

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD

22 March 2018

Present: Councillor Humphreys in the Chair

Councillors Chambers, Davey, Farrell, Hayfield, Simpson, Smith and D Wright

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Gosling and Phillips

Councillors Bell, Clews, Davis, Ferro, Hanratty, Jarvis, Jenns, Lea, Moss, Reilly, Singh, Smitten, Waters, E Stanley, M Stanley and Symonds were also in attendance.

75 Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

None were declared at the meeting.

76 Public Participation

The following question was received from Simon O’Keeffe:

As a Kingsbury resident, I was surprised to recently receive a leaflet from one of my local Councillors that asked the question “Where should houses be built?”. The leaflet went on to criticise a Labour proposal to build a new town around J9 M42.

Given that the Council has failed to take account of any of the responses to the two consultations on the Local Plan, isn’t it rather hypocritical to put out a leaflet with such a question as the headline? Will the Leader of the Council now take this time to delay the submission of this Local Plan to the Secretary of State and reflect on the damage and destruction this plan will do to existing towns and villages in North Warwickshire and will he apologise for the utter contempt the Council’s response to the consultation has shown to the residents of North Warwickshire who took the time to respond?

The response from David Humphreys, Leader of the Council, was as follows:

“Thank you for your question. Our leaflet was circulated as we have some concerns about a new settlement as proposed by the Opposition.

The Local Plan that we are considering tonight has been the subject of one of the most extensive consultation exercises this Council has

ever carried out. It is not correct to say that the Council has failed to take any account of the consultation responses as a number of changes have been made to the Plan. It may be that the particular change you wanted hasn't been made but that is not the same as not taking account of the responses.

We appreciate that the development pressures facing the Borough are significant as we try to meet the housing needs of the current and future generations. We will make every effort to ensure that the new housing is done as well as it can be, with as much infrastructure as we can get. If we did not have an up-to-date plan with the necessary housing supply, elected Councillors would have a much reduced ability to do this and therefore in our view it does not make sense to delay the submission of the Plan.”

77 North Warwickshire Local Plan - Submission

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council reported on the Regulation 19 consultation on the Draft Submission version of the North Warwickshire Local Plan and sought authority for the formal submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State.

Recommended:

- a That the North Warwickshire Local Plan be submitted to the Secretary of State;**
- b That the suggested changes detailed in the report of the Assistant Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Council be recommended to the Inspector;**
- c That the Assistant Chief Executive & Solicitor to the Council be given delegated powers to approve minor corrections during final proof reading.**

78 Local Development Scheme – March 2018

The Assistant Chief Executive and Solicitor to the Council presented a revised up to date Local Development Scheme for approval.

Recommended:

That the Local Development Scheme is approved

David Humphreys
Chairman