

COUNCIL

Thursday 20 September 2012

COUNCILLORS PRESENT: Councillors Armitage (Lord Mayor), Abbasi (Deputy Lord Mayor), Sinclair (Sheriff), Benjamin, Fooks, Altaf-Khan, Bance, Baxter, Brett, Canning, Clack, Clarkson, Cook, Coulter, Curran, Darke, Goddard, Haines, Hollick, Humberstone, Jones, Kennedy, Khan, McCready, McManners, Mills, O'Hara, Pressel, Price, Rowley, Royce, Rundle, Sanders, Seamons, Simmons, Smith, Tanner, Van Nooijen, Wilkinson, Williams and Wolff.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Though not pecuniary interests the following Councillors informed Council as follows:

Councillor Van Coulter informed Council that he was an Executive Governor at Ruskin College and that he would withdraw from the meeting when during the debate Ruskin College was raised.

Councillor Mary Clarkson informed Council that she lived close to Ruskin Fields, but following legal advice previously was informed that she was able to participate in the debate.

Councillor Mohammed Altaf-Khan informed Council that he had previously been a student at Ruskin College.

Councillor Mike Rowley informed Council that he has previously been a student at Ruskin College.

Councillor Roy Darke informed Council that he had been in contact with Ruskin College, but had not expressed an opinion either for or against the proposals.

All of the above refer to minute 39.

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jim Campbell, James Fry, Michael Gotch, Ben Lloyd-Shogbesan, Mark Lygo, Sajjad Malik and Ed Turner.

38. ADDRESSES BY THE PUBLIC

Council received and took one address to Council (text of the address is appended to these minutes)

(1) Debbie Jones from West Waddy ADP

39. BARTON AREA ACTION PLAN AND SITES AND HOUSING PLAN EXAMINATIONS

The Head of City Development submitted a report which sought Council's endorsement of the main modifications to the Barton Area Action Plan and the addendum to both the Sustainability Appraisals for the Barton Area Action Plan and the Sites and Housing Plan. As a consequence of the revised Sustainability Appraisal, for the City Council to confirm its policy approach in relation to the allocation of land at Ruskin College.

The Head of City Development also presented to Council for information a Statement of Common ground between the City Council and the Oxfordshire County Council concerning the wording of policies BA1 and BA7. (Details appended to these minutes)

Councillor Colin Cook moved the report seconded by Councillor Bob Price.

Councillor Jean Fooks moved the following amendment which was accepted by Councillor Colin Cook.

"In Policy BA1, Transforming the ring-road, delete the last eight words in the paragraph on landscaping, so that it would read:

The Landscaping of the central reservation may be reviewed.

Following a debate, Council agreed:

- (a) To endorse the Main Modification to the Barton Area Action Plan as part of the approved plan subject to the inclusion of the further amendment from Councillor Jean Fooks;
- (b) To endorse the Barton Area Action Plan (as amended by the Main Modifications) as a material consideration in determining planning applications;
- (c) To endorse the addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal for the Barton Area Action Plan;
- (d) To endorse the addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal for the Sites and Housing Plan;
- (e) To confirm the approach taken to the Ruskin College proposals as agreed at Council on 19th December 2011, in relation to the Barton Area Action Plan and Sites and Housing Plan;
- (f) To note and endorse the Statement of Common Ground between the City Council and the Oxfordshire County Council concerning Policies BA1 and BA7.

The meeting started at 5.30 pm and ended at 6.30 pm