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Planning Committee

Neighbourhood Development Plan

Background

The NDP Steering Group has agreed to engage an independent planning consultant to review the evidence obtained so far and produce an initial draft NDP for consideration. It is helpful if the Town Council view is documented (or at least signposted) in one overarching document.

Aim

To confirm the Town Council's general view and recommendations with regard to planning matters for consideration by an external planning consultant.

Discussion

The Town Council has experience of responding to a large number of planning applications over a number of years. As a result members will have been frustrated at times with the failure to respond to 'the views of the people'. Members should however be mindful of the fact that only those items that are considered of material importance are considered relevant. Not wanting a development is not grounds for it failing to be approved. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) produced in March 2012 is the overarching planning policy for England and members should familiarise themselves with the content and interpretation as evidenced by planning decisions. Particular attention is drawn to paragraph 6 '*the policies in paragraphs 18-219, taken as a whole, constitute the Governments view of what sustainable development in England means in practice for the planning system.*'

The Town Council has supported or articulated its view on a number of occasions in recent years:

- The Town Council has a set of Planning Principles (reviewed in May 2015 by the Planning Committee)
- The Town Council has previously adopted/supported the Water Lane Planning Statement (2008).
- The Town Council has previously adopted the Central Newport Public Realm Design Guide (2009)
- The Town Council submitted its corporate views on the Shaping Places Strategy and Options Consultation in July 2013.

- The Town Council recently submitted corporate comments to the Shaping Places Employment and Housing sites consultation.
- The Town Council has recently adopted the Town Plan (July 14).

All of the above have been considered in the public domain and as a result of resolutions of the Town Council (or its committees where it has the appropriate delegated powers).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the following documents be viewed as the primary sources of the views of the Town Council regarding planning and planning related issues for the NDP process.

- NTC Initial funding request (Nov 2011) includes aims and objectives,
- NTC Planning Principles (May 2014).
- The Water Lane Planning Statement (2008).
- Central Newport Public Realm Design Guide (2009).
- Shaping Places submission – Strategy and Options consultation (July 2013)
- NTC Shaping Places submission - