

**Minutes of the Meeting of the LICENSING AND PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE
held on 21 June 2022**

PRESENT -

Councillor Steven McCormick (Chair); Councillors Steve Bridger, Kate Chinn (as nominated substitute for Councillor Rob Geleit), Neil Dallen, Julie Morris, Phil Neale, Humphrey Reynolds (as nominated substitute for Councillor Liz Frost) and Peter Webb

Absent: Councillor Peter O'Donovan, Councillor Liz Frost, Councillor Rob Geleit and Councillor Barry Nash

Officers present: Victoria Potts (Head of Place Development) and Stephanie Gray (Senior Democratic Services Officer)

7 QUESTION TIME

No questions were received from members of the public.

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made by Councillors in respect of items on the agenda.

9 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing and Planning Policy Committee held on 26 May 2022 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

10 LOCAL PLAN FUNDING UPDATE

The Committee received a report providing an updated financial position in regard to preparing a new Local Plan in line with the recently approved Local Plan timetable.

The Committee considered the following matters:

- a) **Cost of Local Plan to date:** A councillor enquired as to the amount of money spent to date, on the Local Plan. An officer confirmed that this amount will be calculated and then conveyed to Members.

- b) **Impact of pandemic on the cost of Local Plan:** A councillor enquired as to the impact of the pandemic on the cost of the Local Plan, and whether this cost had been recovered from government. It was noted that this cost had not been quantified, and also that it was generally accepted that many local authorities are out of pocket as a result of the pandemic.
- c) **Cost of the next Local Plan:** an officer confirmed that once an updated Local Plan is in place, the successive reviews thereof should not have to be as extensive as the current review, and should therefore not be as costly to achieve.

Following consideration, it was resolved to:

- (1) **Note the financial update position with regards to the Local Plan and Planning Policy staffing funding.**
- (2) **Note the potential shortfall in funding for 2023/24 and 2024/25.**
- (3) **Agree to delegate authority to the Chair of Licensing and Planning Policy Committee in conjunction with the Head of Place Development to effectively and efficiently use the Local Plan funds to deliver an up-to-date and robust Regulation 19 Proposed Submission Local Plan in line with the recently approved Local Plan timetable.**

The meeting began at 7.30 pm and ended at 7.48 pm

COUNCILLOR STEVEN MCCORMICK (CHAIR)