

LOCAL PLAN WORKING GROUP

A meeting of the Local Plan Working Group was held on 4 March 2020.

PRESENT: Councillors A Waters (Chair); Councillors; Coupe, J Hobson, Rooney and Smiles and

PRESENT AS OBSERVERS: A. Liddle (Stainton & Thornton Parish Council), M. McClintock (Nunthorpe Parish Council), W. Tovey (Middlesbrough Alternative Planning Partnership)

OFFICERS: S. Bonner, P. Clarke, R Horniman, H Nelson and K. Whitwell,

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor A High, Councillor C Hobson and Mayor A Preston.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None were declared that this point in the meeting.

1 WELCOME AND FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair welcomed the working group and read out the fire evacuation procedure.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were submitted from the Mayor, Councillor High and Councillor C Hobson

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

4 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 29 JANUARY 2020

The minutes of the Local Plan working group held on 29 January 2020, were submitted and approved as a true record.

AGREED

That the minutes be approved.

5 LOCAL PLAN VISIONING EXERCISE

The Head of Planning outlined that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the Local Plan, looking at its vision, its objectives and identify the strategy of what the Local plan will be. The officers had submitted the vision from the previous draft Publication Local Plan for information. This vision had now been withdrawn to enable a new vision to be developed. vision and plan would look to the year 2034.

The start of this is the strategic plan/ Mayor's vision and although this only covers 3 years, the local plan has focused on the main priorities e.g. social regeneration/ anti -social behaviour. In terms of the local plan, this will look at Place, people and business as well as environmental issues (encourage cycle routes/ solar panels), which will link to the sites within the local plan.

The officers outlined that we need to encourage and take a proactive start to the sites with developers, which will be explored. The Group outlined that the long term goal to ensure we have sustainable housing should be included within the vision and the plan.

In terms of infrastructure, the Chair outlined that there has been frustrations from bus companies where there are no bus routes through new housing developments. It would therefore be proactive to ensure the bus companies are involved in initial discussions.

In terms of key projects e.g. Centre Square and Middlehaven, these will also be included within the vision.

A group member queried whether it was possible to encourage a local work force to support development sites and this would be built into the vision under infrastructure and throughout the plan.

The officer outlined the proposed Local Plan objectives:

- To revitalise and transform the Town Centre by delivering a range of key projects and encouraging new buildings that inspire awe
- To protect and enhance a network of green space/ green infrastructure across Middlesbrough
- To make Middlesbrough look and feel amazing through the promotion of high quality and well designed development
- To support a growing economy and make Middlesbrough 'the digital city'
- To deliver a range of housing to meet the needs of our communities with a focus on delivering urban living
- To achieve a stable/growing population
- To ensure provision of an appropriate network of infrastructure to support our growth/development aspirations
- To sustain and enhance Middlesbrough's heritage and cultural assets

AGREED- That the vision be developed

6 LOCAL PLAN STRUCTURE

The Head of Planning outlined the draft Local Plan structure:

- Introduction
- Vision and strategy including Local Plan priorities
- Development strategy and key projects
- Green/Natural environment
- Design/making Middlesbrough look and feel amazing
- Housing
- Economic Growth and town centre/retail
- Infrastructure (inc education, health, transport)
- Historic Environment & culture

The group welcomed the structure, however the Chair outlined that he felt infrastructure was a major part of our local plan and needed to be taken as a priority. The officers outlined that this would be integrated throughout the plan.

Agreed- That the proposed local plan structure be approved.

7 DRAFT HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT CHAPTER

The officers outlined that the draft Historic Environmental chapter had been developed under National guidance. The chapter outlined what is special about Middlesbrough in terms of conservation areas and local lists.

Within the chapter there are 2 policies:

- Historic areas
- Historic buildings

The group welcomed the chapter, however outlined we must ensure they are protected due to their importance, so wording could be looked at to ensure this was maintained.

Agreed- that the Draft historic Environment chapter be agreed.

8 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None