

MINUTES OF THE CORE STRATEGY WORKING GROUP HELD ON FRIDAY 10 MAY 2013

PRESENT Cllr R Sherras (Chairman) John Heap
:
Cllr Thompson Colin Hirst
Cllr Bibby Olwen Heap
Cllr Rogerson
Cllr Mirfin

APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Cllr Knox, Marshal Scott and John Macholc.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2013 were circulated and approved as a correct record.

CURRENT PROGRAMME

Colin gave an update on the current programme.

GTAA – the final report would be submitted to P & D committee for information on 23 May 2013.

SHMA – At the last meeting the summary of figures in the SHMA had given reason for concern. Colin had now spoken to Simon Drummond-Hey and he is going to add some additional text as a clear explanation as to how these figures are arrived at and any Ribble Valley characteristics including it's economy that would need to be taken account of. It was suggested that the wording could be put differently so that the lower figure was given and an explanation of the original figure added. Members had a discussion about the affordable housing figure and the reasons why there appears to be a 'back-log'.

Colin informed the group that several 'topic papers' informed by what the Inspector wants to know would give a 'history' to explain the position in more detail. These would be written and discussed with the working group.

- Ask Simon DH to provide the draft wording to be included and attend a future meeting of the working group.

SHLAA – initial viability reports are coming back. The work is on schedule and should be finalised by the end of May. Indications show that we do not have a land supply issue.

ELR – discussions have taken place about the additional information to be provided. This expected by the end of next week. Colin said that early indications are that the policy will still be in line with the submitted Core Strategy.

HEADROOM - still waiting for the figures – running sensitivity testing at the moment. These would help to inform the SHMA. NLP have indicated that the figures were looking unlikely to be very different from previously.

RETAIL STUDY – this work has been commissioned.

LDS and SCI - both to be reported to P & D committee on 23 May 2013.

Colin informed the group that the Mitton Road, Whalley appeal starts on Wednesday 15 May followed by the Barrowlands appeal.

The group again expressed concern about operational issues with Colin's involvement and time spent on the appeals.

NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting to be discussed with the new Chairman – Cllr Terry Hill.