

**PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
6 OCTOBER 2009**

Councillor Mrs F Beatty (Chairman)

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

Councillors:

Mrs M Bowen	A J Perkins
G R Collier	D B Price
B M Cross	W R Simpson
A S Harp	

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

Also present – Councillor Mrs I E Davies.

PRS10 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2009, submitted and signed.

PRS11 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors H Butter, C E Simpson (substituted by Councillor A J Perkins) and B J Stamp.

PRS12 THINK LOCAL PLEDGE AND JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT

This matter had been published in Digest No 131 of 10 July 2009 and had been called in to this Committee by Councillors D R Seary, B J Stamp and Mrs C A Baron for the following reason:-

“The proposal in light of the Sustainable Communities Act 2007.”

Councillors D R Seary, B J Stamp and Mrs C A Baron were not present at the meeting.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee no action be taken.

PRS13 IN PURSUIT OF SUCCESS

Considered the joint report of the Head of Policy and Improvement and the Head of Finance relating to the performance and financial management of those areas within the remit of the Committee for Quarter 1 of 2009/10.

The Head of Policy and Improvement outlined the changes to the format of the report.

Members specifically discussed indicator PFA0210 and car parking provision in Stafford town centre.

Continuing, particular reference was made to indicator NI157b to which the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the Cabinet Member responded accordingly.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the submitted performance data for Quarter 1 of 2009/10 relating to those areas within the remit of the Committee be noted.

PRS14 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2008/09

Considered the report of the Head of Finance (V2 28/09/09).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the final accounts position for the year ended 31 March 2009 be noted.

PRS15 STAFFORD NIGHT TIME ECONOMY

Considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (V1 28/09/09).

The Head of Planning and Regeneration circulated a list of amendments to the draft policy as received from the meeting of the Community Scrutiny Committee held on 22 September 2009 (Minute No CS18/09 refers)(a copy of the list of amendments is available on request from the Head of Law and Administration).

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

- (i) the amendments proposed by the Committee be included in the Draft Strategy;
- (ii) a presentation from the Town Centre Partnership be received at a future meeting of the Committee.

PRS16 STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK DELIVERING THE PLAN FOR STAFFORD BOROUGH – DRAFT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (V4 28/09/09).

Councillor W D Davis informed Members of the recent announcement regarding a confirmation in the number of houses to be built in the Borough under the Regional Spatial Strategy, and reported that a Press Release would be issued confirming this (a copy of the press release can be viewed on the Council's website).

Members considered the recommended draft policy principles as appended to the report in detail, and were afforded the opportunity to comment further.

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

- (i) the policy recommendations established through the Task and Finish Group meetings be used to prepare draft preferred policies for the document 'Delivering the Plan for Stafford Borough – preferred approach'.
- (ii) Officers investigate the possibility of producing a 'design guide' for development in the Borough.

PRS17 **NOTES OF THE STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - DELIVERING THE PLAN FOR STAFFORD BOROUGH – DRAFT POLICIES TASK AND FINISH REVIEW**

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V2 24/09/09).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the notes from the four meetings of the Stafford Borough Local Development Framework – Delivering the Plan for Stafford Borough – Draft Policies Task and Finish Review, held on 7 August, 17 August, 18 September and 22 September 2009 be received.

PRS18 **TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS AND THE PROVISION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO TREE OWNERS**

Considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration V1 21/09/09).

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

**PRS19 WORK PROGRAMME – PLANNING AND REGENERATION
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 23/06/09).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the report be received, subject to the amendments made at the meeting.

Proceedings commenced at 6.30 pm and terminated at 8.31 pm.