

HC

Planning & Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee

MINUTES

Commencing: 6.00pm
15th July, 2003
Bourne Hill
Salisbury

Present

Councillor P D Edge (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs E Chettleburgh (Vice Chairman)
Councillor R Britton
Councillor P Clegg (for Cllr Ms S C Mallory)
Councillor A J A Brown Hovelt
Councillor M A Hewitt
Councillor Mrs C A Spencer
Councillor I R Tones
Councillor S A Willan

In Attendance

H Collar (SDC)
D Crook (SDC)

Apologies

Councillor Ms S C Mallory
Councillor T Woodbridge

Public/Observers

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1. **Public Questions/Statements:**
There were no public questions or statements.
2. **Minutes:**
The minutes of the meetings of 15 April 2003 and the Special meeting of 19 May 2003 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
3. **Declarations of Interest:**
There were no declarations.
4. **Panel Forward Work Programme:**
Members agreed that, subject to the agreement of the Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee, the following Scrutiny Reviews (listed in order of priority) be conducted in 2003/04 :-
 - 1a. To explore how the Council can consult/co-operate with economic partners to attempt to provide a better 'fit' between planning and business needs* in the light of the outcome of the SWEP review (which identified frictions between the Local Plan process and the business community on the issue of the availability and location of land for employment purposes). In addition, to investigate the current range of 'work space' in the district (both rural and city and for SMEs and Large Businesses) and identify gaps between demand (or potential demand) and supply and possible measures to correct any identified imbalance/attract more (or, perhaps, or sector-specific) business to the district.

* to include the needs of 'businesses' such as Hospitals, Schools and Doctors Surgeries etc, for example

- 1b. Short, quick scrutiny exercise to review the Council's 'R2 Funding' policy and funding criteria to consider whether the scheme, as currently defined, is meeting the needs of the communities it was designed to provide benefit for.
2. To investigate the Council's approach to and handling of (planning) enforcement. (The review to include investigation into the public's perception of the Council's enforcement function.)
3. Research into the degree to which the Council can/does require 'sustainable / green / environmental' measures to be incorporated into new build/development. In addition, to consider the effect on development (including on individual housebuilders, small developers, large developers, industrial and business developers) the if the Council were to require such 'sustainable / green / environmental' measures to be incorporated.
4. In agreeing the above forward work programme, Members considered the following points :-
 - a. The need to ensure that land allocated for industrial use in the Local Plan is maintained for industrial use and not released for residential use. Plus, if such land is considered for possible release, the release to be considered in the context of the whole district/city – so as to avoid piecemeal development and the gradual erosion of industrial/work space sites.
 - b. The need to ensure that land allocated for industrial use in the Local Plan is *utilised* for industrial use and not held back in anticipation of the granting of residential use permission at some time in the future.
 - c. The need to ensure that 'brownfield' sites are fully utilised before 'greenfield' sites are even considered.
 - d. The need to ensure that space for large offices is made available and in the correct locations.
 - e. The need to ensure that adequate 'affordable' housing is available and that consideration is given to the work/live mix of development (for travel and other reasons).
5. **Dates of Next Meetings:**

The forward meeting dates of the Panel were (subject to ratification by new Panel Members, following the 1 May District Council election) **agreed as follows :-**

 - Tuesday 15 July 2003, commencing 1800hrs (provisional)
 - Tuesday 12 August 2003, commencing 1800hrs (provisional)
 - Tuesday 16 September 2003, commencing 1800hrs (provisional)
 - Tuesday 14 October 2003, commencing 1800hrs (provisional)
 - Tuesday 11 November 2003, commencing 1800hrs (provisional)

The meeting closed at 1900hrs.