

MINUTES

COVENTRY, WARWICKSHIRE AND HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY

Thursday 20 July 2017

Hosted by: Warwick District Council

Present:

Cllr Andrew Mobbs, Chair Warwick District Council	Chris Elliott Warwick District Council
Dave Barber Warwick District Council	Bill Blincoe CW Growth Hub
Martin Yardley Coventry City Council	Paula Deas CWLEP
Bill Cullen Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	Celestine Banks, Minute taker Rugby Borough Council
Cllr David Humphreys North Warwickshire Borough Council	Steve Maxey North Warwickshire Borough Council
Cllr Dennis Harvey Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	Ian Powell Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Cllr Mike Stokes Rugby Borough Council	Adam Norburn Rugby Borough Council
Cllr Stephen Thirlwell Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Dave Webb Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Cllr Peter Butlin Warwickshire County Council	Monica Fogarty Warwickshire County Council

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

Cllr Mobbs welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from Cllr George Duggins (Coventry City Council), Cllr Mike Hall (Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council), Alan Franks (Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council) and Cllr Chris Saint (Stratford-on-Avon District Council).

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 8 MARCH 2017

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

4. SINGLE SPATIAL STRATEGY

– *Steve Maxey*

A report with appendices had been circulated with the agenda.

The Single Spatial Strategy was last discussed at the Joint Committee meeting in November 2016 when the committee agreed that work should continue on the web based compendium and costs were deferred for 6 months.

This report sets out the progress of the local plans and the changes to the external environment. It proposes a refresh of the housing need figures in 2018 and to consider possible further land allocations. Discussion followed.

Concern was expressed about duplicating work being undertaken by the West Midlands Combined Authority and the Land Commission.

The Land Commission are looking to establish a West Midlands wide view of the 3 LEP geography and it was more widely agreed that they would expect us to have a Coventry & Warwickshire perspective. The sub-region would be collecting evidence at a different level.

Warwickshire County Council offered to provide the resource to undertake the work; to co-ordinate and pull together the evidence for the sub-region, to avoid duplication and to ultimately draw on the opportunities the Land Commission can provide. A coherent spatial plan could only add value to what we do.

It was moved that the Joint Committee agree to the recommendations set out, as follows:

- a. That the report and progress to date be noted; and**
- b. That the future work set out in the report be agreed.**

Cllr Harvey proposed the motion and Cllr Mobbs seconded it.

4 were in favour of the motion and there were 2 abstentions.

Officers please be aware that it was also noted that the Committee wishes to maintain the integrity of the LEP area and acknowledges the resource offered by Warwickshire County Council.

5. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

There were no further matters of public business.

6. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Agreed that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12a to the Act.

The members of the public present left the meeting.

7. WEST MIDLANDS COMBINED AUTHORITY

There were no matters to discuss but it was suggested that this item should sit within the public section of the meeting.

8. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF PRIVATE BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

8.1 Agenda items for the next Joint Committee meeting:

a) The Chair wished to record his thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for the earlier presentation of their draft paper. **Officers please prepare** a briefing paper updating members on overall land supply, containing the actual number of hectares allocated and hectares used as a sub-region. Together with a verbal update on the recommendations the Chamber of Commerce made and how to connect with the Land Commission.

b) Review of Joint Committee.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

CHAIR

Date