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ROTHERHAM LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK STEERING GROUP Friday, 15th April, 2011

Present:- Councillor Smith (in the Chair); Councillors Pickering, Sharman and Whelbourn.

together with:-

Andy Duncan	Strategic Policy Team Leader
David Edwards	Area and Environmental Planning Team Leader
Dianne Hurst	Area Partnership Manager
Ken Macdonald	Solicitor, Legal Services
Bronwen Peace	Planning Manager
Tracey Seals	Sustainable Communities Manager (Interim)
Sumera Shabir	Legal Clerk
Helen Sleigh	Senior Planner
Ann Todd	Press and Public Relations Officer

1. INTRODUCTIONS/APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Diane Hurst, Area Partnership Manager, was introduced.

Apologies for absence were received from:-

The Mayor, Councillor R. McNeely	Member of the Steering Group
Councillor J. Austen	Member of the Steering Group
Councillor B. Dodson	Member of the Steering Group
Councillor J. Doyle	Member of the Steering Group
Councillor I. St. John	Member of the Steering Group
Councillor S. Walker	Member of the Steering Group
Councillor J. Whysall	Member of the Steering Group
Councillor K. Wyatt	Member of the Steering Group

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 18TH MARCH, 2011

Consideration was given to the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th March, 2011.

Resolved:- That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th March, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes not covered by the agenda items.

4. DRAFT CORE STRATEGY

Consideration was given to a report, presented by the Strategic Policy Team

Leader, which outlined the broad approach and content of the Draft Core Strategy.

It was reported that, subject to approval by the Cabinet, the Draft Core Strategy would be out for public consultation during summer 2011.

A brief summary of the background to the development of this document was given, and reference was made to the vision and objectives of the Strategy.

Reference was made to the anticipated abolition of regional strategies and the Council's proposal for a lower local housing target. Reference was also made to the employment land requirement over the plan period.

It was explained that the Draft Core Strategy contained a suite of 33 strategic policies grouped under four themes as follows:-

- Spatial strategy
- Sustainable communities
- Climate change
- New infrastructure

Also the Sites and Policies Document would be taken forward in tandem with the Draft Core Strategy during the public consultation.

Members present referred to:-

- the consultation process
- the housing target
- the timeline
- implications of the Localism Bill re: Greenfield/brownfield
- the importance of Members' briefings

Resolved:- (1) That insofar as this Steering Group is concerned the Draft Core Strategy be endorsed.

(2) That the Cabinet be recommended to approve the Draft Core Strategy for approval for public consultation.

5. LDF SITES ISSUES AND OPTIONS

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Area & Environmental Planning Team Leader, supported by a PowerPoint presentation, in respect of the proposed Summer 2011 consultation on the Local Development Framework's Core Strategy Final Draft which will be accompanied by the Issues and Options version of the Sites and Policies Development Plan Document (DPD).

It was explained that it was the role of the Sites and Policies DPD to identify the actual location of new sites to meet the Borough's settlement targets for growth set out in the Core Strategy.

The report provided an outline of the consultation document.

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Further information was provided by the Senior Planner in respect of the consultation process, development of a community engagement action plan and timescale.

Members present referred to:-

- lessons learned from previous consultations
- the need to ensure elected members were fully briefed
- the Area Assembly network and role of the Co-ordinating Groups
- ensuring that the public had every means available to respond

Information in respect of the type of consultation and community engagement activities that have been planned over the summer months, and an outline of the type of events and activities proposed would be shared with the Cabinet.

Resolved:- That insofar as this Steering Group is concerned the proposed outline of the Sites and Policies Development Plan Document be supported with the full version being submitted to Cabinet for approval for consultation.

6. NEW CONSERVATION AREAS

Consideration was given to a report presented by the Area and Environmental Planning Team Leader, together with a PowerPoint presentation, detailing the Borough's current 26 existing Conservation Areas, and to the review (under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990) and ENV2.10 of the Unitary Development Plan which identified a potential 12 further settlements for designation as Conservation Areas.

A brief summary was given of the background to the compilation of the list of sites, and to the definition of sites. It was explained that the effect of the designation meant that any change must be carefully and sympathetically managed.

It was reported that it was intended to combine this process within the Local Development Framework's draft Sites and Policies Document for public consultation later this year.

Following appraisal the following sites were proposed for inclusion:-

Maltby (Church); Letwell; Stone; Firbeck; Ulley; Thrybergh; Upper Whiston; Morthen; Hooton Roberts; Throapham; Brookhouse: (all previously listed in the Unitary Development Plan).

However it was pointed out that sites at Chesterfield Canal (Turnerwood and Norwood) had not been put forward for inclusion as it was considered these were adequately protected as listed buildings.

Maps showing the proposed Conservation Areas were made available at the meeting.

It was explained that the consultation process would provide an opportunity for further sites to be suggested for designation as conservation areas.

Resolved:- (1) That the contents of the report be noted.

(2) That the Steering Group supports the proposed public consultation exercise on the potential designation of additional Conservation Areas, as part of the Local Development Framework Sites and Policies Issues and Options Document.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Joint Waste DPD

It was reported that this document which had been produced jointly with Barnsley and Doncaster MBCs was published on 11th April for a six week statutory consultation period during which representations on its soundness could be made.

Following the consultation the document would be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination later in 2011.

It was explained that Member briefing sessions were arranged for each area and prior to Cabinet.

8. DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING

Resolved:- That the next meeting of the Local Development Framework Members' Steering Group be held on FRIDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2011 at 10.00 a.m.
- Town Hall, Moorgate Street, Rotherham.