

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

MINUTES OF THE CITY PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 28th JULY 2015 AT 7PM IN THE MAYOR'S PARLOUR, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON

- PRESENT:** Cllr P Horton – Vice Chairman
 Cllr L Barnes
 Cllr M Stanley
 Jan Ackroyd
 Don Grundy
 Christopher Hughes
 Richard Taylor
 David Winpenny
- ATTENDEES:** Alan Weston (City Development Manager)
- LATE ARRIVALS:** Cllr A Morgan at 7.20pm
- EARLY DEPARTURES:** N/A
- APOLOGIES:** Cllr M Waiting
 Cllr A Williams
 Dean John Dobson
 Jane Furse
 Gill Ritchie (HBC Planning – advisory capacity)

		Action By:
<u>8/15.</u>	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u> Apologies were received as outlined and these were accepted by the Committee.	
<u>9/15.</u>	<u>Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item.</u> No members of the public were present.	
<u>10/15.</u>	<u>To receive any disclosure of interest in relation to any matter under consideration at his meeting (financial or otherwise) & consider any requests for dispensation.</u> None declared.	
<u>11/15.</u>	<u>To approve the Minutes of the committee meeting held on 27th April 2015.</u> <i>It was AGREED that the minutes of the previous committee meeting were a true and accurate record.</i>	

<p><u>2/15.</u></p>	<p><u>To receive nominations for additional non-Council membership of the Committee</u></p> <p>Following discussions with the Clerk, AW tabled a paper regarding the non-Council membership of the Committee and the options and process for taking this forward.</p> <p>A number of members of the Committee suggested that any decision should be deferred pending further information about the knowledge and skill that individuals wishing to join the Committee could contribute to enhance the process of developing the Plan.</p> <p><i>It was AGREED to defer this item to the next Committee meeting.</i></p>	
<p><u>13/15.</u></p>	<p><u>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 – verbal update</u></p> <p>AW gave a brief verbal report saying that the focus of the Working Group had been on continuing to prepare the pre-submission draft of the Ripon City Plan and all of the necessary supporting documentation including the Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment which needed to be carried out. Furthermore the working group had also had the opportunity to consider the “Harrogate District Local Plan 2035 – Issues and Options consultation” and the implications for the Ripon City Plan.</p>	

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To outline the details of the “Harrogate District Local Plan 2035 – Issues and Options consultation” the key issues for consideration in responding to the consultation and the implications and considerations for the Ripon City Plan

AW gave a brief introduction and CH presented the report and the key issues which needed to be debated in order to enable AW and CH to submit a response on behalf of the City Plan Committee to the consultation.

Members discussed the vision and the seemingly fragmented approach between housing and employment in relation to growth. Furthermore members felt that the employment approach was traditional and did not reflect the needs of a market town or acknowledge the modern technological working life. Overall members felt that the plan could be stronger in relation to Ripon’s economic role.

Members discussed the approach to housing outlined in the document. JA commented about the difficulties in selling village properties and the market having a preference for city and town living.

RT suggested that the report answered questions that hadn’t been asked in paragraph 47 and reference to the need for higher levels of growth. Members of the Committee agreed that this was not something which they wanted to indicate in their response.

Members discussed the mix and type of housing needed, the character of houses being built, eco-homes and the ability to provide space for self-build and felt that the City Plan response should raise these issues.

Unstable land was also discussed and members felt that our response needed to be strong in relation to this issue given recent experience in the City.

It was AGREED that AW / CH should respond on behalf of the City Plan Committee and taking into consideration all of the comments made during the meeting and the steer given by the Committee members.

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CHAIRMAN

ACKNOWLEDGED AT FULL COUNCIL MEETING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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