

Place Select Committee

A meeting of Place Select Committee was held on Monday, 27th June, 2022.

Present: Cllr Chris Barlow (Chair), Cllr Mohammed Javed (Vice-Chair), Cllr Louise Baldock, Cllr Pauline Beall, Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Hilary Vickers and Cllr Bill Woodhead MBE.

Officers: Reuben Kench, Joanne Roberts, Tony Wrigglesworth (CS,E&C); Simon Grundy (F,D&R); Gary Woods, Rachel Harrison (CS).

Also in attendance: None.

Apologies: Cllr Hugo Stratton.

PLA Declarations of Interest

1/22

There were no declarations of interest.

PLA Minutes

2/22

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Place Select Committee meeting which was held on the 25th April 2022 for approval and signature.

AGREED that the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th April 2022 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

PLA Scrutiny Review of Residents Parking Zones

3/22

Members were presented with the draft final report of the Scrutiny Review of Resident Parking Zones.

The following additional information was noted:

- Paragraphs 1.17 & 1.18 (repeated at paragraphs 5.11 and 5.12): a reflection of the Committee's comments during the informal 'summary of evidence / draft recommendations' session in April 2022.
- Paragraph 4.26: clarity around the data previously provided to the Committee regarding penalty charge notices (PCNs), as well as additional data for the combined 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 period.
- Paragraphs 4.61 – 4.64: recent developments in relation to the provision of digital permits.

Members thanked officers for their input during the course of the review and for producing a comprehensive report which would now be presented to Cabinet in July 2022.

AGREED that the final report be approved for submission to Cabinet.

PLA Scrutiny Review of Planning (Development Management) & Adoption of Open Space

4/22

Consideration was given to the draft scope and project plan of the Scrutiny Review of Planning (Development Management) & Adoption of Open Space.

The proposals for this review were the culmination of two separate topic suggestions which the Committee had been asked to undertake as a single piece of work. Whilst related, the review therefore had two elements:

- **Planning (Development Management):** In light of the limited ability for the Committee to influence national planning policy (which may change anyway as part of the considerations around the Levelling-Up and Regeneration Bill) it was suggested that this part focuses on the Council's pre-application advice, the effectiveness of the Council's support service (resources /performance), and planning enforcement.
- **Adoption of Open Space:** This part will seek to examine what can be done Borough-wide, either through SBC or the local Town and Parish Councils, to resolve concerns in relation to maintenance of open spaces, accountability for the maintenance of such land, and issues around taxation equality (i.e. how maintenance is funded).

Identified key contributors included the Council (Planning Service, Care For Your Area), developers, planning consultants / agents (that regularly engage with SBC), and SBC Elected Members. The final report would be presented to Cabinet in February 2023.

Members agreed with the content of the draft scope and plan, though requested that the Committee also considers appropriate site visits as part of its evidence-gathering to gain a deeper understanding of open spaces and the issues surrounding them. Engaging with a specific Council officer who had previously been involved in discussions between SBC Ward Councillors, residents and developers was also encouraged.

AGREED that the scope and project plan of the review be approved.

PLA 5/22 **Work Programme 2022-2023**

Consideration was given to Work Programme. The next Committee meeting was scheduled for the 25th July 2022 where the first evidence-gathering session for the Scrutiny Review of Planning (Development Management) & Adoption of Open Space would take place.

AGREED that the Work Programme be noted.

PLA 6/22 **Chair's Update**

The Chair had no further updates.