

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Extract from Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm on 6 September 2016

Present:

Councillor Peter Dean (Chairman)
Councillor Richard Scoates (Vice-Chairman)
Councillors Vanessa Allen, Graham Arthur, Douglas Auld,
Nicholas Bennett J.P., Eric Bosshard, Katy Boughey,
Kevin Brooks, Lydia Buttinger, Nicky Dykes, Simon Fawthrop,
William Huntington-Thresher, Charles Joel, David Livett,
Alexa Michael, Neil Reddin FCCA and Michael Turner

14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND NOTIFICATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Pauline Tunnicliffe; Councillor Nicholas Bennett JP attended as substitute.

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Report CSD16124

Members considered recommendations made by the Education Select Committee at its first meeting held on 25 May 2016. In particular, the Committee were requested to consider recommendation 5 (the provision of education sites) and recommendation 6 (the use of CIL funding for education purposes).

In regard to recommendation 5, the Chairman stated that education sites were identified and put forward through the Local Plan which had yet to be finalised. As a result, he did not feel Members were currently in a position to ensure the provision of education sites could be achieved.

Councillor Bennett explained that this matter had already been considered by the Portfolio Holder for Renewal and Recreation who had confirmed that sufficient sites had been identified and given his assurance that provision would be achieved through the Local Plan.

Councillor Huntington-Thresher reported that whilst the Draft Local Plan had identified a number of sites across the Borough, further consideration should be postponed until public consultation on the Local Plan was complete.

Councillor Dean moved that Members could not support consideration of recommendation 5 for the reasons stated above. This was seconded by Councillor Buttinger.

With regard to recommendation 6, the Chairman considered it was not within the remit of DCC to determine how CIL funds should be spent. The onus was on specific Council departments to apply through Resources. The CIL would be operated through the Local Plan with funds being allocated to various community services. Therefore the Committee could not comply with the Education Select Committee's request.

The Chief Planner explained that the collection of CIL was governed by regulations and the Council was required to justify its need to charge £35 per sq m. A plan would be formalised indicating how CIL funds would be spent; it was possible that infrastructure costs may amount to more than the Council collects. The plan would be reviewed on a yearly basis. The CIL was closely linked to the draft Local Plan and would be implemented shortly after the adoption of the Local Plan in 2017.

Councillor Bennett agreed to convey Members' views back to the Education Select Committee.

The Chairman moved that it was premature to consider recommendation 6 until the operational structure of CIL had been formally approved. Councillor Fawthrop seconded the motion.

RESOLVED that:-

- 1) Members could not support consideration of recommendation 5 for the reasons stated above or at least until public consultation on the Local Plan was complete; and**
- 2) Consideration could not be given to recommendation 6 until the operational structure of CIL had been formally approved.**

The meeting ended at 8.05 pm

Chairman