

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
EXECUTIVE HELD IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD ON  
TUESDAY 6 JANUARY 2015, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor M Alexander (in the Chair)  
Councillors M Carver, L Haysey, P Phillips,  
S Rutland-Barsby and M Tindale.

ALSO PRESENT:

Councillors D Andrews, R Beeching,  
E Buckmaster, M McMullen, P Moore,  
T Page and J Thornton.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Lorraine Blackburn	- Democratic Services Officer
Simon Drinkwater	- Director of Neighbourhood Services
George A Robertson	- Chief Executive and Director of Customer and Community Services

444 **THE BISHOP'S STORTFORD GOODS YARD UPDATE  
REPORT**

**The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 8 December 2014, on the Bishop's Stortford Goods Yard Update Report.**

**RECOMMENDED – that (A) the District Council work in partnership with the Neighbourhood Plan team to inform on an emerging policy for the Goods Yard site in order to agree a set of priorities**

for the site and work in conjunction with the site promoters to agree cost/value inputs to inform development choices based around an agreed priority list be approved; and

(B) the updated policy context for the planning application be provided by a revised District Plan Policy on the Goods Yard, subject to further public consultation and be closely aligned with any emerging Neighbourhood Plan Policy for the site be approved.

(see also Minute 454)

445 **DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN – RETAIL AND TOWN CENTRES POLICY CRITICAL FRIEND APPRAISAL (NOVEMBER 2014)**

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The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 8 December 2014, on the Retail and Town Centres Policy Critical Friend Appraisal.

**RECOMMENDED** – that the Retail and Town Centres Policy Critical Friend Appraisal (November 2014) be agreed as part of the evidence base to inform and support the East Herts District Plan.

(see also Minute 454)

446 **AUTHORITY MONITORING REPORT 2013/14**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 8 December 2014, on the Authority Monitoring Report 2013/14.

**RECOMMENDED** – that the Authority Monitoring Report 2013/14 contained as Essential Reference Paper “B” and Essential Reference Paper “C” as now detailed be agreed for publication.

(see also Minute 454)

447 **DELIVERY STUDY UPDATE REPORT**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 8 December 2014, on the Delivery Study Update.

**RECOMMENDED** – that the District Plan Delivery Study Update Notes from PBA, together with the presentation on Financial Viability and the Progress Update contained at Essential Reference Papers ‘B’, ‘C’ and ‘D’ respectively, including the implications of those for many aspects of the District Plan work, including the timeline, be noted.

(see also Minute 454)

448 **DUTY TO CO-OPERATE UPDATE REPORT**

The Executive considered and supported the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 8 December 2014, on the Duty to Co-operate Update.

**RECOMMENDED** – that (A) the notes of the Member-level meeting held with Harlow Council be agreed;

(B) the Terms of Reference for the Member Board of the ‘Co-operation for Sustainable Development Group’ of authorities be noted.

(see also Minute 454)

449 **APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from the Councillor A Jackson, Leader of the Council.

450 LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Deputy Leader of the Council, wished everyone a Happy New Year.

451 MINUTES

RESOLVED - that the Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 2 December 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Deputy Leader.

452 ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR - CRIME AND POLICE ACT 2014

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The Executive Member for Community Safety and Environment submitted a report which provided a broad overview of a number of the key provisions contained within the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. He provided a background summary of the report and highlighted the fact that the new Act introduced more effective powers which could be deployed by a number of Authorities to tackle anti-social behaviour and the further opportunities to work in partnership and avoid duplication of effort. He summarised the new tools and powers.

Councillor E Buckmaster sought clarification in relation to the frequency of Anti-Social Behaviour Action Group (ASBAG) meetings. The Director of Neighbourhood Services confirmed that these would be held at six-weekly intervals.

The Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Transport queried how the requirements of the new Act might impact on general funding. The Director of Neighbourhood Services commented that the new powers provided a quicker and cheaper process and that he anticipated that the Council would be able to cope within its existing level of resources, but that the Council might need to review at some future point, how it worked co-operatively with its partners.

The Executive approved the Community Trigger procedure as

now detailed.

RESOLVED – that the Community Trigger procedure as now detailed, be approved.

453 REQUEST FOR AREA DESIGNATION FOR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING: WALKERN PARISH

The Executive Member for Planning Policy and Transport submitted a report regarding an application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area by Walkern Parish. He stated that this was the first stage in the local parish designation process.

The Executive supported the application, as now detailed.

RESOLVED – that the application for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area, submitted by Walkern Parish Council, be supported.

454 DISTRICT PLANNING EXECUTIVE PANEL: MINUTES - 8  
DECEMBER 2014

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the District Planning Executive Panel held on 8 December 2014 be received.

(See also Minutes 444 – 448 and 455)

455 DRAFT DISTRICT PLAN CHAPTERS 17-19: RESPONSE TO  
ISSUES RAISED DURING PREFERRED OPTIONS  
CONSULTATION AND DRAFT REVISED CHAPTERS

The Executive considered and approved the recommendations of the District Planning Executive Panel meeting held on 8 December 2014, on Chapters 17-19 of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options.

RESOLVED – that (A) the issues raised in respect of Chapters 17-19 of the Draft District Plan Preferred Options, as detailed at Essential Reference Papers 'B' 'C' and 'D' to this report, be received.

(B) the Officers' response to the issues referred to in (A) above, as detailed in Essential Reference Papers 'B', 'C' and 'D' to the report submitted be noted; and

(C) the draft revised chapters, as detailed in Essential Reference Papers 'B', 'C' and 'D' to the report submitted, be noted, with decision on their final content being deferred to allow consideration of further technical work and other issues.

(see also Minute 454)

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm

Chairman .....
Date .....