

## Minutes of Emergency Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, 8 December 2020 starting at 11am  
Present: Councillor S Atkinson (Chair)

Councillors:

A Brown  
S Hore  
A Knox

In attendance: Chief Executive, Director of Resources, Director of Community Services, Director of Economic Development and Planning, Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

Also in attendance: Councillors T Austin, D Berryman, D Birtwhistle, J Clark, L Edge, G Mirfin, M Robinson and R Sherras.

### 854 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence from the meeting.

### 855 DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest.

### 856 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

### 857 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That by virtue of the following item of business being exempt information under Category 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be now excluded from the meeting.

### 858 PLANNING APPEAL DECISIONS

The Director of Economic Development and Planning submitted a report requesting Members' approval to issue proceedings in the High Court to challenge a recent Planning Inspectorate decision.

The reason for considering challenging the appeal decision was due to the interpretation of the Core Strategy Policies, and in particular DMG2. There had been three recent appeal decisions which interpret the policy differently, with particular reference to whether part 1 of the policy should be engaged for development outside of the settlement boundaries. It was important to gain clarity on this matter going forward.

Members were informed of the procedure for challenging a decision in the High Court and of the potential cost implications.

Councillors G Mirfin and R Sherras were given permission to speak on this item.

RESOLVED: That Committee approve the proposed action in respect of the Planning Inspectorate's decision.

The meeting closed 11.24am.

If you have any queries on these minutes please contact Mair Hill (414418).