

**PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
8 DECEMBER 2009**

*Councillor Mrs F Beatty (Chairman)*

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

Mrs M Bowen

C E Simpson

G R Collier

D B Price

B M Cross

W R Simpson

J S Francis

B J Stamp

A S Harp

Councillor W D Davis (Cabinet Member - Planning and Regeneration Portfolio).

Also present - Councillors J A Russell and A H Stafford Northcote.

**PRS20 MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 6 October 2009, submitted and signed.

**PRS21 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor H Butter.

**PRS22 COUNCILLOR SESSION**

Councillor W D Davis had submitted the following item for consideration by the Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee under paragraph 2.7(c)(ii) of the Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules:-

“The Committee should consider and arrange a seminar on the lack of policy and guidance for this Council on the “wind farms and other forms of alternative energy proposals”. It is anticipated that more applications will be received before the LDF policies are approved.”

Members noted the success of the recent telecommunications seminar.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee a seminar be arranged to consider wind farms and other forms of alternative energy.

**PRS23 MEMBERS' ITEM**

Councillor G R Collier had submitted the following item for consideration by the Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee under paragraph 2.8 of the Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules:-

“Following the successful seminar on telecommunication mast which I asked the Committee for, and I thank the Officers for the style and content of the meeting. Will the Committee debate the need for a policy on the “siting” in the future of masts near houses, schools and play areas.

Should this be done by means of a supplementary Planning Policy of the Council, or can it be left to the stage in the LDF of the Development Documents that will follow the Core Strategy.”

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee a Task and Finish Review Working Group be established to investigate this issue, following the completion of the current Local Development Framework Task and Finish Review.

**PRS24 MEMBERS' ITEM**

Councillor J S Francis had submitted the following item for consideration by the Planning and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee under paragraph 2.8 of the Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules:-

“I should like the Committee to consider the issue of provision of lorry parks as part of any new industrial developments resulting from the ongoing Stafford Borough LDF.”

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

- (i) Officers and local ward Members express their concerns raised to the businesses in question;
- (ii) Officers enter into discussions with colleagues at Staffordshire County Council regarding off street parking of heavy goods vehicles;
- (iii) an update report regarding this issues be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

**PRS25 MANAGEMENT OF CAR PARKS/CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT CONTRACT EXTENSION**

This matter had been published in Digest No 135 of 6 November 2009 and had been called in to this Committee by Councillors B J Stamp, D R Seary and J A Russell for the following reason:-

“To allow the Committee the opportunity to examine the rationale underlying the proposal to extend the contract and the evident problems with enforcement in the Borough.”

Councillor B J Stamp referred to a statement submitted by Councillor D R Seary outlining the rationale for calling in this item, to which the Cabinet Member (Councillor W D Davis) responded accordingly.

(Councillor D R Seary was not present at the meeting).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the decision of the Cabinet be noted as follows:-

That the existing contract for the Management of Car Parks/Civil Parking Enforcement be extended to 31 March 2011.

#### **PRS26 IN PURSUIT OF SUCCESS**

Considered the joint report of the Head of Policy and Improvement and Head of Finance relating to the performance and financial management of those areas within the remit of the Committee for Quarter 2 of 2009/10.

The Committee discussed various elements of the report to which Heads of Service and the Cabinet Member responded as appropriate.

Particular reference was made to indicator PFA0212 – Work in Partnership with Staffordshire County Council to implement their Town Centre Traffic Management Measures.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

- (i) the submitted performance data for Quarter 2 of 2009/10 relating to those areas within the remit of the Committee be noted;
- (ii) Officers from Staffordshire County Council be invited to a future meeting of the Committee to discuss traffic management issues in Stafford town centre.

#### **PRS27 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BUDGET 2010/2011**

This matter had been considered by Cabinet on 3 December 2009 (Minute CAB46/09 refers) and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 27/11/09) relating to the draft detailed portfolio budget for 2010/2011, which incorporated the revised budget for 2009/2010.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted.

**PRS28 CAPITAL PROGRAMME AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME BIDS 2010/11 - 2012/13**

This matter had been considered by Cabinet on 3 December 2009 (Minute CAB42/09 refers) and was submitted to this Committee for consultation.

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V1 27/11/09) to the Environment Portfolio Capital Programme for 2010/11 - 2012/13.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted.

**PRS29 STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK DELIVERING THE PLAN FOR STAFFORD BOROUGH - ISSUES AND OPTIONS RESPONSES**

Considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (V3 16/11/09).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

- (i) the responses to the document "Delivering the Plan for Stafford Borough - issues and options" within the Schedule of Representations be noted;
- (ii) the responses and recommendations in the Sustainability Appraisal Commentary - Volume 2 be noted.

**PRS30 STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK DELIVERING THE PLAN FOR STAFFORD BOROUGH - DRAFT POLICY CHAPTER**

Considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (V4 30/11/09).

The Cabinet Member highlighted the draft preferred policies prepared for the document 'Delivering the Plan for Stafford Borough preferred approach' as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report, and the associated booklet as circulated with the agenda. Each draft policy was considered in turn, where Members were afforded the opportunity to comment.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the draft policy chapter be referred to Cabinet as suggested core policies for the document 'Delivering the Plan for Stafford Borough - preferred approach'.

PRS31 **WORK PROGRAMME - PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V2 13/11/09).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

- (i) the report be received;
- (ii) Members be informed of the proposed changes to the Planning and Regeneration Task and Finish programme.

*Proceedings commenced at 4.30 pm and terminated at 6.25 pm.*