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LOCAL PLAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Wednesday 8 July 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Matlock at 6.00pm

PRESENT

Councillor Lewis Rose, OBE - In the Chair

Councillors Martin Burfoot, Albert Catt, Richard FitzHerbert, Tony Millward, BEM, Garry Purdy, Mike Ratcliffe, Peter Slack and Andrew Statham.

Dorcas Bunton (Chief Executive), Paul Wilson (Corporate Director), Mike Hase (Planning Policy Manager), Steve Capes (Head of Regeneration and Policy) and Jackie Cullen (Committee Assistant).

Councillors Sue Bull and Sue Burfoot attended as interested parties.

2 members of the public.

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Tony Morley, Andrew Shirley and Jacquie Stevens. Councillor Richard FitzHerbert attended as Substitute Member.

52/15 – DERBYSHIRE DALES LOCAL PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered a report that set out the background to the withdrawal of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan in October 2014 and the extent of work that had been undertaken to support the preparation of a revised Derbyshire Dales Local Plan. The report also outlined the extent of work still required to be undertaken and a proposed timetable for the progression of the Local Plan towards adoption.

On 13th May 2014, the District Council submitted the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Pre Submission Draft to the Secretary of State for Independent Examination. The Secretary of State appointed Inspector Keith Holland BA (HONS) DIPTP MRTPI ARICS to conduct the examination to determine whether the Local Plan was sound.

The Examination in Public (EIP) of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan opened on 22nd July 2014 for a period of two days, during which the Inspector considered the District Council's position in respect of the Duty to Co-operate and the Objectively Assessed Need for housing.

The Inspector’s report was received on 29th July 2014, and a Special Council meeting was held on 2nd October 2014 to consider this, together with a series of options available to the District Council in light of his recommendations. A copy of the report to Council was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

Following consideration of the advantages and disadvantages of each option Council resolved to withdraw the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan from the Examination in Public with immediate effect. Since that time, work had been on-going to refresh the evidence base in order to ensure that the policies and proposals that were brought forward were up to date and that the Local Plan would be found sound at a future Examination in Public, in the areas outlined below:

- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment update
- Assessment of Housing and Economic Development needs
- Strategic landscape sensitivity assessment
- Review of infrastructure needs and plan viability
- Gypsy and traveller accommodation assessment
- Sustainability and habitat regulations assessment

Details of each of these work streams were set out in the report.

As one of the tests of “soundness” of a plan related to compliance with national policy it was incumbent upon the District Council to ensure that it had a robust evidence base upon which the Local Plan policies and proposals were founded. Whilst work was on-going to ensure that the requirements of the NPPF were met, there were other legal requirements that needed to be addressed as part of the preparation of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan, including:

- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)
- Local Development Scheme
- Duty to Co-operate (DtC)

It was recommended that Officers be authorised to actively engage with all relevant bodies including neighbouring local planning authorities necessary to address the requirements of the DtC, and report back to future meetings of this Committee. Members would also have a role to play in the DtC discussions.

A review of the timetable for the preparation of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan had been undertaken, as outlined in the table below:

Milestone	Month
Initial Strategy Consultation	October 2015
Draft Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Consultation	February 2016
Submission Plan Consultation	June/July 2016
Derbyshire Dales Local Plan Submitted	September 2016
Examination in Public	November/December 2016

In view of the number of reports likely to be presented to the next meeting of this Committee, Members requested that the reports be circulated to the Committee as soon as they were finalised, prior to the meeting. It was also suggested that additional meetings

should be scheduled to spread the workload of the Committee and avoid delay to the overall timetable.

It was moved by Councillor Tony Millward, seconded by Councillor Garry Purdy and

RESOLVED
(unanimously)

1. That the extent of work undertaken in respect of the refresh of the evidence base as set out in Section 2 of the report be noted
2. That reports be presented to future meetings of this Committee in respect of the evidence base, Local Development Scheme, and Statement of Community Involvement
3. That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director to commence discussions with relevant neighbouring local authorities and other public bodies in respect of the Duty to Cooperate.
4. That progress reports on the Duty to Cooperate be presented to future meetings of this Committee.
5. That the timetable for the preparation of the Derbyshire Dales Local Plan as set out in Section 3 be approved.

MEETING CLOSED 7.10PM

CHAIRMAN