supply on small sites.
- Additional CIL/S106 consultation.

The closing date for the consultation is 9th May 2018. It was agreed to present a more detailed presentation on the NPPF consultation to the group before the closing date.

17/8 OBJECTIVELY ASSESSED HOUSING NEED – CHANGES AND IMPLICATIONS

The Government has recently published a standardised methodology for establishing housing need. This methodology doesn't take into account the Council's economic aspirations.

17/9 INTERIM CONVERSION POLICY UPDATE

The consultation on the interim conversions policy closed on the 12th February 2018. Only a small number of comments were received as part of the consultation. It is proposed to revise the interim policy to take account of comments received and the policy will then be presented to Cllr Young for a delegated decision in due course.

17/10 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed to arrange the next meeting for the end of April to cover the changes to cover the changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

17/11 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

ORDERED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

**17/12 LOCAL PLAN PREFERRED OPTIONS
A. HOUSING**

B. OTHER MATTERS

C. NEXT STEPS

This item was confidential.