

Council

31 January 2013

Agenda Item 80

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject: **Submission City Plan, Part 1 - Extract from the Proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee Meeting held on the 24 January 2013**

Date of Meeting: **31 January 2013**

Report of: **Monitoring Officer**

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Wards Affected: All

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**Action Required of Council:**

To receive the item referred from the Policy & Resources Committee for approval:

Recommendation:

- (1) That the summary of the responses to the consultation on the draft City Plan Part 1, (summarised in Appendix 1 to the report with a full schedule attached to the Statement of Consultation on city council's website, placed in the Members' Rooms and in Customer Service Centres) be noted;
- (2) That the Proposed Submission City Plan Part 1 be agreed and published for statutory public consultation for a six week period commencing in February 2013, (Along with appendices and supporting documents);
- (3) That the document should be subsequently submitted to the Secretary of State subject to no material changes, other than alterations for the purposes of clarification, improved accuracy of meaning or typographical corrections, being necessary;
- (4) That the Head of Planning and Public Protection be authorised to agree any draft "main modifications" to the City Plan Part 1 necessary to make it sound and to authorise the publication of such draft modifications for public consultation save that should any draft modification involve a major shift in the policy approach of the City Plan Part 1 the draft modification shall be referred by the Head of Planning and Public Protection to the Policy & Resources Committee for approval;
- (5) That it be noted that all modifications to the Plan will be presented to the Policy & Resources Committee and Full Council in due course as part of the adoption of the City Plan Part 1; and
- (6) That the following studies as supporting evidence for the City Plan and further Local Development Documents be approved:

1. The Employment Land Study Review 2012
2. Draft Transport Assessment 2012
3. The Brighton and Hove Energy Study 2012
4. Local Housing Requirements update 2012
5. Strategic Housing land Availability assessment (SHLAA) Update 2012
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7. Site capacity assessments 2012.

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

**4.00 pm 24 January 2013
COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

DRAFT MINUTES

Present: Councillor J Kitcat (Chair) Councillors Littman (Deputy Chair), G Theobald (Opposition Spokesperson), Hamilton, Mitchell (Opposition Spokesperson), A Norman, Peltzer Dunn, Shanks, Wakefield and West.

PART ONE

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The Strategic Director introduced the report which sought approval of the publication of the Submission City Plan, Part 1, part of Brighton & Hove's Local Development Framework, along with its supporting papers for a six week period of public consultation during February, March and April 2013, prior to submission to the secretary of State. He stated that plan had been three years in the making and hoped that it could be fully supported.

The Head of Planning & Public Protection stated that he was aware of the national debate around planning and suggested that it was an opportune time to be bringing forward the city plan. He wished to thank all those Members and residents who had participated in the development process for the plan's submission to the council and noted that there had been an effective consultation process which had enabled people to comment on areas of the plan. He believed that the methodology behind the plan was robust and supported the various targets that were detailed, including those where they did not reach government stated figures e.g. on housing. He hoped that the Plan would be agreed and subsequently approved by the Secretary of State in April to enable its publication in September and final adoption in 2014.

The Chair stated that he wished to thank everyone concerned with the development of the Plan and the report that was before the committee. He welcomed the community

engagement process and believed it set out a long-term vision which was very challenging.

Councillor Mitchell congratulated the officers on all their hard work and stated that she felt it was an exceptional piece of work. She noted that CP8, sustainable Buildings policy was finely balanced and hoped that the conditions set out would not mitigate against new and affordable homes.

The Head of Planning & Public Protection stated that he believed the policy was framed to enable a viability test but he was aware that it was an area that would need to be kept under close review.

Councillor G. Theobald stated that he preferred to reserve judgement on the matter until the council meeting.

Councillor West stated that the sustainability factors would need to be monitored and taken into account in regard to the life-time cost of new buildings and improved energy costs and contributions to the sustainable footprint of the city. He believed it was an important plan for the future and provided for a flexible approach.

The Chair stated that there was a need to reduce energy costs and these needed to be taken in conjunction with the issue of social justice, i.e. the buildings should be affordable to run. He then put the recommendations to the vote.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:

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