

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING****19 November 2015****7.00 pm – 7.45 pm****Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud****3****Minutes****Membership**

Liz Ashton	P	Colin Fryer	P	Mark Rees**	A
Martin Baxendale	P	Chas Fellows	P	Lesley Reeves	P
Dorcas Binns	P	Paul Hemming	P	Steve Robinson	P
Tim Boxall	P	Nick Hurst	P	Mattie Ross	P
Rowland Blackwell	P	Julie Job	P	Emma Sims	P
Chris Brine	P	Haydn Jones	P	Nigel	
Miranda Clifton	P	John Jones	P	Studdert-Kennedy	P
Nigel Cooper	P	Stephen Lydon	P	Haydn Sutton	P
June Cordwell	P	John Marjoram	P	Brian Tipper	P
Doina Cornell	P	Russell Miles	A	Chas Townley	P
Gordon Craig	P	Stephen Moore	P	Ken Tucker	P
Kevin Cranston	A	David Mossman	P	Geoff Wheeler	P
Karon Cross	A	Keith Pearson	P	Martin Whiteside	A
Stephen Davies	P	Elizabeth Peters	P	Rhiannon Wigzell	P
Paul Denney	A	Simon Pickering	P	Tim Williams	P
Julie Douglass	A	Gary Powell*	P	Tom Williams	P
Jonathan Edmunds	P	Nigel Prenter	P	Penny Wride	P
				Debbie Young	P

\*\*= Chair of Council

\*=Vice Chair of Council

P = Present A = Absent

**Officers Present**

Chief Executive

Principal Policy Officer

Legal Services Manager &amp; Monitoring Officer

Democratic Services Assistant

In the absence of the Chair the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair.

The Vice Chair invited Members to stand and observe a minute's silence and reflection in respect of the terrorist attacks in Paris.

**CL.028****APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Kevin Cranston, Karon Cross, Paul Denney, Julie Douglass, Russell Miles, Mark Rees and Martin Whiteside.

**CL.029**                    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Robinson declared a personal interest in respect of item 5 on the agenda, Neighbourhood Planning Decision Making.

**CL.030**                    **STROUD AMBITIONS EVENT**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Wheeler invited Councillor Pearson to give feedback on the Stroud Ambitions Event held on 11 November 2015. Councillor Pearson highlighted the tremendous success of the event with over 70 businesses in attendance and 1000 young people visiting during the day. He informed Members that the success was due to the hard work of the officers concerned and recorded the Council's thanks to Jackie Godwin, Petula Davis and Mike Hammond.

**CL.031**                    **STROUD DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN ADOPTION**

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Geoff Wheeler, introduced the report and informed Members that the Stroud Local Plan was the first Local Plan in Gloucestershire to have reached adoption under the NPPF. Councillor Wheeler congratulated the Council's Strategic Planning Team and everyone associated with the Plan and noted all the hard work that had been undertaken. He also thanked all Members past and present for their input.

Councillor Wheeler highlighted certain aspects of the Inspector's report including confirmation of the requirement for at least 11,400 dwellings and 58 hectares of employment land. The Inspector had supported the strategy of the plan to locate development at higher tier settlements and restricting development outside settlement limits to conserve the countryside.

- RESOLVED**
- 1. To note the conclusions of the Inspector's Report (Appendix A) and accept his recommendations regarding the main modifications that are required to make the Plan sound.**
  - 2. To approve the additional modifications (Appendix B) and consequential changes to the Policies Map arising from the Inspector's recommendations.**
  - 3. To adopt as a development plan document the Local Plan (Appendix C) in accordance with Regulation 26 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) Regulations 2012.**
  - 4. To delegate to the Strategic Head (Development Services), prior to the publication of the final Local Plan document, the correction of any further minor spelling, grammatical or typographical errors together with any improvements from a presentational perspective.**

**CL.032**                    **DEVOLUTION - 'WE ARE GLOUCESTERSHIRE BID'**

The Leader of the Council gave a verbal update on the discussions that had been held and the feedback which had been provided by the Secretary of State. Two areas had been identified for further work:

- Housing - a requirement to examine further, the use of public sector land for development and to explore if some of the planned housing could be brought forward into earlier years;
- Governance – the Secretary of State said that he was not proposing an elected mayor or single tier authority but wanted further evidence on Leadership Gloucestershire.

Councillor Wheeler informed Council that the Secretary of State wanted a response to these issues by mid-January and that a formal response back to the Council and partners would be likely to be received by early spring. The proposals would need to be adopted by each Council and there was a possibility that a shadow authority could be established, with a new authority being in place for April 2017.

**RESOLVED To note the report**

**CL.033                    NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLANS**

Councillor Simon Pickering presented the report which set out proposals to streamline the decision making process for Neighbourhood Development Plans. The revised process would allow for the Council's Environment Committee to approve plans to progress to a referendum without seeking approval from Council. The proposed changes would reduce the overall timescales by three months.

**RESOLVED To authorise the Environment Committee to refer any draft Neighbourhood Development Plan, Neighbourhood Development Order or Community Right to Build Order (with or without modifications) which it is satisfied meets the necessary statutory requirements to a referendum.**

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

**Chair**