

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE MEETING OF 10 OCTOBER 2016

Meeting: Executive
Date: 10 October 2016
Subject: Notes and recommendations of meetings of Executive Advisory Panels
Report of: Peter Storey, Democratic Officer
Portfolio Holders: Councillor Brodrick
Status: For information and to consider recommendations

1 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To advise Executive of the work and to consider the recommendations of the following Advisory Panel:

- Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel

2 Recommendation:

2.1 **Recommended that the record of the following meeting be noted:**

Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel: 19 September 2016 - meeting notes (draft) (Appendix A)

2.2 **That the recommendations contained in the draft meeting notes for the Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel held on 19 September 2016 be considered.**

3 Summary of Reasons for the Recommendations

3.1 The arrangements for the Executive Advisory Panels require that they report back to Executive with notes of their meetings.

3.2 The notes of the Panel meeting on 19 September 2016 are in draft format as they will not be reported to the Panel for approval until its next meeting (on 17 October 2016) but the recommendations need to be considered by the Executive before that meeting. The draft notes were sent to the Chairman and Panel members for comment to ensure that they captured the views expressed by the Panel at its meeting.

4 Impact on Communities

4.1 None.

5 Key Facts

5.1 None.

6 Legal Issues

6.1 None.

7 Resource Issues

7.1 None.

8 Equality Impact Assessment Implications/Outcomes

8.1 None.

9 Impact on the Organisation

9.1 None.

10 Community Safety Implications

10.1 None.

11. Carbon Management Implications

11.1 None.

12. Risk Management Implications

12.1 None.

13 Consultation

13.1 None.

14 Options Considered

14.1 None.

15 Background Papers

15.1 None.

Previous report(s): None

Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: N

Ward Members Notified: n/a

Appendix A: Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel: 19 September 2016

**Meeting of the
Local Planning Executive Advisory Panel**

Meeting Notes

**The Council Chamber, The Symington Building,
Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough**

Monday 19 September 2016

Commencing: 2.00 p.m.

Councillors Present: Brodrick (Chair), Mrs Burrell, Galton, Holyoak, Nunn, Mrs Page & Rickman.

Councillors observing: Elliott and Rook.

Officers Present: L. Aspinall (LA), D. Atkinson (DA), K. Reed (KR) and P. Storey (PS).

Item	Action
<p>1. Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillors Dr Hill (substituted by Mrs Burrell) and Tomlin (substituted by Cllr Nunn).</p>	
<p>2. Declarations of Interests</p> <p>Cllr Galton declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a precaution as the Lutterworth site being considered at the meeting involved land owned by Leicestershire County Council. He was a Scrutiny member of the County Council and would not be involved in any decision made by the County Council.</p> <p>Cllr Nunn declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as the Lutterworth site being considered at the meeting involved land owned by Leicestershire County Council and she was an officer of that Council.</p> <p>Cllr Page declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest as a precaution as the Lutterworth site being considered at the meeting involved land owned by Leicestershire County Council. She was a non-Executive member of the County Council and would not be involved in any decision made by the County Council and this Panel was an advisory body and did not make decisions.</p>	
<p>3. Notes of the Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 22 August 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the addition of the words "as observers" after the names of guest councillors (and excluding the name of Cllr Graves) and the removal of the names of members in attendance but not taking part in the meeting in the second sentence of Note 1.</p>	
<p>4. Actions Arising</p> <p>The comments made on affordable housing were being incorporated into the policies in the Draft Local Plan.</p>	SP

5. Harborough Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal - Selected Spatial Options (August 2016)

The Panel considered the latest sustainability appraisal (SA) report providing guidance on the four selected options shortlisted by the Executive on 9 May 2016 for distributing housing and general employment development through the Local Plan. It was essential that the Panel considered the SA before considering the Assessment of Selected Spatial Options at the next agenda item. A small number of changes made to the SA since the report had been written had a “knock on” effect on the Assessment report and would be picked up under note 6 below.

