

Minutes of Portfolio Holder (Leisure, Culture and Housing) Decision Making Session held on 7 August 2009

Present:

Councillor Chris Saint (Cabinet portfolio holder for Leisure, Culture and Housing)

Others in attendance:

Other Cabinet members:

Councillor **Bob Stevens (Deputy Leader)** and Councillor **Alan Cockburn (Cabinet portfolio holder for Environment)**.

Officers:

Andy Cowan (County Planner), Jane Pollard (Democratic Services Manager) and Janet Purcell (Executive and Member Support Manager).

1. General

(1) Members Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None.

2. Government Consultation on Draft Planning Policy Statement 4 – ‘Planning for Prosperous Economies.’

Councillor Chris Saint (Portfolio holder for Leisure, Culture and Housing) presented a report prepared by the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy setting out a proposed response to the Government consultation on the draft Planning Policy Statement 4 – ‘Planning for Prosperous Economies.’

Councillor Saint advised that he had considered the full consultation document , and the assessment provided in the Strategic Director’s report, and had concluded that it presented a balanced policy statement. He added that there were some areas that would benefit from improvement (as referred to in paragraphs 3.1-3.6 of the report) and that in particular the views set out in section 4 of the report. These views would be forwarded as the response to the consultation.

Resolved

That the conclusions set out in section 4 of the Strategic Director’s report be agreed as the Council’s response to the government’s Consultation on Draft Planning Policy Statement 4 – ‘Planning for Prosperous Economies’ (May 2009).

3. Regional Assembly Consultation on Options for Phase 3 Revision of Regional Spatial Strategy

Councillor Chris Saint presented a report setting out the response to the West Midlands Regional Assembly consultation on options for the revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy. Councillor Saint explained that this consultation concerned five areas that had not been considered during earlier consultation on the revision of the strategy.

A revised response (Appendix A) was tabled. This had been discussed by the eight authorities in the sub-region at a meeting of the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sub Regional Forum on 31 July 2009. The revised response had been supported by the Sub Regional Forum.

Resolved

That the views of the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Sub-Regional Forum, as set out in the appendix to these minutes, be agreed as the basis for the Council's response to the West Midlands Regional Assembly consultation on the options for the Phase 3 Revision of the Regional Spatial Strategy.

4. Any other items

There were no other urgent items of business.

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Leader

The session concluded at 10.06 a.m.