

LOCAL PLANS SUB (PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION) COMMITTEE

Friday, 8 December 2017

Minutes of the meeting of the Local Plans Sub (Planning and Transportation) Committee held at the Guildhall EC2 at 10.30 am

Present

Members:

Christopher Hayward (Chairman)
Randall Anderson
Marianne Fredericks

Paul Martinelli
Susan Pearson
Dhruv Patel

Officers:

Paul Beckett	-	Department of the Built Environment
Peter Shadbolt	-	Department of the Built Environment
Amanda Thompson	-	Town Clerk's Department

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Alastair Moss and Alderman Gregory Jones.

2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2017 be agreed as a correct record.

4. CITY OF LONDON LOCAL PLAN REVIEW: PROPOSED DRAFT POLICIES

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of the Built Environment which sought comments on the proposed draft policies for the new Local Plan prior to the consideration of the full draft Local Plan by the grand Committee in Spring 2018.

Amendments/suggestions to the document were made as follows -

Culture, Visitors and the Night-Time Economy

- Need to minimise 'potential' disturbance to residents and workers while enabling a vibrant and night-time economy.
- Consider the inclusion of Livery Halls under the protection of existing visitor, arts and cultural facilities.

- Provide more clarity regarding 'suitable signage' and 'accessible public convenience provision'.
- Reduce the number of 'budget' hotels and aim to increase the number of accessible hotel rooms, and on-site servicing.
- Need to be precise with requirements regarding smoking and explore the possibility of the CoL being 'smoke-free'

Circular Economy and Waste

- Generalise references to the 'South-East London Waste Planning Group' in the event that the partnership should change.
- The design of future buildings should aim for a 'zero-waste' city.
- The transport of waste and freight should be by more sustainable transport incorporating use of the river.

Smart Infrastructure and Utilities.

- Remove all old telephone boxes if appropriate and insist on wi-fi in all new buildings.
- Encourage more 'grey-water' recycling.

Officers also advised of the recent publication of the draft London Plan and the key implications of the draft London Plan for the City's Local Plan review.

Members noted that the Draft Plan was more detailed and prescriptive than previous versions with the intention that local plans would help deliver the London Plan. A key change was the requirement that tall building proposals should be subject to independent design review, rather than relying on Borough or City officer and member expertise.

The Plan provided clear support for the City's international commercial role, however a requirement to increase housing provision in the City could potentially cause conflict.

RESOLVED – To

- 1) Agree the proposed draft policies set out at Appendices 1-3 of this report, and
- 2) Note the recent publication of the draft London Plan and the key implications of the draft London Plan for the City's Local Plan review.

5. CITY OF LONDON TRANSPORT STRATEGY - SCOPE, PROCESS AND PROGRAMME

The Committee received a report outlining the scope of the City of London Corporation's Transport Strategy and the process and programme for developing it.

Officers advised that the programme would be informed by significant stakeholder engagement including formal consultation on the vision, objectives and Local Implementation Plan in June 2018 and Transport Strategy in November 2018.

In response to a question concerning the very tight timescales and the need to prioritise this work, officers advised that there was a new team in place dealing specifically with the Transport Strategy although members would be alerted to any slippage in the programme.

RESOLVED – To

- 1) Agree the scope of the Transport Strategy; and
- 2) Agree the process and programme for developing the Transport Strategy

6. TRANSPORT STRATEGY - STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

The Sub-Committee received a report setting out the proposed approach to engaging stakeholders, including City workers and residents, to inform the development of the City of London Transport Strategy and Local Implementation Plan (LIP).

RESOLVED – That the proposed Transport Strategy Stakeholder Engagement Plan (Appendix 1) be approved.

7. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE

There were no questions.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

Members received a short update on the London-wide annual target for housing which was increasing from 42,000 to 65,000 and noted that much of the growth was expected in outer London and through an intensification of development in and around town centres and transport nodes.

The meeting closed at 12.00 pm

Chairman

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