

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMITTEE HELD ON 19th JULY AT 7.00PM IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

Present: Cllr Peter Horton (Vice-Chair)
Cllr Mick Stanley
Cllr Andrew Williams
Cllr Lynette Barnes
Cllr Sarah Jones
Richard Taylor
Chris Hughes
Jane Furse
Jan Ackroyd
David Briggs
Dean John Dobson (arrived 7:05 pm)

Attendees: Alan Weston (City Development Manager / Minutes)

Apologies: Cllr Charlie Powell
David Winpenny

Action

1/16. To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Received and noted as above.

2/16. Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Council on any agenda item as listed below.

There were no questions, clarifications or representations made.

3/16. To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) & to consider any written requests for dispensation.

There were no declarations of interest nor requests for dispensations.

4/16. To approve the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 17th November 2015.

Proposed – Cllr Mick Stanley

Seconded – Richard Taylor

“That the Minutes be approved as a correct record of the proceedings.”

RESOLVED by a show of hands with two abstentions and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

5/16. To consider issues relating to the non-Council membership of the Committee:

a) Chairing of the Committee

The CDM briefly presented the report circulated with the agenda and members discussed the position of Chairman. Members agreed with the suggestion that it was not feasible to bring in a new Chair at this late stage and suggested that Cllr Horton be appointed as Chair.

Proposed – Cllr Andrew Williams

Seconded – Cllr Mick Stanley

“That the Committee recommends to Council that whilst it would have been good to have had a non-Council Chairman of the Committee, appointing a new member at this late stage is likely to be detrimental to the continuing work on the Plan and so it is recommended that Cllr Peter Horton be appointed the Chair of the Committee.”

AW /
Clerk

RESOLVED unanimously by a show of hands.

b) Appointment of David Briggs – representing the Chamber of Trade.

Proposed – Cllr Andrew Williams

Seconded – Cllr Mick Stanley

“That the Committee agrees the appointment of David Briggs as a non-Council Member of the Committee, representing the Chamber of Trade.”

AW /
Clerk

RESOLVED unanimously by a show of hands.

6/16. To receive progress report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group in relation to the development of the final draft Ripon City Plan and supporting documentation.

The CDM gave a verbal update outlining that the focus of the Team was on producing the Draft Ripon City Plan and all of the supporting documents and evidence and meeting with appropriate individuals and representatives of organisations to discuss the proposed policies as agreed at the November committee.

The CDM also outlined the difficulties of trying to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for Ripon which needs to be in “general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan”, when the Local Plan was still emerging, but as consultation on the draft Local Plan nears, further information on the evidence base being used by HBC is being published which is useful information for the City Plan Team and the evidence base for the City Plan.

Chris Hughes then gave a brief presentation about the Strategic Housing Market Assessment and the Strategic Housing Land Availability

Assessment which had been signed off by HBC's Cabinet Member for planning.

Members of the Committee then discussed the potential implications of the documents and stressed the importance of the City Plan presenting Ripon's vision for the future of the City and leading the way.

7/16. To receive a report in relation to the progress being made on the development of a Cathedral Quarter masterplan.

Dean John Dobson gave a brief presentation regarding the vision and objectives of the Cathedral Quarter masterplan.

The CDM stressed the need to look at this in the context of the City Plan proposals for the City Centre as a whole and the potential benefit to surrounding areas, such as the regeneration of the Kirkgate Yards area, but also the need to look at support for the Cathedral's proposals, such as the need to look at the demand for car parking in the future if there was a growth in the Cathedral's visitor numbers.

8/16. To consider and agree the proposed timetable and content of the pre-submission Ripon City Plan Consultation.

The CDM tabled a report which outlined dates for the pre-submission consultation starting on 12th September and running for 6 weeks until 23rd October. It was suggested that this was challenging but would be in advance of HBC publishing their draft Local Plan for consultation.

Members of the Committee discussed this and the importance of the community referendum being in Autumn 2017 to avoid any issues in relation to the all-out City Council elections in May 2018 was highlighted. It was suggested that this needed to be emphasised to HBC.

This was AGREED.

AW

The CDM suggested that provisional arrangements be made to host a briefing on Tuesday 30th August to provide further information about the draft Ripon City Plan and the proposed consultation.

This was AGREED.

AW /
Clerk

The CDM outlined the recommendations of the report.

These were AGREED.

AW

CLlr Williams left the meeting.

9/16. To agree an approach for working with North Yorkshire County Council to develop a strategic approach to highways matters in Ripon to complement the objectives and support the delivery of the aspirations of the City Plan.

The CDM gave a brief overview of the report and the reason for proposing the approach identified, and outlined the recommendations of the report.

These were AGREED.

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