

Committee Manager – Jane Fulton (Ext 37611)

15 February 2021

## **PLANNING POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE**

A virtual meeting of the Planning Policy Sub-Committee will be held on **Tuesday 23 February 2021 at 6.00 pm** and you are requested to attend.

Members: Councillors Mrs Yeates (Chairman), Jones (Vice-Chairman), Bennett, Bower, Chapman, Charles, Mrs Daniells, Dixon, Elkins, Hughes, Huntley, Lury, Ms Thurston and Tilbrook

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declarations of pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial interests that they may have in relation to items on this agenda and are reminded that they should re-declare their interest before consideration of the item or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.

Members and Officers should make their declaration by stating:

- a) the item they have the interest in
- b) whether it is a pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial
- c) the nature of the interest

3. MINUTES

(Pages 1 - 12)

To agree as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2020 as (attached).

4. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA WHICH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

5. LOCAL PLAN UPDATE - VISION AND OBJECTIVES

(Pages 13 - 20)

The Council is updating the Arun Local Plan 2018 following a Full Council decision on 15 January 2020. Following a series of three Member Workshops and a Question & Answer Session, a draft Vision and Objectives have been proposed in order to steer work and monitor progress on the Plan update. The Vision and Objectives accommodate a range of Member views and reflect emerging best practice and national Policy. This first step is the early stage of Plan preparation. The Council will now engage with all stakeholders and the community on the Plan preparation, following which, there will be scope for further alignment with infrastructure, utility and housing providers, businesses and communities in helping to delivering the Authority's aspirations through supporting the Plan update.

6. LOCAL PLAN EVIDENCE UPDATE

(Pages 21 - 24)

This report updates Members on the current and pending evidence studies being progressed to inform the update of the Arun Local Plan 2018 and is for noting.

7. INTERIM HOUSING STATEMENT

(Pages 25 - 32)

The Council has prepared an Interim Housing Statement because it is unable to demonstrate a 5-year Housing Land supply. The Interim Housing Statement does not introduce new Policy. This document merely provides the Council with a mechanism for inviting landowners, developers and promoters to submit planning applications in the right locations at the right scale by providing a high level tick list and RAG rating of existing Development Plan and National Policy Guidance matters, which if they are addressed by applicants, will help speed up decision making. It will operate until a 5-year

housing land supply is demonstrated.

8. WALBERTON VILLAGE AND VILLAGE GREEN CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISALS (Pages 33 - 42)

Arun District Council has 29 Conservation Areas within its Local Planning Authority Area (LPAA). In order to be able to fully preserve and enhance its Conservation Areas, the Council will prepare individual Conservation Area Character Appraisals. These appraisals define what is special, and therefore worthy of protection, as well as what detracts and could be enhanced. They also review the existing boundaries of the Conservation Areas and recommend where there is potential for them to be amended. Appraisals assist the determination of planning applications, but also form part of an appropriate heritage evidence base in the preparation or review of a Local Plan.

Two separate Conservation Area Character Appraisals have been prepared for the 'Walberton Village' and 'Walberton Green' Conservation Areas, and this report seeks agreement to publish them for public consultation.

9. WORTHING AND CRAWLEY LOCAL PLAN REGULATION 19 - PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATIONS (Pages 43 - 50)

This report advises Members on Worthing Borough Council's and Crawley Borough Council's 'Pre-submission' Local Plan (Regulation 19) public consultations. The respective plans propose strategies, site allocations and policies to deliver housing and development needs over their plan periods but with a significant residual unmet housing need in each case. At this stage, each plan is considered ready for submission and comments are restricted to legal or 'soundness' issues. The response urges the two authorities respectively, to secure Statements of Common Ground with Arun to clarify and address the cross-boundary implications of the levels unmet housing need.

Note : Members are reminded that if they have any detailed questions would they please inform the Chairman and/or relevant Director in advance of the meeting.

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