KR stated that there would be consultation on the SA at the same time as the Pre-submission Draft of the Local Plan (which would be considered by Council on 12 December 2016). The consultation would begin in in January 2017 for a six week period.

The Panel RECOMMENDED to the Executive that the report and its findings be used to progress the Local Plan and to inform the selection of a single preferred spatial development option.

6. Assessment of Selected Spatial Options

The Panel considered a report seeking recommendations to the Executive on the preferred strategic spatial development option for housing and employment development for inclusion in the Pre-submission Draft Local Plan.

Some of the information in table 2 of the report had contained mathematical errors and had been corrected in an errata addendum sheet issued following the agenda, with consequent changes to some of the subsequent paragraphs relating to the rankings. KR stated that, as a result of the finalisation of the Selected Spatial Options SA referred to in note 5, under SA assessment on effects on natural environment and on-site designations, Option 2 (Core Strategy) in the appendix to the report now had a ranking of 3 (not 3.5) and Option 6 (Lutterworth East) now had a ranking of 4 (not 3.5); but this did not affect the recommendations to the Panel. It was noted that ‘Lutterworth East’ was now being referred to as ‘East of Lutterworth’, which was more accurate. However Cllrs Page and Rickman also suggested ‘Misterton West’. Also, all issues relating to Option 6 and set out in paragraph 4.40 of the report were subject to further work with the promoters and would be taken forward within the policy for the Strategic Development Area (SDA).

KR

In response to Members’ comments KR responded that:

- The objectively assessed housing need for the District was currently 475 and the new objectively assessed housing need emerging from the HEDNA would be known soon. When this is known a final projection concerning the totality of housing need for the Harborough District can be taken to the next stage. In the meantime preparation of the Local Plan would continue based on the interim draft requirement figure of 550.
- Officers could look at the connectivity between Lutterworth and land to the east of Lutterworth, with a view to determining the extent to which the SDA would be self-contained and to which it will rely upon facilities in Lutterworth;
- Discussions would take place with the developer regarding the requirement to provide a Lutterworth bypass to the east of the M1 linked to the delivery of the SDA and its associated timing which would be included in the policy for the SDA;
- The east of Lutterworth SDA would extend significantly beyond the plan period and so contribute towards Strategic Growth Plan requirements for Leicester and Leicestershire;
- The trigger mechanism for the potential reserve site at Scraftoft North

SDA and development details would be in the Council's signing of a Memorandum of Understanding currently under preparation.

Members expressed the view that both the land east of Lutterworth SDA and the reserve site at Scraftoft North SDA would require the provision of a full range of community facilities at each site and that an effective Lutterworth by-pass/ relief road, together with associated traffic management measures to reduce HGV movements through the town centre should be provided as soon as possible. There would be significant problems in excluding traffic (other than buses and cycles) from Gilmorton Road.

It was noted that the east of Lutterworth SDA would only contribute to part of the housing requirement and that other parts of the District, including Market Harborough and many Rural Centres and Sustainable Rural Villages would also have housing allocations in the Local Plan.

It was noted that information was being received constantly by officers regarding the factors included in the assessment of site options and this would be included in the report to the Executive at its meeting in October 2016 for consideration. The Panel will also be made aware of any such new information that ought to be included in the report to Executive.

The Panel RECOMMENDED the Executive to agree that:

- 1. Option 6, involving a Strategic Development Area on land east of Lutterworth, should be the preferred option for meeting Harborough District's housing and employment needs over the Plan period to 2031 and beyond.**
- 2. Scraftoft North SDA should be allocated as a reserve site for 1200 dwellings, only to be released if needed to contribute to meeting housing need from other local authorities as agreed within a Memorandum of Understanding or equivalent.**
- 3. Additional information as it emerged would feed into the report on the Draft Local Plan and would be included in the report and Appendix when it is considered by the Executive.**

The meeting closed at 3.07 p.m.