
Meeting	Local Plan Working Group
Date	15 June 2022
Present	Councillors Ayre (Chair), K Taylor (Vice-Chair), S Barnes, Cuthbertson, D'Agorne, Doughty, Fisher, Hollyer, Lomas, Pavlovic, Pearson, Perrett and Smalley
Apologies	Councillors Galvin, Orrell, Warters and Widdowson
Officers in Attendance	Neil Ferris – Corporate Director of Place John Roberts – Strategic Planning Policy Officer Sara Dilmamode – Local Plan Project Officer

1. **Declarations of Interest (5:34 pm)**

Members were invited to declare at this point in the meeting any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registerable interests they might have in respect of business on the agenda, if they had not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests.

Cllr Cuthbertson declared an interest in Agenda Item 4 (Minute 4 refers), as he and his wife were members of the Minster Community.

Cllr Fisher declared an interest in Agenda Item 5 (Minute 5 refers), as Chair of a Parish Council that might benefit from the CIL, although this would not prejudice his view as it already benefited from S106 agreements.

2. **Minutes (5:34 pm)**

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2022 be approved, and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

3. **Public Participation (5:35 pm)**

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

4. Minster Precinct Neighbourhood Plan (5:35 pm)

Members considered a report which presented the results of the Minster Precinct Neighbourhood Plan referendum and asked Members to recommend that Executive formally 'make' the Neighbourhood Plan and bring it into full legal force as part of the Development Plan for York.

The referendum had been held on 10 May 2022, following approval by Executive on 17 March. Of the 166 votes cast (a 21.47% turnout), 137 (83%) were in favour of accepting the Plan. It was therefore recommended that the Plan now be 'made', in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

Resolved: That Executive be recommended to:

(i) Consider the results of the referendum and formally 'make' the Minster Precinct Neighbourhood Plan.

(ii) 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).

Reason: To allow the Neighbourhood Plan to progress in line with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations.

5. Introduction of Community Infrastructure Levy (5:38 pm)

Members considered a report which set out proposals to introduce a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in York under the CIL Regulations 2010, to support the implementation of the Local Plan and help ensure delivery of the necessary infrastructure at the right time and in the right place.

A CIL was a fixed, non-negotiable charge per square metre on most developments of 100 square metres or more, or on a new dwelling. CIL rates must be set out in a Charging Schedule and must strike a balance between collecting money to fund the infrastructure needed and the ability of developments to afford it (the viability). 25% of the CIL must be allocated to neighbourhoods where a Neighbourhood Plan was in place and

15% where it was not, as explained in paragraphs 10-11 of the report.

The alternative to introducing a CIL, as outlined in paragraphs 17 and 18, was to continue using 'Section 106 Agreements', until the proposed Government replacement of an 'Infrastructure Levy' came into effect. However, a CIL would provide more flexibility than the current arrangements and the timescale for introducing the new Levy was unclear.

Officers responded to Members' questions on aspects of the CIL, in particular the neighbourhood allocation, and agreed to provide further information on the approach taken by local authorities that had already introduced a CIL.

Resolved: That Executive be recommended to:

(i) Agree to move forward with the preparation of a Community Infrastructure Levy for York.

Reason: To enable the collection of funding from landowners/developers to help support delivery and mitigate infrastructure impacts of the development envisaged in the emerging Local Plan

(ii) Note that a Draft CIL Charging Schedule setting out proposed rates will be presented to Executive for agreement prior to formal consultation later in 2022.

Reason: Before the CIL can be published and charged, a Draft Charging Schedule must be formally consulted on in line with the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended 2019).

(iii) Request that input be sought from the Economy and Place Policy & Scrutiny Committee on the approach to be taken to neighbourhood funding in unparished areas, prior to the Executive deciding on the policy in relation to this.

Reason: In accordance with the scrutiny work programme, and to ensure that this aspect of the CIL is properly considered and consulted upon.

Cllr N Ayre, Chair
[The Meeting Started At 5.34 pm And Finished At 6.10 pm].