

FULL COUNCIL

12 JANUARY 2023

Present:

Councillors Austen, Bradford, Bullivant, Clarence (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), Colclough, Connett, D Cox, H Cox, Daws, Dewhirst, Evans, Goodman-Bradbury, Haines, Hocking, G Hook, J Hook, Jeffery, Jeffries, Keeling, Kerswell, MacGregor, Morgan, Mullone, Nutley, Parker, Patch, Peart, J Petherick, L Petherick, Phipps, Purser, Rollason, Russell, Swain, Taylor and Wrigley

Apologies:

Councillors Cook, Eden, Foden, Gribble, Hayes, Jenks, Nuttall, Thorne and Tume

Officers in Attendance:

Neil Blaney, Head of Place & Commercial Services
Trish Corns, Democratic Services Officer
Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer & Head of Corporate Services
Tracey Hooper, Service Lead for Revenue, Benefits and Customer Support
James Joubert, Planning Officer
Rob Kelley, Senior Planning Officer
Michelle Luscombe, Planning Policy Manager
Christopher Morgan, Trainee Democratic Services Officer
Kati Owen, Senior Planning Officer
Nikki Rawley, Council Tax Lead Officer - Revenue & Benefits
Sarah Selway, Democratic Services Team Leader & Deputy Monitoring Officer
Trevor Shaw, Senior Planning Officer
Paul Woodhead, Head of Legal Services & Monitoring Officer to the Council

1. MINUTES

It was proposed by the Executive Member for Sport, Recreation and Culture, seconded by the Executive Member for Recycling, Household Waste and Environmental Health that the minutes be approved.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting on 17 November 2022 and the meeting 29 November 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record by the Deputy Chair.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Vice-Chair wished the Chair Cllr Nuttall a speedy recovery.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Morgan declared a interest in respect of minute no.8 - Teignbridge Proposed Submission Local Plan 2020 to 2040- as she had campaigned on an aspect of the Local Plan and clarified that she would stay, speak and vote on the matter.

4. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2023/24

The Executive Member for Corporate Resources presented the report to approve the Council Tax base and thanked the Chief Financial Officer and his team for all their work. He proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Leader and carried.

RESOLVED that the council tax base of 50,215 for 2023/24 be approved.

5. RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE 6 DECEMBER 2022 - COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2023/24

It was proposed by the Executive Member for Corporate Services and seconded by the Leader that the recommendation be approved. This was carried unanimously.

The Executive Member for Corporate Services thanked the Service Lead for Revenue, Benefits and Customer Support and the team for their hard work on putting together this scheme.

RESOLVED that the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (attached as Appendix A) be adopted for the year 2023-24 with the income amounts uprated in line with any annual uprating in primary benefits.

6. RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE 3 JANUARY 2023 - COUNCIL TAX PREMIUMS

It was proposed by the Executive Member for Corporate Services and seconded by the Leader that the recommendation be approved. This was carried.

RESOLVED that:-

- (a) The application of the current premium of 100% for all dwellings which are unoccupied and substantially unfurnished (empty dwellings) after 1 year instead of 2, with effect from 1st April 2024 be approved;
- (b) The application of a premium of 100% for all dwellings which are unoccupied but substantially furnished with effect from 1st April 2024 be approved; and
- (c) That the S151 Officer be given delegated powers in consultation with the relevant Executive Member to implement the policy in line with the Council's requirements and any guidance given by the Secretary of State.

7. IMPLICATIONS OF MICHAEL GOVE MP'S STATEMENT ON CHANGES TO THE PLANNING SYSTEM

The Executive Member for Planning proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by the Leader and carried.

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) Note the content of this report and appendices; and
- (2) Proceed to consider the report on the Local Plan consultation as set out on the agenda.

8. TEIGNBRIDGE PROPOSED SUBMISSION LOCAL PLAN 2020 TO 2040

The Executive Member for Planning presented the proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Teignbridge Local Plan 2020 to 2040 and associated documents, with a recommendation to publish them for a minimum 6-week period of public consultation, followed by submission of the Plan and associated documents to the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

The Executive Member for Planning proposed the recommendation as set out in the circulated report with an amendment to recommendation 9 to read:--

Following consultation, submit the Proposed Submission Local Plan 2020 to 2040, associated documents, and all representations made to the Plan, to the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to begin proceedings for Public Examination. This will include granting delegated authority to the Head of Place and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and the Chair of the LPWG to recommend minor modifications to the Inspector prior to submission, while any major modifications will be referred to Full Council.

