

JOBS AND ECONOMY COMMITTEE

26 JANUARY 2017

Present: Councillor A Harper, Chair

Councillors: S J Carr (substitute)
E Cubley (substitute)
T A Cullen
M J Crow
J W Handley
M Handley
R I Jackson
P Lally
M Radulovic
A W G A Stockwell (substitute)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B C Carr, H G Khaled MBE, W J Longdon and R S Robinson.

30. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor M Radulovic declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 5 as he is taking legal action against Eastwood Town Council over the Moorgreen site, minute number 33 refers.

31. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2016 were confirmed and signed.

32. **BUSINESS PLANS AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2017/18 – 2019/20**

The Committee considered the business plans and financial estimates for 2017/18 to 2019/20. An overview of the papers was given with particular reference to recharges, which were now being shown more clearly to facilitate greater scrutiny.

RESOLVED that the attached Business Plan be approved and

RECOMMENDED that the Finance and Resources Committee recommends to Council that the following be approved:

- a) **The detailed revenue budget estimates for 2016/17 (revised) and 2017/18 (base) including any revenue development submissions**
- b) **The capital programme for 2017/18 to 2019/20**
- c) **The fees and charges for 2017/18.**

33. PART 2 LOCAL PLAN – HOUSING SITE ALLOCATIONS

The Committee was asked to note the publication of the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and consider the housing allocations to be included in the Local Plan Part 2. A number of late items were submitted and particular attention was given to a new site for that had been put forward by the Parish Council for consideration in Brinsley. The possibility of developing this site would have to be investigated further and an amendment was proposed by the Chair and seconded by Councillor M J Crow that the recommendation be changed to be subject to the deletion of the bracket in table 4a of the report, in reference to Brinsley with the site to be confirmed and reported to a future meeting. On being put to the meeting the amendment was carried.

There followed a discussion about the progress that had been made in Brinsley to come forward with a positive plan for development. The alternative site would be brought forward for scrutiny by the Committee.

It was noted that the allocations in the report were the result of a lengthy process including a green belt review and discussions with parish and town councils, as well as local interest groups and community forums. It was stated that there was a necessity to make site allocations to meet the minimum requirement for the five year land supply.

There was a discussion about the development at Toton. It was noted that the details of the allocation at Toton would be discussed at a future meeting. The importance of the Chetwynd Barracks site was noted, though the land would not be released for development in time to be included in the five year land supply. A neighbourhood forum was emerging in the area to represent local needs and concerns, but it was stated that there was broad support from the local community.

The development at Bramcote was discussed with particular reference to the status of the land occupied by the school. It was clarified that there was no obstruction to development as a result of the ownership of the site and that Nottinghamshire County Council, the academy foundation and the school were all in agreement with the plan to sell off school lands for housing to fund the rebuilding of the school. The importance of having the access to the site from Coventry Lane was discussed. It was noted that the issue of funding the rebuilding of the school was an important consideration, but it was not the sole issue when determining the suitability of the site. The background work for the site had included a green belt review, a design review and a consultation to gain an overall picture of the sustainability of the site.

Discussion progressed on to the options for development in Beeston Rylands, which included the Severn Trent site and the Maltings. Concern was noted that development in Beeston Rylands should benefit local people and that it should leave some green space. It was noted that the details of development would be decided at a future Committee when the Local Plan as a whole was prepared.

Members discussed affordable housing with particular reference to making development viable for developers whilst delivering the allocation. It was noted that this would be discussed at a future meeting.

A recorded vote was requested by Councillor S J Carr and seconded by Councillor P Lally and the voting was as follows:

| <u>For</u> | <u>Against</u> | <u>Abstention</u> |
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| T A Cullen | S J Carr | |
| M J Crow | P Lally | |
| E Cubley | | |
| J W Handley | | |
| M Handley | | |
| A Harper | | |
| R I Jackson | | |
| M Radulovic MBE | | |
| A W G A Stockwell | | |

RESOLVED that

- 1. The publication of the SHLAA be noted.**
- 2. The allocations listed in appendix 1, tables 4a and 4b be approved for inclusion in the Part 2 Local Plan subject to the deletion of brackets in table 4a in reference to Brinsley with the site to be confirmed and reported to a future Committee.**

34. WORK PROGRAMME

Members noted that an additional meeting of the Committee would need to take place in order to consider the new site proposed by Brinsley Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.

35. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

36. STAPLEFORD WI-FI

The Committee was provided with details of the quotes received for the installation of public Wi-Fi in Stapleford town centre. The benefits to the town of free Wi-Fi were discussed and it was noted that Stapleford could be a model for other town centres in the area. The opportunity to add value to the

scheme through targeted advertising was noted, as was the facility to extract general data, such as how many people enrolled in the scheme and how long they used the facility. This could be used to give more accurate footfall data.

RESOLVED that ElephantWi-Fi be appointed to install and operate public Wi-Fi in Stapleford town centre with a budget set aside of £25,000.