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PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Planning Policy Committee will be held in the **Council Chamber at the Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5LF** on **Wednesday 6 October 2021 at 6.00 pm** and you are requested to attend.

Members: Councillors Bower (Chair), Hughes (Vice-Chair), Chapman, Charles, Coster, Elkins, Goodheart, Jones, Lury, Thurston and Yeates

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- a) Where a member of the public has registered to take part in Public Question Time, they will be invited to submit the question in advance of the meeting to be read out by an Officer. In response to the continuing health guidelines, there will be very limited public access to this meeting. Admission for public speakers will be by ticket only, bookable when submitting questions. Attendees will be asked to sit in an allocated seat in the public gallery on a first come first served basis. Only one ticket will be available per person.
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Any members of the public wishing to address the Committee meeting during Public Question Time, will need to email Committees@arun.gov.uk by 5.15 pm on Tuesday 28 September in line with current Procedure Rules. It will be at the Chief Executive's/Chair's discretion if any questions received after this deadline are considered. Permitted questions will be read out by an Officer.

For further information on the items to be discussed, please contact: committees@arun.gov.uk

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members and Officers are invited to make any declaration 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 items 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 interest and/or prejudicial interest
- c) the nature of the interest

3. **MINUTES**

(Pages 1 - 6)

The Committee will be asked to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Planning Policy Committee held on 20 July 2021.

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

5. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

To receive questions from the public (for a period of up to 15 minutes).

[15 minutes]

6. MOTION

The following Motion was submitted in accordance with Council Procedure 15.1 and 15.2 and referred to the Committee by Full Council on 15 September 2021.

Proposer: Councillor Dixon

Seconder: Councillor Thurston

The Coastal Plain in the Arun District is low lying and flat – making it vulnerable to the risks arising from climate change, particularly rising sea levels. This land was under the sea once (as evidenced by the district's raised beaches), and, if recent climate change forecasts are to be believed, it can be again.

There are already thousands of existing homes on the Coastal Plain. Also, the Council is compelled by government policy to build a further 20,000 new homes.

Normally, in districts at risk of flooding, it is possible to build on higher ground but in the Arun district our higher ground is National Park, where there is a presumption against development, and so we are prevented from doing this. New homes can only be built on the Coastal Plain.

On the 5 December 2019, the Prime Minister said:

“We've got to stop building on flood plains. We've got to stop building on areas which are vulnerable to flooding.”

And

“The other thing we've got to do, we've got to put in long-term flood defences.”

This Council supports these aims, as expressed by the Prime Minister.

The Council therefore calls on the Government to recognise the flood risks to the Coastal Plain arising from climate change, by commissioning a full and comprehensive risk assessment for the Coastal Plain, utilising the most up to date and credible scientific data available, in order to identify what mitigation measures will be required to protect new and existing communities.

The Council instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government to request a meeting to discuss this.

[30 minutes]

7. BUDGET 2022/2023 PROCESS (Pages 7 - 10)

The report provides a summary of the budget process for 2022/23 which the Committee is asked to note.
[20 minutes]

8. COASTAL CHANGE MANAGEMENT AREAS (Pages 11 - 24)

Following Cabinet's approval, in October 2020, to allocate £30,000 to investigate the introduction of a Coastal Change Management Area (CCMA), the report contains a draft consultants' brief for endorsement by the Committee. The intention is to examine the stages needed to be followed and potential implications when considering the introduction of a CCMA. The report will also seek endorsement of how Planning Applications for development in coastal flood and erosion risk areas should be addressed ahead of the formal consideration of introducing a CCMA.
[20 minutes]

9. INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STATEMENT (Pages 25 - 28)

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Regulations 2010 (as amended) include a requirement for all planning obligation collecting authorities to prepare an annual Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) to be published on the Council's website at the end of the calendar year; reporting planning obligation income and expenditure from the previous financial year. This report summarises the factual update to the Arun District Council IFS which is available as Background Paper 1. [20 minutes]

10. ARUN LOCAL PLAN UPDATE (Pages 29 - 40)

This report updates members on the issues affecting the progress of the Local Plan update and progressing a Vision and Objectives while anticipating significant Government planning and regulatory reforms. There are consequently, a number of options members may wish to consider on the approach to take for the Local Plan update and supporting evidence work, in view of the pending national planning reforms and also emergent critical issues arising under the 'Duty To Cooperate' affecting plan making and particularly delivery of development to the West of Arun in the A27 corridor.
[30 minutes]

11. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT POLICIES ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK (Pages 41 - 46)

Following the meeting in June, the Planning Policy Committee agreed early engagement work could commence on the draft list of Development Management Policies identified for potential review. This report provides an update on that engagement work.

[20 minutes]

12. WEST SUSSEX TRANSPORT PLAN 2022-2036 CONSULTATION (Pages 47 - 54)

West Sussex County Council are reviewing their Local Transport Plan to update the County Council's approach to managing and investing in the transport network. This report therefore seeks agreement that the comments set out in this report form the basis for the Council's formal response to the West Sussex County Council document 'Draft West Sussex Transport Plan 2022-2036' (WSTP) [Background Paper 1] published for consultation from Friday 16 July to Friday 8 October.

[20 minutes]

13. DUTY TO COOPERATE - STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND BETWEEN HORSHAM DISTRICT COUNCIL AND ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL (Pages 55 - 68)

This report seeks Members' agreement that the Chair of Planning Policy Committee is authorised to sign the joint 'Statement of Common Ground' with Horsham District Council.

[30 minutes]

OUTSIDE BODIES - FEEDBACK FROM MEETINGS

Will be circulated separately to the agenda should there be any.

14. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 69 - 72)

The Committee is required to note the Work Programme for 2021/22.

Note: If Members have any detailed questions, they are reminded that they need to inform the Chair and relevant Director in advance of the meeting.

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