

Meeting Economy & Place Policy Development Committee

Date 22 November 2017

Present Councillors Cuthbertson (Chair), Kramm (Vice-Chair), Cullwick, Dew, Looker, D Myers and Richardson

Apologies

20. Declarations of Interest

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

21. Minutes

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2017 be approved as a correct record and then signed by the Chair.

22. Public Participation

It was reported that there had been three registrations to speak and one written representation at the meeting under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Peter Sheaf on behalf of York Cycle Campaign spoke in relation to item 4. He highlighted the importance of cycling and requested that the Council work with cyclists and cycle groups when looking at transport in the city.

Paul Hepworth on behalf of Cycling UK spoke in relation to item 4. He noted how cycling contributed to traffic management and requested the inclusion of cycling strategy development information in future reports.

Dave Merrett on behalf of York Bus Forum and York Environment Forum Transport Group spoke in relation to item 4. He noted the need for strategic public transport and asked that an approach to buses and to transport overall be included in the Local Plan and major development sites

Members received written representation from Kate Ravilious in relation to item 4. In her written representation she expressed concerns regarding transport planning for the York Central development. The Chair noted that he would discuss how the points raised in the statement would be addressed with the Scrutiny Officer.

23. Executive Member for Transport & Planning - Priorities & Challenges for 2017/18

The Executive Member for Transport and Planning provided Members with an overview of his priorities and challenges for 2017/18.

Members welcomed the update and made the following comments:

- In order to improve the local walking and cycling infrastructure ongoing maintenance of road improvements was required to try and make it easier for cyclists and pedestrians to travel.
- The gaps in the cycle network needed addressing. With reference to transport in the Local Plan, there would be a master plan which would include detail on the access to York Central.
- It was suggested there should be a strategic approach to residents' parking rather than this being decided on the basis of the residents parking petitions received.

The impact of the Local Plan on neighbourhood plans was discussed in detail. The Assistant Director for Planning and Public Protection confirmed that neighbourhood plans should only be introduced once a Local Plan was in place, not the other way round, and that only one neighbourhood plan was currently in place in the York area, in Poppleton. Members were advised that the Local Plan Working Group (LPWG) was to discuss the Local Plan and there was an opportunity for Pre Decision Call-In. Following further discussion it was:

Resolved:

- i. That the Local Walking & Cycling Infrastructure Plan be considered at a future meeting.
- ii. That the priorities and challenges for Transport and Planning 2017/18 be noted.

Reason: To understand the priorities and challenges for Transport and Planning 2017/18.

24. 'Impact of Arts & Culture on the Economy' Scrutiny Review Draft Final Report

Members were presented with the draft final report arising from the Impact of the Arts and Culture Sectors on the York Economy Scrutiny Review. The report included the information gathered together with the task group's conclusions and draft recommendations.

Cllr Looker, Chair of the Task Group, gave an overview of the report to Members.

Members noted the following points:

- The lack of any reference to York in the findings of the independent review of Creative Industries undertaken by Sir Peter Bazalgette, published in September 2017. However, reference to York had been made in a 2016 NESTA report.
- The strategic role of the Council, as well as the role of Make It York (MIY) needed consideration. This included clarification on the MIY Service Level Agreement (SLA).

Having considered the information within the draft final report and its annexes it was:

Resolved: To endorse the draft recommendations arising from the review.

Reason: To conclude the work of this review in line with scrutiny procedures and protocols, and enable this review final report to be presented to the Executive.

25. Work Plan 2017/8

The Committee considered the work plan for the 2017/18 municipal year.

Resolved: That the draft work plan for 2017-18, including the above amendments, be approved.

Reason: To ensure that the Committee has an agreed programme of work in place.

Cllr I Cuthbertson, Chair

[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.25 pm].

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