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STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

10 December 2020

7.00 pm – 8.49 pm

Remote Meeting

Minutes

Membership

Councillor Doina Cornell (Chair)	P	Councillor Keith Pearson	P
Councillor Martin Whiteside (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Simon Pickering	P
Councillor Chris Brine	P	Councillor Mattie Ross	P
Councillor Nigel Cooper	P	Councillor Tom Skinner	A
Councillor Rachel Curley	P	Councillor Ken Tucker	P
Councillor Stephen Davies	P	Councillor Debbie Young	P

P = Present A = Absent

Officers in Attendance

Chief Executive	Accountancy Manager
Strategic Director of Communities	Head of Property Services
Strategic Director of Place	Senior Democratic Services and Elections Officer
Senior Community Infrastructure Officer	

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APOLOGIES

There were none.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 October and 20 October 2020 are approved as a correct record.

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STROUD DISTRICT 2030 STRATEGY – LIMITING, ADAPTING, RECOVERING AND RESPONDING IN A CHANGING CLIMATE

The Senior CN2030 Officer introduced the report. Members were informed that the Draft 2030 Strategy and Master Plan focused on how to address both climate and ecological emergency as well as aspect of recovery. A period of public consultation was being

undertaken and a report would be presented to Council in the Spring of 2021. The Senior SN2030 Officer encouraged Members of the Committee to make individual comments on the consultation and help promote to others the opportunity to feed into the consultation also.

Councillor Davies asked whether there was any measure of the impact of the work that had been carried out already in terms of reduction of Co2. The Senior CN2030 Officer confirmed that there were measures of carbon emissions and that this was available on the Council Website.

In a response to a question regarding the level of response that had been received so far it was confirmed that 5 consultation events had been held and were very well attended and approximately 90 responses to the survey had been received so far.

Councillor Pickering asked a question regarding the impact of the M5 motorway and whether this had been included in the strategy. The Senior CN2030 Officer advised that the master plan has a theme based on mobility and that a comprehensive action plan would be built on from this. This level of detail is not included in the master plan however comments on the M5 had been received during the consultation and would be looked at.

Councillor Cornell, the Chair, thanked the Senior CN2030 Officer for the detailed strategy and asked whether more work needed to be looked at in terms of risks and barriers to carrying out the strategy. It was confirmed that we do need to manage the risk however at the moment the masterplan and strategy is just the first stage of the work and more detailed work would need to be carried out once the community governance arrangements are in place.

The report was proposed by Councillor Pickering and seconded by Councillor Whiteside

Members debated the topic at length and discussion was undertaken on the following themes:

- The Council's housing stock
- The need to accelerate our actions due to the Climate Emergency
- That everyone must take responsibility including the wider community, investors and businesses.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried.

RESOLVED

- a.) **Endorse the draft 2030 Strategy.**
- b.) **Delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Place and Senior Carbon Neutral 2030 Officer, in consultation with the Chair of the Committee, to make any changes to the draft 2030 Strategy arising from the current engagement and consultation process.**
- c.) **Commend the draft 2030 Strategy for adoption by Full Council in February 2021, incorporating any changes made as a result of the consultation and engagement process referred to in b.) above.**

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Spending Proposals

Councillor Pickering, the Chair of Environment Committee, introduced the report and provided a brief background on CIL and reminded Members that CIL partially replaced S106, with S106 being retained only for large strategic sites. The council had received over £650,000 since CIL launched 3 and a half years ago. Councillor Pickering advised that there had been 7 bids received and all were recommended for approval with varying levels of funding.

In the absence of any questions the report was proposed by Councillor Pickering and seconded by Councillor Brine.

Councillor Davies stated that it was great to be able to vote for something that allows the transfer of money to varied and exciting local schemes and highlighted the Hardwicke Youth Scheme and the work in Frampton for pedestrian and cyclists.

Councillor Hurst advised that he would be supporting the report however stated that CIL is a tax on development and effects the affordability of property especially for first time buyers.