And an additional recommendation 10 to read:-

Subject to the current proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework coming into effect which relate specifically to housing requirements becoming 'advisory', the Council commits to undertake a review of the district's housing needs immediately following adoption of the 2020-2040 Local Plan, which takes into account forthcoming census-based household and population projections and, if a lower housing requirement is identified, proceed with an urgent partial review of the Plan which reflects a lower housing needs target

This was seconded by the Leader.

The Planning Policy Manager outlined the process undertaken in the compilation of the plan and the close working with the Local Plan Working Group.

The Local Plan Working Group Chair, Cllr Goodman-Bradbury commented on the input of the members on the allocation of sites and policies.

During debated Members raised queries and concerns on the calculations of the housing numbers for the district, climate change policies and how far they could go to improve the sustainability of new homes, impact on and capacity of drainage/sewage systems, effect of the recession on the building of new homes, the need to look at options for high density housing on brownfield sites and to ensure that sites had sustainable transport links.

The recommendation was put to the vote and carried:-

RESOLVED to:-

- (1) Approve the Proposed Submission (Regulation 19) Teignbridge Local Plan 2020 to 2040 (Appendix A) for at least a 6-week period of public consultation;
- (2) Approve the Policies Map (Appendix B) for at least a 6-week period of public consultation;
- (3) Approve the Sustainability Appraisal Report (Appendix C) for at least a 6-week period of public consultation;
- (4) Approve the Habitats Regulations Assessment (Appendix D) for at least a 6-week period of public consultation;
- (5) Approve the Draft Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule (Appendix E) for at least a 6-week period of public consultation;
- (6) Note the content of the Consultation Statement for the Part 1, 2 and 3 Regulation 18 consultations (Appendix F);
- (7) Note the content and conclusion of the Equality Impact Assessment (Appendix G);
- (8) Grant delegated authority to the Head of Place and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning, to make minor changes to items (1)-(6) prior to consultation to address any editorial errors and matters of clarification; and
- (9) Following consultation, submit the Proposed Submission Local Plan 2020 to 2040, associated documents, and all representations made to the Plan, to the Secretary of State for the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to begin proceedings for Public Examination. This will include granting delegated authority to the Head of Place and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Executive Member for Planning and the Chair of the Local Plan Working Group recommend minor modifications to the Inspector prior to submission, while any major modifications will be referred to Full Council.

- (10) Subject to the current proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework coming into effect which relate specifically to housing requirements becoming 'advisory', the Council commits to undertake a review of the district's housing needs immediately following adoption of the 2020-2040 Local Plan, which takes into account forthcoming census-based household and population projections and, if a lower housing requirement is identified, proceed with an urgent partial review of the Plan which reflects a lower housing needs target

Cllr Patch left the meeting before the vote on this item.

Cllr Peart arrived during consideration of the item and did not vote on the item

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM EXECUTIVE 3 JANUARY 2023 - NOTICE OF MOTION - LASTING MEMORIAL TO THE LATE QUEEN ELIZABETH II AND ACKNOWLEDGES THE ACCESSION OF KING CHARLES III

The Leader proposed the recommendation, this was seconded by Cllr Bullivant and carried.

The Leader clarified that the submission for Councillor Community fund applications would close on 28 February 2023, it would only be unallocated Councillor Community funds that would be used towards the purchase of the trees.

RESOLVED that this Council creates a lasting memorial to our late Queen Elizabeth II and acknowledges the accession of King Charles III by planting two trees (trees of appropriate size and type) in prominent and appropriate locations within the grounds of Old Forde House. One tree to the memory of Queen Elizabeth and one tree to commemorate the accession of King Charles. The cost of acquiring and planting the trees be funded by unspent Councillor Community Funds (when the scheme closes at the end of February 2023) and if required through other budget savings in this financial year.

An invitation be extended to the Lord-Lieutenant of Devon, the Royal Household, the Districts Town Mayors and the Chairs of the Town and Parish Councils to attend the tree planting ceremony.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION

Cllr D Cox presented his Notice of Motion regarding Teignmouth Hospital.

The Vice-Chair Cllr Clarence proposed that the matter debated at this meeting, this was seconded by Cllr MacGregor put to the vote and lost as two thirds of the members did not support debate of this matter today. The item was referred to the next Executive.

11. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS

Member questions and responses attached to agenda.

See the live stream – <https://youtu.be/4ejs29Yiz4Y?t=10151>

The meeting started at 10.00 am and finished at 12.48 pm.

Chair