

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ON 8th JULY 2014 AT 7.00PM IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

Present: Cllr M F Stanley (Chair)
Cllr L Barnes
Cllr S Brierley
Cllr P Horton
Richard Taylor
Chris Hughes
Don Grundy
Dean John Dobson
Jan Ackroyd
Alan Weston (Ex-Officio)

Attendees: Gill Ritchie

Apologies: Jane Furse

11/14. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received as outlined and these were accepted by the committee.

12/14. To welcome new members of the committee & advise on the voting capacity of non-council members & the code of conduct.

MS welcomed the new members of the committee and thanked them for agreeing to participate before outlining in brief the terms of reference of the committee and the City Council's Code of Conduct which had been provided in advance of the meeting. DJD and JA confirmed that they had read and understood the documents and agreed to abide by them.

13/14. Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item

None present.

14/14. To receive any disclosures of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise)

None.

15/14. To approve the Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 10 June 2014

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

16/14. To receive an update on outstanding matters arising

All outstanding matters arising were to be covered as part of the agenda.

17/14. To receive feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meetings

CH outlined that the recent focus of the working group had been on finalising the assessment of options, developing the preliminary draft Ripon City Plan and producing the appropriate maps and documentation to present this to the focus group and subsequently for consultation in September.

18/14. To receive an update in relation to the HBC Sites and Policies DPD

GR outlined that HBC had taken legal advice on a number of matters in relation to the examination of the Sites and Policies DPD. The most relevant to the Ripon City Plan was that a neighbourhood plan containing site allocations had a significant risk at examination.

A discussion took place and it was suggested that there was significant merit in presenting the preliminary draft neighbourhood plan to the senior management team of the Development Services

division in Harrogate Borough Council. CH suggested that there should be a collaborative approach to putting in place the evidence required to reduce this risk.

Action: 18/14.1 – GR to seek to organise a meeting between the City Plan Working Group and Nigel Avison, Director of Development Services at Harrogate Borough Council and other appropriate members of the management team to discuss the preliminary Ripon City Plan.

19/14. To agree the preliminary draft Ripon City Plan

CH presented the hand drawn draft Ripon City Plan maps and outlined the constraints which are the context to the proposals and policies contained within the preliminary draft City Plan.

CH explained and discussions took place in relation to each of the key sections of the preliminary draft Plan, including: the approach to green space, proposed regeneration areas, the approach to housing, and the approach to city centre connectivity. A number of comments were made in relation to both ensuring clarity of the presentation of the proposals and key people who need to be engaged as part of the consultation process at this preliminary stage.

PH left during these discussions.

The entirety of the proposals were supported by all members of the Committee, although DJD suggested that as a new member of the committee and a new person to the City he could only offer qualified support at this time, until he had had further time to consider and discuss the proposals.

Action: 19/14.1 – CH / AW / GR to discuss further the timelines and in particular the implications for the evidence base of the Ripon City Plan consultation running in advance of the Harrogate Borough Council Core Strategy review.
19/14.2 – CH / AW / GR to meet to discuss the production of the map by Harrogate Borough Council as a supporting contribution to the Ripon City Plan.
19/14.3 – City Plan Working Group to consider how to present the preliminary draft City Plan to the focus group in light of the comments made by the Committee.

20/14. To receive an update in relation to the forward work programme and particularly the Focus Group and preliminary draft consultation process

AW said that further work was required to finalise the consultation programme and prepare the leaflets and other material that would be required. A more detailed programme would be presented at the next City Plan Committee meeting.

Action: 20/14.1 – AW to develop a more detailed programme of consultation and present to the next City Plan Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm

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CHAIRMAN

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