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ISLE OF ANGLESEY
COUNTY COUNCIL



Joint Local Development Plan

Minutes of meeting held 7th September 2012 Glyder Fawr, Penrallt, Caernarfon

Present: Gwynedd Council:

Cllr. John W Williams (Chairman)
Cllr. Dafydd Meurig (reserve)
Cllr. John Pughe Roberts
Cllr. Gwen Griffith
Cllr. Christopher O'Neal
Cllr. Owain Williams

Isle of Anglesey County Council:

Cllr. R LI Hughes (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr. Lewis Davies

Officers

Jim Woodcock - Head of Service Planning Public Protection,
Isle of Anglesey County Council
Gareth Jones - Environmental Service Manager,
Gwynedd Council
Nia Haf Davies - JPPU Manager
Bob Thomas - Team Leader Planning Policy, JPPU
Eirian Harris - Planning Support Assistant, JPPU

Apologies: Cllr. Gethin Williams - Gwynedd Council
Cllr. Dyfrig Jones - Gwynedd Council
Cllr. WJ Chorlton - Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr. Kenneth Hughes (reserve) – Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr. H Eifion Jones - Isle of Anglesey County Council
Cllr. Eric Roberts - Isle of Anglesey County Council

1 APOLOGIES

As listed above

2 DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received from any member present.

3 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent matters were submitted.

4 MINUTES

The Minutes from Joint Planning Policy Panel, held on 20th July 2012 were accepted as correct.

Cllr. Owain Williams apologised for his absenteeism in this last meeting due to personal circumstances.

5 SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY PROJECT

A report was presented by Bob Thomas on Settlement Hierarchy. It was explained that the report elaborates on Stage 4 of the report that was presented in July's Panel meeting. Options are provided as a method of scoring services / facilities which exist within various settlements in order to recognise their present role. Opportunities will be given for Members' input on the process by holding a number of workshops in the beginning of October in order to consider future role of centres over the plan period.

Discussed / Points Raised:

- It was noted that schools will be considered as one of the key facility within a settlement but it was pointed out the effects of threatened school closure will have on settlements. It was suggested by the Member that schools is the only key facility that the Council has direct control of. It was noted that current situation within the settlements are being scored at the moment then any future threats or opportunities will be looked at.
- It was noted that the role of the Panel has a role to influence the development of the methodology but all Members of the Council will be given an opportunity to voice their opinion and information in a number of workshops taking place at the beginning of October.
- It was confirmed that the same methodology will be used within both Authorities.
- It was questioned why the scoring system was not presented for Population, Housing and Holiday Homes that was raised in the July meeting. It was explained that this scoring system was not relevant but it will be taken into account as part of the next stage by noting the future roles of centres.

- The problem of infrastructure in rural areas and the importance of having affordable necessary infrastructure in order to maintain and contribute towards employment opportunities in these areas.

6 DEVELOPING THE PREFERRED STRATEGY DOCUMENT

A summary of the paper was provided BY Nia Davies in order to receive Members' opinion on the proposed wording Parts 1 – 6 on the Draft Preferred Strategy.

Points Explained:

- Difference between Preferred Strategy and the Deposit LDP – the strategic document provides the back-bone for the Plan, therefore, no details on policy and developments sites will be provided.
- Key trends and issues that affect areas
- Vision, Objectives, Growth Options and Alternative Distribution which has already been discussed.
- That part of the document will outline local policy framework, regional and national.
- Intention to have Preferred Strategy document out on consultation by end of January 2013.
- Appendix 2 lists key terms that are being used during the process. This list will be included in the Preferred Strategy document in alphabetical order.
- The maps give an overview of the area.
- The Vision has been agreed by both Authorities as well as the Growth Levels and a General Distribution Pattern.

Discussions / Points Raised:

- A request was made for a map showing Infrastructure plans in Gwynedd as well as on Isle of Anglesey.
- Need a correction on page 24 / 4.1: population figure not the same as Household figure.
- In response to a question regarding the JLDP influence on the availability of health facilities, it was explained that the JLDP's role is to ensure that social and physical infrastructure, e.g. open spaces, walking and cycling opportunities. Discussions with Betsi Cadwaladr and other key stakeholders regarding health matters are taking place.
- It was noted that 'A' road to Llŷn Peninsula was not included on the map that was shown, it was suggested that the lack of good links will debilitate and hinder development in areas.
- It was noted that reference was made to plan for housing units which will cater for the elderly and it was suggested the need to strengthen the wording to create opportunities for

young people to stay in the area. This is an issue that has been recognised in another part of the document that needs attention.

- Need more attention towards the Economy in part 6 of the document. Tourism has decreased this year which affects the livelihood of local shops.
- Need to address the costs of infrastructure. Problems in areas with poor road network, such as North Llyn Peninsula and South Meirionydd.
- It was suggested the need to ear-mark time later on before the consultation period for the Panel to discuss consultation method, in order to ensure that messages have a clear understanding and are being spread.