

WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Council held in the Council Chamber at the Guildhall, Gainsborough, on Wednesday, 1 August 2012, at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Councillor Jessie Milne (In the Chair)
Councillor Malcolm Parish (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Owen Bierley	Councillor Irmgard Parrott
Councillor Nigel Bowler	Councillor Roger Patterson
Councillor Ken Bridger	Councillor William Parry
Councillor Jackie Brockway	Councillor Judy Rainsforth
Councillor David Cotton	Councillor Sue Rawlins
Councillor Stuart Curtis	Councillor Lesley Rollings
Councillor Chris Darcel	Councillor Reg Shore
Councillor David Dobbie	Councillor Mel Starkey
Councillor Richy Doran	Councillor Lewis Strange
Councillor Ian Fleetwood	Councillor Jeff Summers
Councillor Paul Howitt-Cowan	Councillor Anne Welburn
Councillor Burt Keimach	Councillor Geoff Wiseman
Councillor Angela Lawrence	Councillor Trevor Young
Councillor Malcolm Leaning	

Apologies:

Councillor Gillian Bardsley
Councillor Alan Caine
Councillor Tom Regis
Councillor Di Rodgers
Councillor Mick Tinker
Councillor Chris Underwood-Frost

In Attendance:

Manjeet Gill	Chief Executive
Mark Sturgess	Director of Regeneration and Planning
Mike Braithwaite	Head of the Central Lincolnshire Joint Planning Unit
Suzanne Fysh	Head of Service Development and Neighbourhoods
Chris Allen	Head of Service Public Protection
Grant Lockett	Head of Service Strategic Growth
Joanna Riddell	Head of Service Localism
Bernie Shaw	Community Action Officer Funding
Rachael Hughes	Team Manager Area Development Team 3
Nick Ethelstone	Team Manager Area Development Team 1
Shayleen Towns	Senior Community Action Officer
Dinah Lilley	Governance and Civic Officer

Also in Attendance: The Reverend Phillip Wain

Also Present: Three members of the public

The Council's best wishes were sent to those Councillors who had been unable to attend due to illness – Councillors Underwood-Frost, Tinker and Caine, with the hope that they would all return to the Chamber soon.

34 PRAYERS

The meeting commenced with prayers by the Reverend Phillip Wain.

35 MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor David Cotton declared a non pecuniary interest as he was a West Lindsey District Council representative on the Joint Planning Unit.

Councillor Burt Keimach declared a non pecuniary interest as he was a West Lindsey District Council representative and Chairman of the Joint Planning Unit.

Councillor Stuart Curtis declared a non pecuniary interest as he was a West Lindsey District Council reserve representative on the Joint Planning Unit.

36 CONSULTATION RESPONSE TO THE CORE STRATEGY

The Director of Regeneration and Planning gave an overview of the Regeneration and Planning Directorate. The Directorate will play a key role in delivering the Core Strategy.

The Head of the Joint Planning Unit gave a presentation on the draft Core Strategy, the purpose of which was to initiate discussion so that members could formulate a response to the document to be sent to the Central Lincolnshire Joint Strategic Planning Committee (CLJSPC).

The presentation outlined: why we need to plan strategically; the growth proposals; the draft policies for Central Lincolnshire, including those for the Sustainable Urban Extensions (SUEs); the consultation process and the next steps.

The Core Strategy sets the framework for the future development of Central Lincolnshire, the growth targets for the next 20 years (based on growing the economy) and establishes the strategic planning policies for the area. In addition it identifies the location and scale of the SUEs. Overall the Core Strategic is seeking additional 42,500 houses and 25 hectares of employment land in the area by 2031.

The adoption of the Core Strategy will give developers and investors confidence to invest in the area, help to deliver the growth the area needs in order to sustain a balanced population and the local economy and help to ensure that development takes places in the most sustainable locations. In

short it will deliver the Government's objectives of creating sustainable development in Central Lincolnshire as set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (published in April).

The next steps include the end of the consultation period on 10 September 2012, a report to the CLJSPC and a revised draft of the Core Strategy, which will be published for a formal six week consultation period prior to its submission to the Secretary of State. A formal "Examination in Public" (EIP) will take place in 2013 with formal adoption of the Core Strategy occurring later that year.

The Core Strategy is set out in four sections:-

- Towards a sustainable Lincolnshire policies CL1 – CL3
- Growing central Lincolnshire policies CL4 – CL10
- Prosperous Communities and Places policies CL11 – CL22
- Quality Environment policies CL23 – CL26

The SUEs across Central Lincolnshire will account for 35% of the proposed housing growth within the plan period. Those SUEs wholly or partly located in West Lindsey are the Lincoln North East quadrant, and Northern, Eastern and Southern neighbourhoods around Gainsborough. The balance of the housing growth will be located either within the urban areas of Central Lincolnshire or within its rural areas. It is anticipated that 9,500 houses will be needed in the rural areas of North Kesteven and West Lindsey during the plan period.

The meeting then formed into workshop groups defined by six areas identified within West Lindsey (Trent, Witham, Fosdyke, Gainsborough, Caistor and Market Rasen) for Members to consider the draft Strategy.

Workshop 1 asked the questions:-

- a) What type of growth and/or new development should be a priority for your area?
- b) Which towns and villages in your area are best placed to accommodate growth and what type?

Workshop 2 questions comprised:-

- a) What are the top five policies most relevant to your area?
- b) What are the five policies which are the least relevant to your area?
- c) Are there any policy areas which are missing from the document or any other gaps.

Following the workshops there was a discussion on the document where members raised the following general points:

- The Core Strategy had insufficient focus on rural areas.
- The Core Strategy needed to give more consideration to the context of West Lindsey as a predominantly agricultural District with policies which enabled local people and their families to be able to remain in the area.

- Concerns were expressed at the lack of proposals for additional transport infrastructure, to deal with the anticipated growth – especially in Gainsborough

Due the wide ranging comments raised at the meeting it was **RESOLVED** that:

A full report from the evenings workshops and other comments raised by members, with recommendations, would be brought to the next meeting of the full Council for ratification, prior to the submission of the Council's observations on the Core Strategy to the CLJSPC.

The meeting concluded at 9.10 pm.

Chairman