

MINUTES of a meeting of the COUNCIL held in the Stenson House, London Road, Coalville, LE67 3FN on THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2026

Present: Councillor P Lees (Chair)

Councillors J G Simmons, M Ball, A Barker, C Beck, M Blair-Park, R Blunt, R Boam, M Burke, R Canny, D Cooper, D Everitt, M French, J Geary, T Gillard, K Horn, R Johnson, J Legrys, K Merrie MBE, A Morley, R L Morris, E Parle, G Rogers, N J Rushton, R Sutton, A C Saffell, C A Sewell, A Wilson, J Windram, L Windram, A C Woodman and M B Wyatt

Officers: Mr J Arnold, Mr A Barton, Mrs C Hammond, Ms R Tapping, Mrs A Thomas and Mrs R Wallace

**34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Bigby, T Eynon, S Lambeth, P Moulton, S Sheahan and N Smith.

**35. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Following a question from a Member, the Interim Monitoring Officer clarified that interests must be directly related and that a general interest in affecting the wider population did not require a declaration. Therefore, Members did not need to declare an interest in item 9 – North West Leicestershire Local Plan Regulation 19.

There were no interests declared.

**36. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman of the Council announced that a World Cup launch event was to be held at Marlborough Square on 13 June and encouraged Members and residents to attend.

**37. LEADER'S AND PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**38. QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

No questions were received.

**39. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS**

No questions were received.

**40. MOTIONS**

No motions were received.

**41. PETITIONS**

No petitions were received.

## **42. PROPOSED NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LOCAL PLAN (REGULATION 19)**

Councillor N Rushton, Infrastructure Portfolio Holder, presented the report and moved the recommendations. It was seconded by Councillor J Legrys.

During discussion, Members acknowledged the significant work undertaken to reach this stage and expressed general support in progressing the plan to consultation. Concerns were raised regarding elements of the evidence base including transport modelling and strategic warehousing, and Members stressed the importance of ensuring the plan was robust.

In response to the concerns, officers confirmed that the plan was suitable for consultation, an opinion supported by external legal counsel who had provided advice during the preparation process. It was also confirmed that outstanding evidence would be available during the consultation.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The proposed submission draft Local Plan (appendix B) and Policies Map (appendix C) and Sustainability Appraisal (appendix D) be approved for a minimum six week consultation in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement, the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulations 19 and 20 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, subject to the finalisation of evidence base studies and there being no substantive issues for the Council to reconsider.
- 2) Following the public consultation, Full Council will be invited to consider the representations received on the draft plan and prior to considering whether the plan should be submitted to the Secretary of State under Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.
- 3) Authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, to make minor amendments to the Local Plan and accompanying Sustainability Appraisal before publication and before submission to the secretary of state.
- 4) Authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, to make amendments to the wording of policies EC6, AP3, AP4, AP7, AP9, H4, H5 H10 and H11 and to agree any subsequent revised Sustainability Appraisal prior to publication.
- 5) Authority be delegated to the Strategic Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure to agree the final content of the Local Plan appendices including the glossary, monitoring framework and housing trajectory.
- 6) Authority is delegated to the Strategic Director of Place, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, to prepare and consult on main modifications to the Local Plan during the examination process, if required, to address issues of soundness.

## **43. AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

Councillor J Simmons, previous Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, presented the report.

Members expressed support for the work of the Committee and recognised its role in providing effective scrutiny and oversight.

Chair's initials

The Chair of the Council thanked Members for their comments and the report was noted.

**44. MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT ANNUAL REPORT**

Councillor J Simmons, previous Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, presented the report.

The report was noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.02 pm