

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

16 FEBRUARY 2017

7.00 pm – 8.30 pm

Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

3**Minutes****Membership:**

Councillor Simon Pickering**	P	Councillor Sue Reed	A
Councillor Paul Denney *	P	Councillor Haydn Sutton	A
Councillor Chris Brine	A	Councillor Brian Tipper	P
Councillor Jim Dewey	P	Councillor Jessica Tomblin	A
Councillor Chas Fellows	P	Councillor Ken Tucker	P
Councillor Skeena Rathor	A	Councillor Tim Williams	A

** = Chair * = Vice Chair

P = Present

A = Absent

Officers in Attendance

Strategic Head (Development Services)	Principal Planning Officer (Planning Strategy)
Planning Strategy Manager	Senior Policy Officer/Project Lead Officer
Principal Planning Officer	Democratic Services Officer

Other Members Present

Councillors Steve Lydon and Mattie Ross.

EC.040**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jessica Tomblin. Belated apologies were received from Councillor Haydn Sutton.

EC.041**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

EC.042**MINUTES****RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 December 2016 are approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

EC.043**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were none.

EC.044 **WORK PROGRAMME**

Future items for the work programme for the new civic year 2017/18 will be considered at the meeting on 28 March 2017.

RESOLVED **To note the work programme.**

EC.045 **ENVIRONMENT POLICY**

The Senior Policy Officer/Project Lead Officer outlined the policy which had been revised working in consultation with colleagues. The policy is a requirement of our current EMAS accreditation.

During debate the Chair commented that this is an important policy to adopt and tribute was paid to Councillor Chas Fellows for the work on the 20 year strategy which was started in 2007. This Policy brings the work up-to-date.

RESOLVED **The Environment Policy as set out in Appendix 1 be adopted.**

EC.046 **THE FUTURE OF TOWN CENTRES**

The Principal Planning Officer presented the report which puts into context the challenges and opportunities for town centres and what they may look like in 2031. The next stage is consultation with all stakeholders, work on this will start in March/April 2017.

RESOLVED **To approve the Draft Future of Town Centres report (Appendix A) for the purposes of stakeholder engagement.**

EC.047 **ADOPTION OF DELIVERY POLICY ES1 CHECKLIST**

The Principal Planning Officer, Planning Strategy outlined the above report and explained that the Local Plan Inspector in 2015 made reference to a 'checklist' to ensure that sustainable construction is part of developments. After public consultation in November/December 2016, a checklist was developed to help developers with sustainable construction and design.

The checklist will be publicly available and discussion took place on how it could become part of everyday construction, not only in new housing but also in housing being renovated.

RESOLVED **Adopt the Delivery Policy ES1 Checklist as set out in Appendices A-C as Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).**

EC.048 **SLIMBRIDGE DESIGN STATEMENT**

The Principal Planning Officer, Planning Strategy outlined the above design statement explaining that it is compliant with the Local Plan and can now be recommended for Supplementary Planning Advice (SPA).

It was noted that the Legal Implications in the report should be corrected to remove the reference to Uley & Owlpen Community Design Statement.

RESOLVED **That the Slimbridge Design Statement is adopted as Supplementary Planning Advice (SPA).**

EC.049 **KINGSWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: PROGRESS TO REFERENDUM**

The Planning Strategy Manager introduced the report, explaining the modifications proposed in the Examiner's Report, setting out how the Plan meets the basic conditions and outlining the process for the Neighbourhood Plan to proceed to referendum. All Neighbourhood Plans have to generally conform to the Local Plan, and once a referendum has taken place, which 50+1% of the electorate have voted for, the Plan would be "made" by Full Council. The referendum has to take place within 56 working days of the Committee's decision.

RESOLVED **1. To accept all recommended modifications of the Examiner's Report (Appendix A);**
2. That the Kingswood Neighbourhood Development Plan, as modified, meets the basic conditions, is compatible with the Convention rights, complies with the definition of a neighbourhood development plan (NDP) and the provisions that can be made by a NDP;
3. To take all appropriate actions to progress the Kingswood Neighbourhood Development Plan to referendum on the 4th of May 2017.

EC.050 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none.

The meeting ended at 8.30 pm.

Chair