

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE – 15 OCTOBER 2013

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING – 15 OCTOBER 2013

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

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| * Cllr Robert Knowles (Chairman) | * Cllr Julia Potts |
| * Cllr Mike Band (Vice-Chairman) | * Cllr Stefan Reynolds |
| * Cllr Brian Adams | * Cllr Adam Taylor-Smith |
| * Cllr Carole King | * Cllr Keith Webster |
| * Cllr Stephen O'Grady | |
- * Present

84. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest from Councillors. The Deputy Chief Executive, Paul Wenham and Monitoring Officer, Robin Pellow declared a potential pecuniary interest on Minute 87, Staffing Matter, but in light of the special circumstances and need for possible financial advice from the Section 151 Officer and Standards matters from the Monitoring Officer, they both remained in the chamber.

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

85. CORE STRATEGY

- 85.1 The Examination Hearings commenced on 5th June, with the focus on the new 'duty to co-operate' and issues concerning housing needs. Following the first hearing the Inspector wrote to the Council setting out his preliminary view, firstly, confirming that the Council had met the legal duty to co-operate, but, secondly, advising that a new SHMA should be produced.
- 85.2 The Council commissioned consultants to carry out a new SHMA in July 2013 and although the SHMA is not finalised, the clear indications are that the new figure for housing need will be in the region of 470 homes a year. Work has not yet taken place to 'test' whether this level of housing can be accommodated in a sustainable way. However it is inevitable that planning for levels of housing significantly above that proposed in the submitted Core Strategy will result in changes that cannot be accommodated within the Plan as it is currently drawn up.
- 85.3 Continuing with the present examination will cause further delay and cost as it is clear that, in the light of the SHMA findings, there is no prospect that the Plan will be found to be 'sound' by the Planning Inspector. It is therefore considered that withdrawing the Plan and starting a process of review and amendment provides the quickest route to getting a new Plan adopted.
- 85.4 Withdrawing the Plan does not mean that the Council has to go back to the start. There has been considerable work to produce the current strategy alongside a number of consultations. A number of the policies are likely to

remain relatively unaffected and much of the evidence base is either up-to-date or needs only minor refreshing. The key issue on which the Council will need to focus, and undertake consultation on, is delivering the levels of market and affordable housing identified in the SHMA, so far as is consistent with the NPPF.

85. The Executive

RECOMMENDS that

1. **the core strategy be withdrawn from the present Examination; and**
2. **at its meeting in November, the Executive receives a detailed project plan to take forward a revised Core Strategy.**

[Reason: to seek endorsement to recommend to Council the withdrawal of the core strategy from the present examination.]

86. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

At 5.44p.m. it was

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Procedure Rule 20, and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 100I of the Act) of the description specified in the following paragraphs of the revised Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, namely:-

Minute 87

Information relating to an individual (paragraph 1)

87. STAFFING MATTER

The Executive considered a report on this matter and now

RECOMMENDS that

3. **The recommendations set out in (Exempt) Annexe 1 be agreed.**

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

Part II – Matters Reported in Detail for the Information of the Council

There were no matters falling within this category.

Part III – Brief Summaries of Other Matters Dealt With

88. **SCRAP METAL LICENSING – NEW LEGISLATION**

RESOLVED that a fee of £440 and £400 for Site and Collectors' licences respectively be set; of £248 and £208 for their respective renewals, and of £377 and £416 for variations to Site and Collector's licences.

[Reason: to receive information about new legislation, the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013, which is due to come into force fully in December 2013]

The meeting commenced at 5.30p.m. and concluded at 5.50p.m.

Chairman