

## **South Northamptonshire Council**

### **West Northamptonshire Joint Planning and Infrastructure Board**

Minutes of a meeting of the West Northamptonshire Joint Planning and Infrastructure Board held at The Forum, Moat Lane, Towcester, Northants, NN12 6AD on Monday 17 December 2018 at 6.00 pm.

Present      Councillor Tim Hadland (Chairman)  
                  Councillor Mike Warren (Vice-Chairman)  
                  Councillor James Hill  
                  Councillor Phil Larratt  
                  Councillor Alan Chantler  
                  Councillor David James  
                  Councillor Roger Clarke

Apologies    Councillor Rebecca Breese  
for  
Absence:     Councillor Ian McCord

Officers:     Colin Staves, Principal Spatial Planner, West Northamptonshire  
                  Joint Planning Unit  
                  Simon Bovey, Deputy Chief Executive, Daventry District Council  
                  Andy D'Arcy, Planning Policy and Growth Strategy Manager, South  
                  Northamptonshire Council  
                  Richard Wood, Local Strategy Manager, Daventry District Council  
                  Paul Everard, Planning Policy and Heritage Manager, Northampton  
                  Borough Council  
                  Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer, South  
                  Northamptonshire Council

#### **1      Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### **2      Appointment of Chairman**

##### **Resolved**

- (1) That Councillor Tim Hadland be appointed Chairman of the Board for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year

### 3 **Appointment of Vice-Chairman**

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That Councillor Mike Warren be appointed vice-Chairman of the Board for the 2018/2019 Municipal Year.

### 4 **The Role of the Joint Planning and Infrastructure Board**

The Principal Spatial Planner presented a report that explained the role and purpose of the Board.

The Principal Spatial Planner explained that the Board had an advisory role, and could consider draft documents, but it didn't have any formal decision making powers. Any decisions required would need to be referred back to each of the individual partner Councils.

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That the role of the Board and the Terms of Reference be noted.

### 5 **West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan - Scoping Document**

The Principal Spatial Planner presented a report that outlined a draft scoping document for the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan.

The report explained that there was a new legal requirement for policies to be reviewed every 5 years. As the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy had been adopted in December 2014, the 5 year period had now elapsed.

In response to questions from the Board, the Principal Spatial Planner explained that the detailed process of evidence gathering for the proposed plan had not yet started.

The Principal Spatial Planner emphasised that the indicative figures relating to costs and resources in the draft scoping document were loose estimates, and the details could change.

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That the scope of the proposed West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan be supported.

### 6 **West Northamptonshire Joint Local Development Scheme**

The Principal Spatial Planner presented a report that detailed the West Northamptonshire Joint Local Development Scheme, including the timetable for the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan.

The Principal Spatial Planner explained that the report was a public statement of the timetable.

The Board commented that the timetable was very tight.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the timetable for the preparation of the West Northamptonshire Strategic Plan be noted.

## **7 West Northamptonshire Growth Deal**

The Board considered a report from the Executive Director (Business) that provided an update on progress with the proposed Growth Deal for West Northamptonshire.

In presenting the report, the Deputy Chief Executive of Daventry District Council explained that the proposed new Unitary Council for West Northamptonshire may come into existence before the completion of the Growth Deal, so any work completed by the partner Councils would be an important legacy for the new authority to take forward.

The Board commented that work on the Growth Deal would be the number one priority, and it was important that local government reorganisation didn't impact on the work.

The Deputy Chief Executive added that SEMLEP would be a key partner to the work, as well as the partner Councils and the Government.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the progress on the Growth Deal to date be noted
- (2) That further work to achieve a suitable Deal with Government be supported

## **8 Part 2 Local Plans**

The Chairman invited representatives from each Council to give a progress update on their Part 2 Local Plan.

### **South Northamptonshire Council**

Councillor Roger Clarke advised the Board that the consultation period had closed for the Part 2 Local Plan, and the responses were being analysed.

The Plan would then be considered by full Council on 14 January 2019, in order to be approved for submission to the Planning Inspectorate (PINS).

### **Northampton Borough Council**

The Planning Policy and Heritage Manager explained that Cabinet would be considering the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Part 2 Local Plan in January 2019, ahead of consultation scheduled for a 6 week period that would end in March.

It was then anticipated that Regulation 22 submission would occur during the summer, with examination taking place during the Autumn of 2019, ready for the plan to be adopted in March 2020.

### **Daventry District Council**

Councillor Alan Chantler reported that the Settlements and Countryside plan had been approved for submission on 6 December, and was having final cosmetic and grammatical checks made before submission. It was hoped that examination would take place during Summer 2019.

In response to questions from the Board, officers explained that it was not known how inspectors were allocated to Part 2 Local Plans, and the volume of plans being submitted in such a short space of time could impact on the capacity of PINS

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the verbal progress updates be noted.

## **9 Future Meetings**

The Principal Spatial Planner proposed to the Board that meetings be arranged on a quarterly basis.

The Board agreed that having a schedule of meetings in place would help with timetabling of various activities, particularly in light of ongoing local government reorganisation.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That a schedule of quarterly meetings be agreed and circulated to all Members of the Board.

## **10 Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm

Chairman:

Date: