
JOINT PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE 28/06/17

PRESENT:

Isle of Anglesey County Council

Councillors: Richard Dew, John Griffith, Bryan Owen, Kenneth Hughes and Richard O Jones

Gwynedd Council

Councillors: Dafydd Meurig, Owain Williams, Catrin Wager, Sian Wyn Hughes and Berwyn Parry Jones

Officers: Rhun ap Gareth (Senior Solicitor GC), Nia Haf Davies (Manager JPPU), Gareth Jones (Senior Manager, Planning and Public Protection Services (GC), Dylan Williams (Head of Regulatory and Economic Development (IACC), Ffion Madog Jones (Senior Finance Manager (GC), Eirian Harris (Support Planning Assistant (JPPU)

1. ELECT CHAIR

Cllr. Richard Dew was elected Chairman of the Joint Planning Policy Committee for the period 2017 - 2018.

2. ELECT VICE CHAIR

Cllr. Dafydd Meurig was elected Vice-Chairman of the Joint Planning Policy Committee for the period 2017 - 2018.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor John Brynmor Hughes, John Pughe Roberts (GC), Robin Williams and Nicola Roberts (IACC)

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of any personal interest were received.

5. URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent items were received.

6. MINUTES

The minutes of the Committee that took place on 26 June 2016, were accepted as a true record and the Chairman signed these.

7. JOINT PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE FINAL ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

A report was presented by Ffion Madog Evans in response to a statutory requirement under Section 12 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004, to report specifically on accounting and audit of the Joint Committee's accounts.

It was explained that official forms had to be completed for the Wales Audit Office and these would be subject to a separate audit.

A copy of the forms were submitted in Appendices A & B. The appointed Auditor, namely Deloitte, (external auditors appointed by Gwynedd Council) would audit the information. It was explained to the Committee that there was no need to re-submit the report to the Joint Planning Policy Committee in September (prior to certification by the Auditor), unless it would be necessary to draw the Committee's attention to the amendments recommended by the Appointed Auditor.

Matters raised:

- i. What was the total cost of preparing the Joint Local Development Plan – the officers did not have the detailed information to hand. Nonetheless, reference was made to reports presented on previous occasions that referred to the costs. It was noted that the total costs excluding staffing costs amounted to in the region of £1,000,000 split between both Councils.
- ii. It was noted that less had been spent than anticipated on the Examination and printing costs. It was confirmed that this can be accounted for by the fact that the process had not finished. In response to a question regarding the availability of funding to cover completion of the process during 2017 – 2018, confirmation was provided that the requirements had been included in the 2017 – 2018 profile.
- iii. Reference was made to the cost described as 'Other Staff Costs'. It was explained that this related to costs associated with redundancy.

The relevant documents were signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Joint Planning Policy Committee.

8. JOINT PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE

Extracts from the Agreement that exists between the two Counties relating to the Joint Planning Policy Committee was provided. It was noted that many of the tasks have been completed because the process of preparing the Plan has almost come to an end. However, the Committee will have functions relating to determining the content of supplementary planning guidance and the work to monitor the implementation of policies if it is decided to adopt the Plan.

The report referred to dates already set in the Committee calendar. The Members' attention was drawn to an additional meeting being arranged for the 14 July 2017

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm and concluded at 4.30 pm

CHAIRMAN