

CHAIR'S STATEMENTS TO COUNCIL

Councillor Steven McCormick
Chair of the Licensing & Planning Policy Committee

Local Plan - Pause

Work on the local plan, policies, site allocation, sustainability appraisal, etc is paused. No additional work will be done on the local plan aspects following the motion supported at the recent extraordinary council meeting.

Officers are currently reviewing the representations made and checking if any more sites have come forward.

Local Plan budget refresh

The budget needs an update with actuals against the budget alongside a refreshed projection down the timeline.

Regulation 18 responses

Officers working on examining and reviewing responses. The rough estimate to complete this work is circa June 2023.

Only once complete will responses be released as opposed to a piecemeal approach.

LDS - Local Plan Development Schedule

This will need to come to LPPC promptly to be updated and reflect an updated timetable.

The time from Reg 18 to Reg 19 is approximately 12 months and can not be compressed. The timeline will shift to the right.

Taxi Policy Emissions update

This will come to the next available LPPC meeting, likely in June, which will then see a consultation period with results into the following LPPC and then into the next available full council meeting.

Thanks

My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all officers who have worked hard and supported me and my committee over the past year as chair of LPPC.

<p style="text-align: center;">Councillor Neil Dallen Chair of the Strategy & Resources Committee</p>

Town Hall Relocation project

Further to the decision in principle to vacate the Town Hall, work has commenced on scoping out a move to 70 East Street.

To enable this move, a project manager is being sought to oversee this major project which requires specific skills we do not have. Their work would include:-

1. Bringing the building up to a good specification taking into account desirable 'climate change' improvements, and managing the contractors undertaking this work
2. Working on the relocation of office space for our own staff as well as Surrey Police, current Charity users and Surrey County Council if they decide to relocate with us.
3. Planning and overseeing the relocation.

Town Hall Site usage

A separate project is being initiated to look at the option for the Town hall site including the car park(s). A paper is being produced to identify the options which will include options for both the sale of the site(s) and their retention.

IT Strategy

A draft IT strategy has been presented to committee , part of which included new devices for members post-election. A selection of devices was on display in the atrium for members and staff to see what their options would be.