

Minutes of a meeting of the **COUNCIL** on Wednesday 17 October 2018

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Committee members:

Councillor Cook (Lord Mayor)	Councillor Malik (Deputy Lord Mayor)
Councillor Arshad	Councillor Azad
Councillor Aziz	Councillor Bely-Summers
Councillor Brown	Councillor Chapman
Councillor Clarkson	Councillor Corais
Councillor Donnelly	Councillor Fry
Councillor Gant	Councillor Garden
Councillor Goddard	Councillor Gotch
Councillor Haines	Councillor Hayes
Councillor Hollingsworth	Councillor Howlett
Councillor Kennedy	Councillor Landell Mills
Councillor Lloyd-Shogbesan	Councillor Munkonge
Councillor Pressel	Councillor Rowley
Councillor Rush	Councillor Linda Smith
Councillor Roz Smith	Councillor Tanner
Councillor Taylor	Councillor Turner
Councillor Upton	

Officers:

Gordon Mitchell, Chief Executive
Anita Bradley, Monitoring Officer
Andrew Brown, Committee and Member Services Manager
Adrian Arnold, Development Management Service Manager (and incoming Acting Head of Planning Services)
Patsy Dell, Head of Planning, Sustainable Development & Regulatory Services
Amanda Ford, Principal Planner
Sarah Harrison, Team Leader (Planning Policy)
Nigel Kennedy, Head of Financial Services

Apologies:

Councillor(s) Simmons, Altaf-Khan, Curran, Djafari-Marbini, Harris, Henwood, Iley-Williamson, Lygo, McManners, Simm, Tarver, Tidball and Wolff sent apologies.

Minute's silence in memory of Councillor Angie Goff

Council stood for a minute's silence in memory of Councillor Angie Goff who had passed away on 1 October 2018.

Councillors Goddard and Brown, on behalf of their groups, paid tribute to Councillor Goff.

41. Declarations of interest

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The Monitoring Officer advised Council that they should only make a declaration if they had a direct financial interest in any of the sites listed in the draft Local Plan and that they did not need to declare if they were employees of the University of Oxford or the Oxford Health Trust or any other major employer in the city.

Councillor Hollingsworth: declared a non-pecuniary interest in that the Jericho Boatyard site (referenced in Chapter 9 of the Local Plan) was near to his home and that the site was identified as a potential location for a new Jericho Community Centre; the current community centre shared a party wall with his home.

Councillor Brown: declared a non-pecuniary interest in that the Jericho Boatyard site (referenced in Chapter 9 of the Local Plan) was near to her home and that the site was identified as a potential location for a new Jericho Community Centre; the current community centre shared a party wall with her home.

42. Appointment to Committees

Councillor Brown, Leader of the Labour Group, announced and Council approved the following appointment to the Scrutiny Committee to fill the vacant seat:

- Councillor McManners

43. Public addresses and questions that relate to matters for decision at this meeting

There was one address to Council.

1. Judith Harley gave an address about the lack of provision in the Local Plan for a swimming pool, more leisure facilities, and more community spaces in Temple Cowley.

The full text of this speech and question where these were read as submitted; responses from the Board Members in writing before the meeting; and summaries of verbal responses given at the meeting are set out [in the printed pack of these minutes](#).

44. Proposed submission Draft Oxford Local Plan 2036

Council considered a report of the Head of Planning, Sustainable Development and Regulatory Services, submitted to the City Executive Board 16 October 2018 to recommend that Council approves the Oxford Local Plan 2036 Proposed Submission Document for public consultation and, subject to the outcome of the consultation, if no matters are raised that materially impact upon the Plan strategy, to submit the Submission Draft Oxford Local Plan 2036 to the Secretary of State for formal examination.

Councillor Hollingsworth, Board Member for Planning and Transport, presented the report. He began by placing on record his thanks to the many officers in the Planning Policy team, especially Sarah Harrison and Amanda Ford, for their professionalism and diligent hard work which had delivered a draft Local Plan of such a high quality. He also thanked the Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Housing Panel for their contribution, in the course of several meetings, to the emerging plan. Finally he paid tribute to Patsy Dell, the Head of Planning, Sustainable Development and Regulatory Services, for her contribution and leadership over the past three years. Council echoed these sentiments.

For clarification he advised Council that, during the debate, they should refer to the following documents:

- the officer report and chapters 1 – 7 in the main Council agenda pack
- the appendices set out in the Council agenda supplement 1
- the briefing note which contained a list of changes from the City Executive Board meeting and a revised chapter 8 (which superseded the earlier versions contained in the main Council agenda pack and supplement 2)

To set the context for the debate he quoted from the foreword to the Local Plan as set out on page 15 of the agenda pack.

Councillor Gant, Leader of the Liberal Democrat group, noted that detailed and specific comment by members had been over the course of the last year as the plan evolved from the preferred options document. He acknowledged that not all of the suggestions put forward by his group had been accepted and said that overall he welcomed the draft document as a proportionate and sensible plan for Oxford.

During debate Council highlighted a number of points including, but not confined to:

- the Local Plan should be considered in the context of a wider suite of documents which set out the Council's strategy and vision for the future of the city of Oxford
- the challenge of achieving an appropriate prioritisation and balance between allocated housing sites and category 2 employment sites (Policy E1: Employment sites)
- that the Local Plan recognised that as life expectancy in Oxford was projected to rise there would be an increased demand for appropriate accommodation (Policy H11: Older persons and specialist and supported living accommodation)
- any increased risk of flooding as a result of new development in the city would be addressed as part of the planning application process (Policy RE 3: Flood risk management)

Council recorded its thanks to the Board Member for his contribution to the draft Local Plan.

Councillor Hollingsworth, Board Member for Planning and Transport, moved the recommendations which were adopted on being seconded and put to the vote.

Council resolved to:

1. **Approve** the Oxford Local Plan 2036 Proposed Submission Document for public consultation;
2. **Approve** all the supporting statutory documentation that includes the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitats Regulation Assessment, Infrastructure Development Plan (IDP), Equalities Impact Assessment, and Options Consultation Report;
3. **Authorise** the Head of Planning Services (or any officer acting in that capacity), after consultation with the Executive Board Member, to make any necessary editorial corrections to the document, IDP, Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulation Assessment, and to agree the final publication style draft version before publication;
4. **Approve** the Oxford Local Plan 2036 Proposed Submission Document as a material consideration in determining planning applications;
5. **Authorise** the Head of Planning Services (or any officer acting in that capacity), after publication and after consultation with the Executive Board Member, to make any minor changes to the document deemed necessary as a result of the consultation, and then to formally submit the Oxford Local Plan 2036 to the Secretary of State for examination.

The meeting started at 5.00 pm and ended at 6.05 pm

Chair

Date: Monday 26 November 2018