



Committee and Date

Place Overview Committee

6th June 2019

PLACE OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 February 2019

In the Shrewsbury/Oswestry Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY2 6ND

10.00 - 11.00 am

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Present

Councillor Joyce Barrow (Chairman)

Councillors Andy Boddington, Rob Gittins, Simon Harris, Dan Morris, William Parr and Paul Wynn

48 Election of Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and duly **Resolved:**

That Councillor Joyce Barrow be elected Chairman of the Place Overview Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

49 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Paul Milner and Harry Taylor.

50 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest made.

51 Minutes from the meetings held on 15th November 2018 and 14th December 2018

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2018 and 14 December 2018 had been circulated.

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meetings of the Place Overview Committee held on 15 November 2018 and 14 December 2018 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

The Interim Head of Infrastructure and Communities advised the meeting that officers were carrying out the assessment of the data for the requested crossing on Monkmoor Road and that a further update would be given at a future meeting of the Committee. He reminded members that work was not carried out unless there was

data available to support works or where there was a statutory requirement to carry out such work.

In response to a question the Interim Head of Infrastructure and Communities advised members that funding for such works came out of the block grant received from the Department for Transport and that spending was prioritised on work required under statutory responsibilities with any surplus being used for other projects.

52 Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

53 Member Question Time

There were no questions from Members.

It was agreed that agenda items 7 and 8 would be taken together

54 Local Economic Growth Strategies & Spotlight on a Market Town

Members received the report of Head of Economic Growth which updated members on the progress being made with Local Economic Growth Strategies for the key market towns. She advised members that the final plans were due to be completed by the end of March 2019 and would provide the local delivery of the Shropshire Economic Growth Strategy, reflecting the geography and diversity of Shropshire and the key sectors, growth and ambitions of the individual market towns.

A Member asked how the smaller Market Towns could become involved. The Planning Services Manager advised the meeting that a template was being developed that could be used by the smaller market towns to enable them to develop their own plans and that this work could be done alongside things like Neighbourhood and community led plans.

A Member commented that it was very important that the process was “bottom up” as people in the locality were best placed to identify priorities and to work together on delivery of the priorities. The Planning Services Manager commented that it was a good way of bringing a number of groups within a community together to deliver outcomes for the whole community.

In response to a question, the Planning Services Manager confirmed that CIL funding could not be used to fund the development of a plan but could be used to fund delivery of required infrastructure where it had arisen as part of development.

A Member commented that Shropshire was a very rural county and that agriculture and other rural occupations contributed a lot to the economy. The Director of Place Informed Members that a rural strategy was being drawn up which would help support the rural economy.

A Member asked for an update on the review of the Place Plan areas. The Head of Economic Growth informed members that Place Plan Officers had recently been appointed and that meetings were planned in each Place Plan area over the next two to three months, to look at priorities and other matters such as the areas covered by each plan.

55 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2018-2019

Members received the report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer which set out the work programme for Overview and Scrutiny for the forthcoming year.

The Overview & Scrutiny Officer advised Members that the Committee had been asked to consider setting up a Task and Finish Group to look at climate change. Members agreed that they did not wish to set up task and finish group.

A Member asked for an update on Community Transport. The Overview and Scrutiny Officer reminded members that a Task and Finish Group had been set up under the Chairmanship of Cecilia Motley, but its work had been stalled by ongoing legal action around the licences required by volunteer drivers. He advised Members that a meeting of the group would beheld shortly with a view to a final report being produced in May.

The Chair asked members to feed any further topics to the Overview & Scrutiny Officer.

56 Date/Time of the Next Meeting of the Committee

Members were reminded that the next meeting would be held at 10.00am on Thursday 28th March 2019.

Signed (Chairman)

Date: