

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
SPECIAL COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 25 JULY 2013 FROM 9.35PM TO 9.45PM**

Present: Chris Singleton (Vice Chairman), Keith Baker (substitute), Prue Bray, David Lee, Anthony Pollock and Rob Stanton

*Also present:-
Councillors Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey and Dee Tomlin*

PART I

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28 March 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was submitted from Councillor UllaKarin Clark. Councillor Keith Baker substituted for Councillor Clark.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

**4. WOKINGHAM BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK –
PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE MANAGING DEVELOPMENT
DELIVERY DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (LOCAL PLAN)**

The Committee considered a report which, following an examination in public and receipt of the Planning Inspector's Interim Conclusions, proposed main modifications to the submitted MDD Plan, which were considered necessary to make the Plan sound.

The Leader of the Opposition gave her thanks to the Officers for the work they had put into preparing the document; particularly given the short timeframe they had been given to respond to the Inspector. Councillor Bray stated that she understood the time pressures involved but was unhappy that again this item was being considered at a Special Council Executive Committee meeting and not a full Council meeting which would provide the opportunity for all Members to take part in a debate on the matter. She therefore requested that the Local Plan go to a full Council before its final adoption. It was confirmed that the final adoption of the item would go to a future full Council meeting.

Councillor Bray highlighted that at the Executive meeting, held earlier in the evening, an item relating to the regeneration of the Carnival Pool site was discussed and in the report that was considered it referred to "the regeneration will create improved facilities and a wider range of opportunities available for residents within the town and surrounding areas in line with Wokingham Town Centre Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document .." Councillor Bray stated that she was therefore slightly surprised at Modification 42 which added residential development on the Carnival Pool site as this had not been included in any previous documentation and asked how this had come about and how much housing was expected? The Executive Member for Strategic Planning and Highways stated that he would provide Councillor Bray with a response outside the meeting. The Leader of Council clarified that this was just enabling the Council to look at all possible options for the site.

RESOLVED That:

- 1) the Interim Conclusions issued to the Council on 24 June 2013 by Planning Inspector Patrick Whitehead upon his consideration of the MDD Plan (see Appendix 1 of the report) be noted;
- 2) the Proposed Main Modifications to the MDD Plan, as set out in *WBC45 Schedule of Proposed Main Modifications to the MDD* (see Appendix 2 of the report), which are proposed by the Council following discussions at the public hearings and the receipt and consideration of the Planning Inspector's interim conclusions be agreed;
- 3) the Proposed Main Modifications to the MDD Plan be published for a period of eight weeks public consultation;
- 4) upon receipt of comments made during the public consultation on the proposed main modifications, comments be sent to the Planning Inspector for his consideration when compiling his final report on the examination of the MDD Plan;
- 5) it be noted that the Planning Inspector has the authority, following a request from the Council under section 20(7) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004) (as amended)) to make any modifications as necessary to the MDD Plan to ensure it is legally compliant/sound. These will be set out in the Inspector's final report into the examination of the MDD Plan;
- 6) the Core Strategy, MDD DPD, the 'saved' policies of the replacement Minerals Local Plan for Berkshire incorporating the alterations and the 'saved' policies of the Waste Local Plan for Berkshire are the Council's strategic planning policies.

These are the Minutes of a meeting of the Special Council Executive Committee

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