



Minutes of the meeting of the LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK ADVISORY GROUP held on 18 June 2009 at 6.00 pm

Present: Councillor D Galloway (Chair),
Councillors Ferrans, A Morris and Miles (substituting for Councillor Bristow)

Officers: I Haynes (Chief Spatial Planner), B Wilson (Development Plans Manager) M Moore (Senior Planning Officer) and L Sung (Senior Committee Manager)

Apologies: Councillor Bristow and McCall

Also Present: Councillor Bint

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LDF1 MILTON KEYNES LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CORE STRATEGY

The Development Plans Manager reported that the Cabinet had considered the draft Core Strategy at its meeting held on 2 June 2009 and had resolved to withdraw the document to allow a further meeting of the Local Development Framework Advisory Group to consider their comments relating to:

- The core strategy vision
- Cross-boundary issues
- Policy wording
- Local distinctiveness
- Housing strategy
- Transport

The Chief Spatial Planner reported that a revised document would be brought to a future meeting of the Advisory Group in August, the intention being that the final document be considered by the Cabinet and Council in September 2009.

The production of the core strategy had not kept to the original timescale. The Chief Spatial Planner reported that the consequences of not completing the document could result in possible appeals due to the delay in the planning process.

In consideration of the proposed document the Group requested that the first few pages of the document should clearly set out a vision for Milton Keynes.

The Group gave further consideration to what should be included in the document:

- Set out the evolutionary uniqueness of Milton Keynes (this relates to rate of growth and the reasons why people choose to move to and live in Milton Keynes) including:
 - Ease of movement
 - Houses that have gardens and trees
 - Richness of open space and community facilities
 - Landscaping around the grid roads
- State clearly the number of dwellings and where they will be located
- State the impact and relationship with adjoining authorities and responsible authorities
- Provide a stronger political context
- Should give an indication of the next big things for MK (an Aspirational List).
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RESOLVED –

That the Chief Spatial Planner take into account the comments made by the Group and that consideration of the revised document be considered at a future meeting of the Group.

THE CHAIR CLOSED THE MEETING AT 7.10pm.