

**WESTON-SUPER- MARE TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD AT GROVE HOUSE ON
WEDNESDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 2017**

Meeting Commenced: 7.40 pm

Meeting Concluded: 8.40 pm

PRESENT: Councillors Robert Cleland, Pete Fox, Jan Holloway (Chairman), Steve Kane, Mike Lyall, Frederick Parsons, Robert Payne and Alan Peak.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Tania Middlemiss (Assistant Town Clerk), Julie Smith (Administration Officer) and Rachel Lewis, Regeneration Manger for North Somerset.

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Rachel Lewis gave the Committee an overview on North Somerset Council's Town Centre development plans and circulated the Prospectus for Change document for Councillors.

239.	To receive Apologies for Absence and Notifications of Substitutions Apologies were received from Cllr Len Purnell
240.	To receive Declarations of Interest There were no Declarations of Interest received.
241.	To approve Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 25th October 2017 PROPOSED BY: Councillor Steve Kane SECONDED BY: Councillor Pete Fox RESOLVED: That the minutes be confirmed as a true record of the meeting and be signed by the Chairman.
242. 242.1	Matters for Noting Current Planning Policies The Committee noted the Town Council's adopted planning polices which had been previously circulated with the agenda. The Chairman referred to discussions at recent Planning Committee meetings in relation to planning application responses which the Committee may wish to consider revising The Assistant Town Clerk advised that policy remit mirrored the Town Council's strategy document and that should the Committee wish to modify their policy stance on any of the specific areas that this would require a proposal to the Planning Cttee and proceeding to gain full Council approval. Debate ensued.

	<p>RESOLVED: That the Council's Planning Policies provided adequate scope for the Committee to provide comment on</p>
242.2	<p>Draft Local Planning Application Requirements – Part 1 - Consultation</p> <p>The Committee noted the consultation document which had been previously circulated with the agenda.</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk advised of changes to part 1, subject to this consultation exercise in that there was a new requirement for a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) additional information requirement form to be added to item 6. The new item was required due to the commencement of CIL charges by North Somerset Council as of 18th January 2018.</p> <p>Noted</p>
242.3	<p>New Planning System at North Somerset Council</p> <p>The Committee noted communication from North Somerset Council in relation to the new planning system (Uniform) which had gone live on 13th November 2017 and that weekly lists over the next few weeks would be interrupted, however the consultation period of 28 days would not commence until we had received notification of planning applications.</p>
243.	<p>Matters for Considerations</p>
243.1	<p>a) Street Trading Applications</p> <p>The Committee noted there were no applications to be considered.</p>
243.2	<p>b) Disabled Bay Applications</p> <p>The Committee considered the application and feedback from Ward Councillors:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Flat 1, Nigella Court, 22-24 Southside - No Objection</p> <p>RESOLVED: To inform North Somerset Council's Streets and Open Spaces department of the Town Council's comments.</p>
243.3	<p>Joint Spatial Plan – West of England</p> <p>The Committee noted an email circulated with the agenda from North Somerset Council's Planning Policy team advising of the publication date of the final draft which was due to be debated by North Somerset's Special Executive Committee on 14th November 2017</p> <p>The Assistant Town Clerk advised that the plan which set out the South West's strategic overarching development framework to guide housing, employment and infrastructure requirements up to 2036 had been debated by Weston-super-Mare Town Council in January 2016 and that our feedback which supported scenario 2: Concentration at Bristol Urban Area; with the recommendation that green belt on the southern side of Bristol be considered for development had been fed into the consultation.</p> <p>The Committee noted that individual comments could be sent to North Somerset up until 10th January 2018 after which it would go to the Secretary of State for review approval in</p>

	<p>2018/19.</p> <p>Noted.</p>
<p>244.</p>	<p>Planning Applications and Other Planning Matters Submitted to the Town Council for Consideration</p> <p>The committee considered applications in respect of the weekly lists dated 23rd & 30th October and 6th & 13th November 2017.</p> <p>Debate ensued on Town Council planning policy stances, particularly changes for use from commercial to residential which some members disagreed with, and which conflicted with the Town Council's overall support of North Somerset's Core Strategy in relation to housing numbers and Town Centre Supplementary Planning aims.</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That the comments contained in Appendix A be forwarded to North Somerset Council.</p>
	<p>There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm</p> <p>Signed.....Dated</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chairman of the Planning Committee</p>