

## **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Strategic Planning Board**  
held on Monday, 24th July, 2017 at The Assembly Room - Town Hall,  
Macclesfield SK10 1EA

### **PRESENT**

Councillor G Merry (Chairman)  
Councillor J Hammond (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors S Edgar (Substitute), T Fox, D Hough, J Macrae, S Pochin, J Rhodes (Substitute), B Roberts (Substitute), M Sewart, G M Walton (Substitute) and M Warren (Substitute)

### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Ms S Dillon (Planning Lawyer), Mr A Fisher (Head of Planning (Strategy)), Mr S Hannaby (Director of Planning & Sustainable Development) and Mr J Owens (Development Planning Manager)

### **23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Burkhill, S Hogben, J Jackson, L Smetham and L Wardlaw.

### **24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PRE DETERMINATION**

Prior to Members declaring their interests, the Chairman read out a statement which stated that:

It was noted, for the record, that Members have those interests in property within Cheshire East as are recorded on the register of interests.

It was noted for the record that Members may:-

- a) be a Member of a Town or Parish Council
- b) be a School Governor
- c) be a member of an external organisation or amenity group such as the National Trust or The Ramblers Association.
- d) have previously been involved in or expressed a view on the preparation of the Local Plan
- e) be a Director of a Council owned company or have been appointed by the Council to a role in an external organisation

f) be involved in decisions about land in their role as a Member of the Council or in any of the “wider public life” roles that Members routinely undertake.

Notwithstanding that this may be the case in respect of any Members that were present, and save for any specific declarations which were invited, a standing declaration was given on behalf of those Members present that:-

1. They do not have a Disclosable Pecuniary or Non-Pecuniary Interest in the local plan strategy; and,
2. they approach the debate and vote on the local plan strategy with an open mind.

Members were invited if they did in fact consider themselves to have a disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest and/or if they feel they are unable to approach the debate and vote on the local plan with an open mind, to declare that to the meeting: no declarations were made.

## **25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **26 PUBLIC SPEAKING**

### **RESOLVED**

That the public speaking procedure be noted.

## **27 CHESHIRE EAST LOCAL PLAN**

Consideration was given to the Cheshire East Local Plan.

Members made a number of comments and sought clarification in relation to issues around green gap policies, affordable housing numbers, saved former Borough policies, boundary classification, changes to the scheme of delegation, flexibility on changing site allocation uses, uses on employment sites, the distribution of development in Local Service Centres and Other Settlements and Rural Areas, the role of Supplementary Planning Guidance and where it fits in with the Local Plan, fall back plan if allocated sites remain undeveloped, parking standards and safer routes to schools.

### **RESOLVED**

That Council be recommended to adopt the Local Plan Strategy, as submitted to the Secretary of State on 20th May 2014, subject to the inclusion of:

(i) the Main Modifications recommended by the Inspector necessary to make the Plan sound (Appendix 1c);

(ii) the schedule of Additional Modifications (Appendix 2).

Councillor T Fox requested a named vote for this application.

The voting was as follows:-

**In Favour**

**Against**

**Abstentions**

Councillor G Merry  
Councillor J Hammond  
Councillor S Edgar  
Councillor D Hough  
Councillor J Macrae  
Councillor S Pochin  
Councillor G Walton  
Councillor M Warren

Councillor T Fox  
Councillor M Sewart

Councillor J Rhodes  
Councillor B Roberts

The meeting commenced at 10.30 am and concluded at 12.22 pm

Councillor G Merry (Chairman)