

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK**

**REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL**

**Minutes from the Meeting of the Regeneration and Development Panel held on Tuesday, 14th June, 2022 at 4.30 pm in the Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Collingham (Chair), P Beal, F Bone, C Bower, C J Crofts, M de Whalley, P Gidney, H Humphrey, B Jones, C Manning, C Morley and D Whitby.

**PORTFOLIO HOLDER:**

Councillor R Blunt – Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development

**PRESENT UNDER STANDING ORDER 34:** Councillor A Kemp (remotely)

**OFFICERS:**

Duncan Hall – Assistant Director

Claire May – Planning Policy Manager

**RD9: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There was none.

**RD10: MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** The minutes from the previous meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and the special meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**RD11: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was none.

**RD12: URGENT BUSINESS**

There was none.

**RD13: MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor Kemp.

**RD14: CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

RD15: **CABINET REPORT - LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

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The Planning Policy Manager presented the Cabinet Report which sought Cabinet approval of the up to date Local Development Scheme.

The Chair thanked the Planning Policy Manager for her report and invited questions and comments from Members, as summarised below.

In response to a questions, the Planning Policy Manager explained that the public hearings were likely to take place around October and November and dates and venues would be confirmed as soon as known. She also provided information on the legal requirement to publish the scheme, and that any future changes made by Government would impact the next Local Plan as the plan was subject to review every five years.

**RESOLVED:** That the Regeneration and Development Panel support the recommendations to Cabinet as set out below.

Cabinet Recommendation: That Cabinet approves the revised Local Development Scheme as set out in Appendix 1 to the report to come into effect from 21 June 2022.

RD16: **MEMBERSHIP OF TASK GROUPS AND INFORMAL WORKING GROUPS**

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The Panel considered the report as included in the Agenda. With regard to the CIL Governance Task Group, the Panel agreed that the Task Group had now concluded their work in setting up Governance arrangements for the CIL scheme and subsequently a CIL Spending Panel had been set up by Cabinet to take the scheme forward. The Panel agreed that this Task Group could now be disbanded.

With regard to the Custom and Self Build Policy Development Task Group, the Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development explained that the Task Group had not met for a while, but had previously worked to bring a scheme forward for a Council delivered Custom Build site. Proposals for this would be presented to Cabinet in the Autumn. The Panel felt that this Task Group should continue, however they felt that its membership should be increased to six members and a report be presented to the next ordinary Panel meeting to review the Task Group's Terms of Reference.

The Guildhall and Creative Hub Task Group had only recently been set up, Membership had been confirmed and the Task Group would hold their first meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022 to consider the Guildhall Business

case prior to it being considered by the Regeneration and Development Panel on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That the CIL Governance Task Group had concluded their work and be disbanded.
2. That the Custom and Self Build Policy Development Task Group continue to operate and a report be brought to the next ordinary meeting of the Panel to review the Task Group membership and Terms of Reference.
3. That the Guildhall Complex and Creative Hub Task Group continue to operate.
4. The Democratic Services Officer seek membership of the Task Groups from Group Leaders as required.

RD17: **CHAIRS ITEM - VERBAL UPDATE ON CARAVAN SITE AND COACH PARKING IN KING'S LYNN**

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The Assistant Director provided a verbal update on work that had been carried out to promote coach trips to King's Lynn. He explained that a section was available on the website to encourage tour operators and visitors to the town, King's Lynn had been advertised in two national coach directories and information was available on the Visit West Norfolk website. More work was being carried out to work with organisations and the King's Lynn Festival and link in with events in the area.

The Chair thanked the Assistant Director for the update and invited questions and comments from the Panel.

Councillor Crofts commented that a 'salesman' was needed to promote coach trips to King's Lynn and survey coach companies to ask why they did not use King's Lynn as a destination for trips. He also commented that a coach park was needed in the town centre and the Tuesday Market Place would be an ideal location as it had nearby facilities.

The Panel generally supported increased promotion of the town centre for coach trips. Opportunities for the Guildhall in the future were highlighted along with ideas for 'two centre' trips, promoting trips to the area for schools and the overall offer of King's Lynn and the surrounding area.

The Vice Chair explained that Marriotts Warehouse had recently accommodated some coaches.

The Panel also discussed provision of a touring caravan site in the town centre.

Councillor Kemp addressed the Panel under Standing Order 34, agreeing with earlier comments that King's Lynn should be promoted as a coach trip destination.

**RESOLVED:** The update was noted.

RD18: **PORTFOLIO HOLDER QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

No questions had been submitted in advance of the meeting.

RD19: **WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD DECISION LIST**

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Councillor Morley explained that the CITB were still working on their Strategies and he would keep the Panel updated as appropriate.

Councillor Gidney made reference to the Ferry and Councillor de Whalley commented that opportunities for the Ferry should be included in part of the Levelling Up Fund. The Assistant Director explained that there were no plans to bid for a scheme such as this at the present time.

**RESOLVED:** The Panel's Work Programme was noted.

RD20: **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Regeneration and Development Panel was scheduled to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 at 4.30pm in the Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn.

**The meeting closed at 5.21 pm**