

PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE

Date: 1 October 2012

Venue: East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston

Time: 7.30pm

Present: Councillors: - David Brackenbury (Chairman)
Tony Boto (Vice Chairman)

Glenn Harwood MBE
Sylvia Hobbs
David Jenney
Eloise Lucille

Gill Mercer
Bob Nightingale
Pam Whiting

211. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2012 were approved and signed by the chairman.

212. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Steven North and Marian Hollomon sent their apologies.

213. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND QUESTIONS

There were no declarations of interest and no questions.

214. NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE JOINT CORE STRATEGY 2011-2031 - EMERGING DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION AUGUST 2012

Mr Andrew Longley from the Joint Planning Unit (JPU) attended the meeting to give a presentation to members on the Review of the Joint Core Strategy (JCS). Members were advised that the JCS should be appropriate, effective and consistent with national policy. Changes to the JCS were highlighted to the meeting and a simplified Settlement Hierarchy was provided alongside more realistic housing targets. A timetable detailing the next steps for the Joint Planning Committee was provided and members noted that it was intended to agree a Pre-Submission Plan for consultation by mid-January 2013.

The Planning Policy and Conservation Manager then provided a report which provided members with details regarding the informal consultation on the emerging draft Joint Core Strategy. Members were supplied with a list of key policies in the Emerging Draft for Consultation, alongside a draft questionnaire response for consideration. Members noted that if approved, the draft would act as the Council's formal response which was required to be submitted before 15 October 2012.

The committee examined the draft vision statement for North Northamptonshire and found it to be acceptable going forward. The committee agreed to examine and comment upon the

policies provided in Appendix 2 on an individual basis so members were able to provide relevant comments on each one. Members considered each of the thirty-one policies at length before it was

RESOLVED:

That the Committee agreed a response to the Core Strategy consultation, subject to the inclusion of comments received from members' at the meeting.

(Reason – to provide input to and assist with the preparation of a new North Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy)

Chairman