

LDF WORKING PARTY

Bainbridge Room, Copeland Centre, 4.30pm Tuesday 15th March 2016

Present:

Cllr David Riley (DR) (Chair)

Cllr John Bowman (JB)

Cllr Allan Holliday (AH)

Cllr Michael McVeigh (MM)

Cllr John Dirom (JD)

Cllr Brian O’Kane (BO’K)

Officers:

John Groves (JG)

Chris Hoban (CH)

Graeme Singleton (GS)

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1.	Apologies for absence Cllr Peter Stephenson.	
2.	Declarations of Interests in Agenda Items No declarations of interest were declared.	
3.	Minutes of the meeting held 25 November 2015 Agreed as an accurate record.	
4.	Programme of Work and Local Development Scheme – Discussion CH gave members an update on the Local Development Scheme which sets out the work programme for producing the Local Plan documents. A discussion took place around the Nugen worker accommodation sites, the potential for legacy resulting from these developments and the role of the Local Plan. These developments will form part of Nugen’s DCO submission, but will require TCPA approvals to ensure the longer term legacy, which may include housing. It was suggested that as the mayor is promoting housing on these sites as part of the growth agenda (and not ‘shanty towns’) it will be useful to keep him informed about progress with the Local Plan, and possibly invite him to future	

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	<p>meetings of the LDF Working Party.</p> <p>It was discussed and agreed that the Local Plan will need to take account of all proposals and make sure that well designed and quality developments are the positive legacy from the growth that the borough is looking to attract, from nuclear new build and other developments. This will help make Copeland an attractive place to live and help encourage workers to live in the borough.</p> <p>Regarding the temporary worker accommodation sites it was discussed that there are a number of options available, with building capable of conversion to a wide range of uses including housing, hotels, student accommodation, sheltered accommodation and care homes. It may also be appropriate for some buildings to be removed and a 'development site' created that has all infrastructure and services provided ready for a new use.</p> <p>It was stated that for this approach to be successful the Council needs a clear vision. This was agreed and officers explained that work is already underway with Arup to help define what our vision and future masterplans for the worker accommodation sites might look like. It was also added that similar work is happening for all towns so that the benefits can be spread across the borough.</p> <p>CH later outlined the anticipated workload and timescales for producing the Local Plan, and explained that the Council can claim time that officers spend on Moorside and other projects to make sure that we can still progress with our core business and produce the Local Plan.</p> <p>Following these discussions the approach taken by officers was supported by Members and the potential level of involvement welcomed.</p>	
5.	<p>Draft Revised Statement of Community Involvement for Consultation</p> <p>CH introduced the Draft Revised SCI and outlined the changes from the currently adopted version, and the rationale for these changes. A discussion followed and a number of changes were agreed.</p> <p>Members agreed that the Revised Draft SCI go to Full Council to formally approve the consultation.</p>	
6.	<p>Date and time of next meeting</p> <p>CH reported that there will be three LDF Working Party meetings following on from this one with the first likely to be on 28th April the second on 19th May and the third on 2nd June.</p> <p>Meeting dates will be scheduled as soon as possible and will begin with a start time of 4.30/5pm.</p>	ALL