

Whiteley Town Council

Strategic Development and Policy Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the above Committee held in the Council Rooms at Meadowside Leisure Centre, Whiteley on Wednesday 12th October 2016 at 8.15pm.

Committee members present David Jenkins (Chairman), Colin Bielckus, Andy Baker, Malcolm Butler.

Town Councillors Vivian Achwal, Pat Thew, one member of the public, Town Clerk Nicki Oliver.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** Mike Evans
2. **To receive declarations of interest regarding agenda items** None.
3. **To adjourn meeting to allow participation by members of the public** Not required.

4. **Meeting resumed to consider the following agenda items:**

4.1 Internal Control and Risk Assessment actions for 2016/17

4.1.1 To update the Town Council's Strategy for 2016/17 **Refer to next meeting.**

4.2 To review issues concerning proposals for North Whiteley.

4.2.1 Update on s106 issues

4.2.2 Update on proposals for a secondary school and all weather pitches

4.2.3 Update on the construction traffic management plan

4.2.4 Update on programme for highways infrastructure improvements

Refer above to next meeting.

4.3 To review Broadband availability issues for Whiteley residents **No further news.**

4.4 To receive an update on the progress of an emergency plan for Whiteley **Cllr Butler has met with HCC Neil Jenkins to receive feedback on the draft plan. Further meeting of steering group to be arranged.**

4.5 To update the Council and councillors' training and development plans **Refer to next meeting.**

4.6 To agree response to the Local Government Finance Settlement 2017-18 Consultation **The consultation is looking for views on a range of technical issues that will impact on the 2017 and 2018 local government finance settlement. Part of the consultation proposes to introduce referendums for local councils as an extension to plans to impose referendums on larger local councils.**

It was agreed to respond with the council's views that this could negatively impact on local councils' ability to operate flexibly to invest in local services and is contrary to the principles of localism that offer opportunities to drive local growth and community sustainability. This is of particular benefit to communities in the light of continued reduced spending by upper tier councils.

5. **To identify any unmanaged risks within this committee's remit** None.
6. **Review effectiveness of communication, development of links with other community organisations and support for local democracy through making information more widely available** Continue to monitor.
7. **Recent correspondence / reports from meetings of relevance to this committee** Included above.

Meeting closed 8.30pm