Cherwell District Council

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA, on 22 November 2022 at 6.30 pm

Present:

Councillor Sandy Dallimore (Chairman)
Councillor Douglas Webb (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Maurice Billington
Councillor Mike Bishop
Councillor David Hingley
Councillor Matt Hodgson
Councillor Ian Middleton
Councillor Perran Moon
Councillor Dr Chukwudi Okeke
Councillor Bryn Williams

Apologies for absence:

Councillor John Broad

Committee Members present virtually (no voting rights)

Councillor Ian Harwood

Also Present:

Councillor Barry Wood, Leader of the Council
Councillor Andrew Beere

Also Present Virtually:

Councillor Colin Clarke, Portfolio Holder for Planning
Councillor Katherine Tyson, Leader of the Opposition

Officers:

Ian Boll, Corporate Director Communities
David Peckford, Assistant Director Planning & Development
Andrew Maxted, Planning Policy, Conservation and Design Manager
Chris Thom, Principal Planning Policy Officer
Christina Cherry, Principal Planning Policy Officer
Emma Faulkner, Democratic and Elections Officer
Natasha Clark, Governance and Elections Manager

Officers Attending Virtually:

Andrew Whitaker, Planning Consultant
Liam Semugabi, Democratic and Elections Officer

34   **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of Interest.

35   **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 October 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

36   **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman made one announcement regarding housekeeping for the meeting, and asked Committee members to pause if the Chairman's microphone light came on.

37   **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

38   **Draft Cherwell Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18) Consultation**

The Chairman welcomed the Corporate Director Communities, Assistant Director Planning and Development, the Planning Policy, Conservation and Design Manager and the Planning Policy team to the meeting.

The Assistant Director Planning and Development submitted a report which provided an overview of the emerging Cherwell Local Plan 2040 for the Committee to consider ahead of the emerging plan being considered by Executive. The working draft of the Local Plan had been circulated as an exempt appendix to the report.

The Committee confirmed that they had no questions on the public cover report.

39   **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Resolved

(1) That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of

Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

40   **Draft Cherwell Local Plan 2040 (Regulation 18) Consultation exempt appendices**

The Planning Policy, Conservation and Design Manager introduced the working draft of the Local Plan to the Committee.

The Planning Policy, Conservation and Design Manager explained that the work on the plan was ongoing, and as such would be subject to change before the Regulation 18 draft was presented to Committee for comment.

A special meeting of the Committee had been arranged for 12 December, for comments to be made on the draft prior to Executive consideration and endorsement at a special meeting on 19 December.

The Committee made detailed comments and asked questions of officers which were duly answered, as set out in the exempt minutes.

Resolved

(1) That having given due consideration the working draft of the Local Plan be noted, and it be further noted that an updated draft will be considered at the special meeting of the committee on the 12 December 2022.

The meeting ended at 8.14 pm

Chairman:

Date: