



Meeting **PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Date **Tuesday 30 January 2018 (commencing at 10.30 am)**

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Chris Barnfather (Chair)
Jim Creamer (Vice-Chair)

Pauline Allan
Andy Brown
Neil Clarke MBE
Sybil Fielding - A
Paul Henshaw
John Longdon

Rachel Madden
Sue Saddington
Tracey Taylor
Keith Walker
Andy Wetton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Barker – Resources Department
Rachel Clack – Resources Department
Sally Gill – Place Department
Jane Marsden-Dale – Place Department
Jonathan Smith – Place Department
Claudine White – Place Department

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2017 having been circulated to all Members were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sybil Fielding

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

4. DECLARATIONS OF LOBBYING OF MEMBERS

None

5. ADOPTION OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S LOCAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE VALIDATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Mr Smith introduced the report and explained that the current Validation Guidance was adopted in February 2016 and now needed replacing to ensure that the Authority has an up to date Local List against which it can validate incoming planning applications. The main changes are as follows:

- Changes to the requirements for the electronic submission of planning applications to reflect the increased use of this method for the submission and subsequent consultation and assessment of applications
- Amendments to the text within various sections to provide increased clarity as to when the submission of information is required
- Inclusion of Transport Statements within the existing Transport Assessments section to reflect the "lighter touch" transport evaluation required for some planning applications
- Changes to departmental names reflecting a move of functions from within the County Council to joint venture partnerships such as to Arc and Via
- Proposed new criteria relating to agricultural land classification
- Amendments to relevant sections to make reference to updated guidance in several sections

Mr Smith informed Committee of recent developments:

- The Government has published advice regarding the reclamation of mineral extraction and landfill sites to agricultural use that also includes the obligation for planning authorities to consult Natural England on applications which affect best and most versatile agricultural land. The validation guidance would benefit from reference to this guidance
- A further requirement is proposed to be added to the guidance requiring applicants who submitted plans electronically to set the document size so that it corresponds with the scale detailed on the plan.

Following Mr Smith's introduction members debated the item and the following comments and questions were responded to:-

- Although the number of responses overall was low the breadth of those responses was reassuring
- Only one district council responded. However, the guidance is only relevant to applications received by the County Council. District Councils have their own guidance and the County Council has never commented on any of the district councils' draft guidance
- A reference to the new Natural England advice will be included in the guidance which will encourage applicants to consider all possible options

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair, it was:-

RESOLVED 2018/001

That Nottinghamshire County Council's 'Guidance Note on the Validation Requirements for Planning Applications' be approved.

6. UPDATE REPORT ON THE LICENSING WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE TRADING STANDARDS & COMMUNITY SAFETY SERVICE

Ms White introduced the report which detailed the recent firework inspections carried out by the Trading Standards & Community Safety Service. Following Ms White's introduction members debated the item and the following comments and questions were responded to:-

- Advice is available to retailers on how to dispose of fireworks safely though most are aware already
- It is the responsibility of the manufacturers of fireworks to ensure they are transported safely
- The changes in categories have confused some retailers who have consequently mis-ordered. Non-compliant retailers have been spoken to and all retailers have been written to regarding the volume and type of fireworks they can store

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair, it was:-

Resolved 2018/002

That Committee receive a full year-end update report for 2017/18 licensing activities in October 2018.

7. DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

On a motion by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair, it was:-

RESOLVED 2018/003

That no further actions are required as a result of the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 10.51am

CHAIR