

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST 2020

Present: Councillors Carl Walmsley, in the Chair; James Date, Jeanette Forster, Graham Minshaw and Andy Pratt

Officers: Chris Hoban (Strategic Planning Manager), Karen Adams (Strategic Planning Officer), Leanne Parr (Principal Strategic Planner), Ellie Church (Strategic Planner), Clive Willoughby (Democratic Services Officer) and Rose Blaney (Electoral and Democratic Services Officer)

LDF 20/1 Apologies for Absence

There were no Apologies for absence received.

LDF 20/2 Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interests made at this meeting.

LDF 20/3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 November 2019

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 5 November 2019 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

LDF 20/4 Local Plan Preferred Options Draft Report

The Strategic Planning Manager presented the Copeland Local Plan Preferred Options Draft 2017-2035 to the Panel.

Members of the Strategic Planning team then provided more detail for each section of the Plan.

By way of background, the Panel was advised that the Council consulted on the Issues and Options for the new Copeland Local Plan 2017-2035 between November 2019 and January 2020.

Feedback from that consultation (which generated 43 responses), together with updated evidence based reports and assessments had informed the Preferred Options.

The Preferred Options had been tested for the sustainability and their potential impacts on the environment through the Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment.

The Panel was advised that if the recommendation was agreed and also agreed by Council, the Preferred Options would be subject to an eight week public consultation commencing on 21 September 2020 to gather views on the proposals, policies and sites .

The Strategic Planning team were thanked for their hard work in preparing the Local Plan Preferred Options Draft report and for their presentation

A vote was then taken, by way of a roll call.

On a vote of 5 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions, it was therefore:-

RESOLVED:- that the Copeland Borough Local Plan Preferred Options Draft report be approved and forwarded to Council on 8 September 2020 for consideration, with a recommendation that an 8 week public consultation be commenced.

LDF 20/5 Local Development Scheme 2020

The Strategic Planning Manager informed Members that the Local Development Scheme, which was approved by Council on 19 November 2019, required some minor updates and these were presented to the Panel.

A vote was then taken, by way of a roll call.

On a vote of 5 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions, it was therefore:-

RESOLVED:- that the Local Development Scheme 2020 as the Council's work programme for producing the new Copeland Local Plan 2017-2035 be agreed and forwarded to Council on 8 September 2020 for adoption.

LDF 20/6 Revised Statement of Community Involvement 2020

The Strategic Planning Manager informed Members of amendments made to the Revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) 2016 to take account of the restrictions due to Covid-19, the updated Development Management processes and the fact that planning applications were now available on-line, and an update to the Council's Neighbourhood Planning Protocol.

A vote was then taken, by way of a roll call.

On a vote of 5 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstentions, it was therefore:-

RESOLVED:- that the changes to the Statement of Community Involvement, including the temporary limitations in public/face to face engagement due to the Covid-19 restrictions be supported and forwarded to Council on 8 September 2020 for adoption.

The Meeting closed at 3.50 pm

Chair