

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK MEMBER WORKING GROUP

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 2007

Present

Cllr Khaliq, Environment & Waste Management IC (Chair);
Cllr King, Environment & Waste Management IC;
Cllr Greaves, Regeneration & Economy IC;
Cllr Naylor, Regeneration & Economy IC
Cllr Townend, Safer & Stronger IC;
Cllr Haigh, Social Care IC;
Cllr Ellis, Corporate IC;
Cllr Thornton, Young People & Education IC
Together with: Andrew Marshall, Group Manager (Development Plans & Policy); Caroline Coombes (Service Improvement Team); Lynne Heffernan (Minutes).

Apologies:

Cllrs Ruding, Wallace, Kelly.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Members were welcomed to the meeting and briefed on the background leading to the establishment of the working group.

The Executive had received a report from Officers on the Core Strategy of the LDF which they referred to the Environment and Waste Management Improvement Committee. The Committee resolved that a mechanism be found to involve all Improvement Committees in the development of the LDF and following discussions with the Improvement Committee Chairs, Portfolio Holder and officers, the working group had been established.

2. Terms of Reference

The draft Terms of Reference have been put together in consultation with Andrew Marshall and Cllr Khaliq and the other Improvement Committee Chairs.

Following discussion the Terms of Reference were agreed.

3. LDF Overview

A presentation by Andrew Marshall provided an overview of the Local Development Framework , which highlighted the following:-

- The LDF replaces the UDP and is intended to speed up decision making and therefore be more efficient.
- There are various documents within the LDF which the Core Strategy binds together, these include Allocations, City Centre Area Action Plan and the Shipley and Canal Road Corridor Action Plan.
- All local development documents must relate to the Core Strategy document.
- Regional Spatial Strategy will have to be taken into consideration in the development of Bradford's LDF. The LDF will also need to link in with other local strategies in Bradford i.e. LAA, SCS, LSP.
- It is important to get the process correct and ensure that the Core Strategy is robust ('Sound') otherwise the office of the Secretary of State will "throw it out" following an independent examination.
- The Core Strategy will look at the wider picture and how things should change over the next 20 years.
- The Core Strategy is not site specific.
- In theory, the Core Strategy document should be able to "stand alone" and be able to determine applications.

The current situation

- Core Strategy Issues and Options were published for consultation in February 2007.
- This was followed in May/June 2007 by area stakeholder conferences, looking at the key issues and focus for development and change in settlements.
- Additional more detailed stakeholder workshops were held on Housing, transport and waste (as well as work linking in to the preparation of the Economic Strategy).
- Work is being carried out on bringing together the information from these consultation events.
- These refined options will then be followed by preferred options
- The submission to the Secretary of State is set for 2009 with its adoption in 2010.

There was discussion around the issue of transport which is a key issue and will be an important aspect of the strategy

Cross boundary links were considered important e.g. Queensbury/Halifax; Leeds etc.

The issue of 'Green Belt' areas would also need further discussion.

- The Bradford City Centre Area Action Plan document follows on from the Core Strategy document, again with adoption in 2010. Issues and Options papers have already been approved by the Executive (July 2007) and are currently out for public consultation until 12 November 2007.
- It was proposed that the LDF Working Group look at this document in detail.

4. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed to meet from 3.30 pm until 5.00 pm on Tuesday 20th November 2007 and that the agenda be as follows:-

- City Centre Area Action Plan
 - Issues and Options
 - Consultation
 - Process e.g. timetable, links with other plans, strategies etc.

The meeting closed at 5.00 pm.