

**PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
12 APRIL 2011**

Councillor Mrs F Beatty (Chairman)

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

Mrs M Bowen	A S Harp
H Butter	D B Price
G R Collier	G O Rowlands
B M Cross	C E Simpson
J S Francis	B J Stamp

Also present - Councillor J A Russell.

PRS44 MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2011, submitted and signed.

PRS45 STAFFORD RIVERWAY LINK

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration on Stafford Riverway Link, a Community Interest Company.

Ivor Hind, Chairman, Stafford Riverway Link, gave a presentation on the aims and objectives of the organisation. A copy of the presentation is available on request.

Following the presentation Members were afforded the opportunity to raise any questions and Mr Hind responded accordingly.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the report and associated presentation be received.

The Chairman thanked Mr Hind for a most informative presentation.

**PRS46 REVIEW OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS
2010/11**

Considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration on the activities undertaken by the Economic Development Team in 2010/11.

The Committee raised a number of questions and the Head of Planning and Regeneration replied accordingly.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted

PRS47 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PERFORMANCE

Considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the presentation from Michelle Smith, Process and Performance Manager, on the actions being taken to improve the performance of the Development Control Service. A copy of the presentation is available on request from the Head of Law and Administration.

Numerous initiatives to improve efficiency within the development control function were highlighted, along with the resulting upturn of performance.

Following the presentation Members were afforded the opportunity to raise any questions, to which the Process and Performance Manager and the Head of Service responded accordingly.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the report and associated presentation be noted;

Members thanked Mr Manders and Miss Smith for a most interesting and informative presentation, and for the efforts of Officers for the improvements to the service.

PRS48 DRAFT URBAN DESIGN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT AND DRAFT SHOPFRONTS AND ADVERTISEMENTS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Considered the report (V220/03/11) of the Head of Planning and Regeneration and the presentation made by Henry Lewis, Assistant Planning Officer on the 2 draft supplementary planning documents. A copy of the presentation is available on request from the Head of Law and Administration.

Following the presentation Members were afforded the opportunity to raise any questions, to which Mr Lewis and the Head of Planning and Regeneration responded accordingly.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee:-

- (i) the report and associated presentation be received;
- (ii) a Task and Finish Review be arranged to consider both documents in more detail before inclusion in the Stafford Borough Local Development Framework process.

The Chairman thanked Mr Lewis for the presentation.

**PRS49 STAFFORD BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
DELIVERING THE PLAN FOR STAFFORD BOROUGH – LOCAL
CHOICES RESPONSES**

Considered the report of the Head of Planning and Regeneration (V3 30/03/11).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee, the Committee, when preparing the Stafford Borough Local Development document “Delivering the Plan for Stafford Borough – preferred approach”: take into account the Local Choices Responses.

**PRS50 WORK PROGRAMME - PLANNING AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

Considered the report of the Head of Law and Administration (V1 04/03/11).

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the report be noted subject to the following amendments:-

- (i) a Task and Finish Review of Draft Urban Design Supplementary Planning Document And Draft Shopfronts and Advertisements Supplementary Planning Document be arranged;
- (ii) a report on ‘garden land’ development be submitted to a future meeting;
- (iii) a seminar on Neighbourhood Planning – The Localism Bill be arranged, to which all Members of the Council be invited.

CHAIRMAN