

Meeting	Local Plan Working Group
Date	18 December 2018
Present	Councillors Ayre (Chair), Steward (Vice-Chair), Aspden, Cuthbertson, D'Agorne, Gates, Lisle, Looker, Reid, Williams and Doughty (Substitute for Councillor Brooks)
Apologies	Councillors N Barnes, Brooks, Warters and K Taylor

28. Declarations Of Interest

Members were asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests, or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

29. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2018 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Chair.

30. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

31. Rufforth With Knapton Neighbourhood Plan

Members considered a report that highlighted the results of the Rufforth with Knapton Neighbourhood Plan referendum and asked them to recommend to Executive to formally 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan and bring it into full legal force as part of the Development Plan for York. Members noted that this would allow the Neighbourhood Plan to progress in line with the relevant Neighbourhood Planning legislation and Regulations and that this paper would be considered by the Executive on 20 December 2018.

Officers gave an update and informed Members that the Localism Act 2011 introduced new powers for community groups to prepare neighbourhood plans for their local areas and that the Council had a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans including the process of Examination and Referendum.

Members noted that the Rufforth with Knapton Neighbourhood Plan had been prepared by the Rufforth with Knapton Neighbourhood group with on going engagement with the local community and City of York Council. It had been through various stages of preparation where the Examiners Report concluded that subject to modifications the plan met the necessary basic conditions and subject to some modifications should proceed to referendum. A referendum was held on Tuesday 20 November 2018, where 93% of the votes were in favour of the neighbourhood plan.

Members noted that once the plan was 'made', it would achieve its full legal status and form part of the statutory development plan for the area and would sit alongside the Local Plan (once adopted).

Members thanked all of those involved with the neighbourhood plan and commented on the high turnout at the referendum.

Resolved:

- i. That the results of the referendum be considered and a recommendation to Executive to formally 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan on 20 December 2018 be agreed.
- ii. That a recommendation to Executive to approve the Decision Statement attached at Annex B to be published in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) be agreed.

Reasons:

- i. To allow the Neighbourhood Plan to progress in line with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

- ii. To allow the Neighbourhood Plan to progress in line with Neighbourhood Planning Legislation.

32. Urgent Business

Officers informed Members that a letter had been received from the inspector in relation to the submitted Local Plan. This was to indicate their intention to move forward into hearings in early 2019. This letter would be published on the website shortly.

In response to Members questions Officers stated that:

- There was a statutory requirement to give 6 weeks notice of the hearings and some technical work to be undertaken beforehand;
- A more detailed timetable would follow shortly;
- Detailed Matters, Issues and Questions from the inspector, along with the Council's responses, would also be published online ahead of the hearings; and
- Venues for the hearings were being considered now that a timeframe had been identified.

Cllr N Ayre, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.15 pm].