

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN WORKING GROUP HELD AT BY TEAMS ON THURSDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2020

### PRESENT

County Councillor I McIntosh (Chair)

County Councillors D O Evans, H Hulme, M J Jones, K Laurie-Parry, H Lewis, R Williams and D Selby

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
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Apologies for absence were received from County Councillors P Davies and P C Pritchard.

<b>2.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING</b>
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The Chair was authorised to sign the minutes of the meeting on 20 March 2020 as a correct record.

<b>3.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>
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County Councillor M.J. Jones declared a prejudicial interest in Item 6 as he is a member of BBNPA, appointed by the Council.

County Councillor D. Selby, Scrutiny Committee observer declared an interest in Item 4, as he is a member of Newtown Town Council and has been involved in the development of the Plan.

<b>4.</b>	<b>NEWTOWN AND LLANLLWCHAIARN PLACE PLAN - DRAFT SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (SPG)</b>
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The Chair welcomed Councillor Richard Edwards and Sorelle White, Democratic Services Manager of Newtown Town Council to the meeting.

The Working Group noted that the Planning Policy officers had worked closely with the Town Council in the development of the Plan. The Working Group received a presentation on the Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Place Plan “Our Town, Our Plan” from the Town Council’s representatives.

The Working Group was advised that the Place Plan would only gain prominence in planning decisions if it is adopted by the County Council as Supplementary Planning Guidance [SPG]. SPGs carry more significant weight as a “material consideration” in planning decisions.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for decision</b>
<p><b>That the draft Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Place Plan SPG be approved for a six-week period of public consultation be undertaken during January-February 2021 and that the representations be reported back to the Working Group with an amended draft</b></p>	<p><b>To follow the protocol for approving SPG documents.</b></p>

<b>Place Plan.</b>	
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The Chair thanked Councillor Richard Edwards and Sorelle White for attending the meeting.

<b>5.</b>	<b>THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN) (WALES) REGULATIONS 2021</b>
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The Working Group considered the draft response to the consultation on the policy approach for the subordinate legislation required to establish the procedure for Strategic Development Plans (SDPs) to be prepared across Wales by Corporate Joint Committee (CJCs) and associated matters.

The Working Group raised the following concerns:

- the need for the development of an SDP for the Mid Wales region was questioned,
- the cost of developing an SDP and of establishing a CJC was raised. The source of these extra resources was also queried,
- the outcomes of an SDP, which could not be achieved via existing plans,
- the advantages of an SDP to the Powys area were considered to be limited,
- the linkages between the areas in the Mid Wales Region were limited as the area does not have the same type of interconnections as some of the more urban based regions and
- the impact of more plans, with which developers would need to comply, was a concern.

The Working Group noted that the Council would also be commenting on the consultation regarding the CJC.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for decision</b>
<b>That the draft consultation response be approved and the concerns raised be added to the response and that officers liaise with colleagues regarding the Council's response to the CJC consultation.</b>	<b>To respond to the consultation on SDPs and CJCs.</b>

County Councillor M.J. Jones having declared an interest did not participate in the following item.

<b>6.</b>	<b>BRECON BEACONS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY CONSULTATION ON THEIR LDP2 REVISED DELIVERY AGREEMENT AND REVISED PREFERRED STRATEGY</b>
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The Working Group considered the draft response to the BBNPA Revised Preferred Strategy Consultation Document.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for decision</b>
<b>That the response to the consultation on the BBNPA Revised Preferred Strategy</b>	<b>To respond to the consultation on the BBNPA Revised Preferred Strategy Consultation Document</b>

<b>Consultation Document be approved.</b>	<b>within the required timescale.</b>
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<b>7.</b>	<b>MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING [MOU] BETWEEN HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL AND POWYS COUNCIL ON AGGREGATE MINERALS AND WASTE PLANNING MATTERS</b>
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The Working Group noted the Memorandum of Understanding [MoU] between Herefordshire Council and Powys Council on aggregate minerals and waste planning matters.

In response to a question the Principal Planning Policy Officer advised that the safeguarding of railheads was added to the MoU as a result of the discussions at the last meeting. The Working Group considered that the relevant Director should sign the MoU on behalf of the Council.

<b>RESOLVED</b>	<b>Reason for decision</b>
<b>That the Memorandum of Understanding [MoU] between Herefordshire Council and Powys Council on aggregate minerals and waste planning matters be approved and signed by the relevant Director.</b>	<b>To complete the MoU.</b>

<b>8.</b>	<b>UPDATES</b>
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The Professional Lead, Planning advised that a LDP monitoring report would need to be prepared next year. He advised that it was anticipated that Welsh Government would approve the National Development Framework [NDF] in February 2021.

The Working Group noted that a number of SPGs, which have been considered by the Working Group, would be considered for approval by the Cabinet, when the Newtown and Llanllwchaiarn Place Plan SPG is available for consideration.

**County Councillor I McIntosh (Chair)**