Councillor Brine advised that it was great to see that the money is being invested in the District in a sensible way and would have an additional benefit of helping to reduce carbon emissions.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried.

RESOLVED **To agree the Community Infrastructure Levy funding commitments as recommended by Environment Committee**

SRC.051**LITTLECOMBE BUSINESS UNITS**

The Head of Property Services presented the report and advised that the development of the business units was completed in 2018 and that consideration was given to both letting and selling the units on long leases. The unit in question was one of the larger units, it was confirmed that the intention was to sell the unit however the valuation took it above the Head of Property Services current delegated limits.

Councillor Pearson asked for clarification on the income received from the units. The Head of Property Services confirmed that the sale of the 7 units totalled just over £1.6 million and 2 units had been leased, it was confirmed that a more detailed analysis of the figures would need to be undertaken and that these could be brought back to the Committee once the deals had been completed.

Councillor Davies asked whether the environmental implications were considered at the time they were built. The Head of Property Services advised that the EPC on the units is a B which is a good rating and they would look at environmental implications going forward if any further opportunities arose.

Councillor Hurst asked if office time and long term maintenance costs would be taken into consideration when looking at the costs for the project. The Head of Property Services confirmed that the original projections didn't take into consideration officer time however

they could make an estimate of this and confirmed that maintenance costs were recouped through service charges.

On being put to the vote, the Motion was carried.

RESOLVED **To delegate authority to the Head of Property Services to dispose of the remaining long leasehold interest in the council's business units at Littlecombe, Dursley above the current delegated limit of £250,000**

The meeting was paused to allow Councillor Pearson to regain connection to the meeting, the meeting resumed at 7:28pm

SRC.052 **MEMBER/OFFICER REPORTS**

a) Investment and Development Panel

The Chair, Councillor Cornell, gave an update on the Investment and Development Panel and advised that although there hadn't been a meeting for a while plans were in place to look at making changes to the Investment and Development Panel.

b) Leadership Gloucestershire Update

The Chair advised that a meeting had only been held that morning and therefore a written report had not been circulated. An update was given on Covid-19, the tier system and the effects of the relaxation of rules over the Christmas period. Leadership Gloucestershire also discussed the partnership work that had been undertaken to help with homelessness and a proposal was looked at that would involve each Council creating a more bespoke solution rather than pooling the resources over Gloucestershire. The Chair also confirmed that they discussed the Western Gateway and it had been agreed that a County and District Council Representative would be allowed on the board however it had not yet been agreed which District would be given the seat. The Chief Executive advised they had also received an update on the consultation for the One Gloucestershire Integrated Care System, there were two options available, for Gloucestershire to remain part of its own integrated care system or that Gloucestershire joins a larger integrated care system. It was advised that the debate suggested greater support for Gloucestershire remaining part of its own Integrated Care System.

c) Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC)

The report was circulated prior to Committee. There were no questions.

d) Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee (GEGSC)

The report was circulated prior to Committee. There were no questions.

e) Strategic Recovery Board

The report was circulated prior to Committee. The Strategic Director of Place also provided an update on the meeting that was held on the 19 October 2020 advising that they were now focused on the response to the pandemic and narrowing down the priorities for each of the four work streams.

f) Brimscombe Port Redevelopment

The report was circulated prior to Committee. The Head of Property Services advised that they had met with the Environment agency and were expecting a response shortly, they had also met with County Highways and were awaiting their formal response.

g) Performance Monitoring Report

The report was circulated prior to Committee. The Chair advised that there had been another meeting of the Market Towns Forum and that it was great to develop the relationships with the Town Councils. The Chief Executive also confirmed that they had appointed to the position of Head of Technology.

h) Corporate Delivery Plan Progress Update Q2

The report was circulated prior to Committee. There were no questions.

i) Corporate Peer Challenge Action Plan Progress Update Q2

The report was circulated prior to Committee. There were no questions.

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WORK PROGRAMME

It was confirmed that some of the items listed for future meetings had now been included in the Work Programme for the February and April 2021 Committee meetings.

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MEMBER QUESTIONS

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm

Chair