

Development Plan Panel

Tuesday, 29th January, 2013

PRESENT: Councillor N Taggart in the Chair

Councillors B Anderson, C Campbell,
M Coulson, C Fox, P Gruen, T Leadley,
J Lewis, K Mitchell and N Walshaw

73 Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed all in attendance to the January meeting of Development Plan Panel.

74 Late Items

In accordance with his powers under Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chair agreed to accept the following late information:

- Community Infrastructure Levy – Further evidence regarding city centre office rate. Addendum to Development Plan Panel report. (Minute No. 78 refers)

The document was not available at the time of the agenda despatch, but subsequently made available to the public on the Council's website.

75 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests

There were no disclosable pecuniary and other interests.

76 Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was submitted by Councillor R Harington.

77 Minutes - 11th September 2012 and 14th January 2013

It was noted that Councillor P Gruen had submitted an apology for absence to the 14th January 2013, meeting of Development Plan Panel.

RESOLVED – Subject to inclusion of the above amendment, the minutes of the meetings held on 11th September 2012 and 14th January 2013 be approved as a correct record.

78 Leeds Community Infrastructure Levy - Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule

The Director of City Development submitted a report which provided Members with further information on the outstanding matters from the Development Plan Panel meeting held on 14th January 2013, specifically further evidence relating to the city centre office rate, and a slightly revised boundary for the residential charging zones.

The following information was appended to the report:

- Map of proposed CIL Charging zones (diagrammatic) – updated from Development Plan Panel meeting held on 14th January 2013

- Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule as submitted to Development Plan Panel meeting held on 14th January 2013
- Report to Development Plan Panel meeting held on 14th January 2013.

The following officers attended the meeting and responded to Members' questions and comments:

- David Feeney, Head of Forward Planning and Implementation
- Phil Crabtree, Chief Planning Officer
- Steve Speak, Deputy Chief Planning Officer
- Tom Ridley, Senior Planner.

The key areas of discussion were:

- The proposed rate for city centre offices had been revised from £90 per sqm to £40 per sqm. The revised figure was due to an evidence based approach and was subject to consultation and review.
- An addition to Annex 4 – Exceptional Circumstances Policy, was suggested as follows 'A charging authority may grant relief for very exceptional circumstances if ...'
- Amendments to the payment of instalments under Annex 3 – Draft Instalments Policy, were suggested as follows:
 - £60,000 - £499,000
 - £500,000 and above.
- One Member suggested an amendment to the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule, Residential – Outer Northern from £90 per sqm to £100 per sqm. **(Upon a vote being taken this proposal was refused)**
- A typographical error in relation to the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule, Residential – Outer Southern, should state £45 not £48.

RESOLVED –

- (a) That the CIL rates in the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule, including the charging zone boundaries, as amended above, be agreed, subject to approval at Executive Board
- (b) That the Annexes in the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule, particularly relating to the proposed instalments policy and exceptional circumstances policy, as amended above, be agreed, subject to approval at Executive Board
- (c) That the scope of the evidence base and associated documents supporting the setting of the CIL rates, be agreed, subject to approval at Executive Board.

79 Date and Time of Next Meeting

Monday, 25th February 2013 at 1.30pm.

(The meeting concluded at 2.15pm.)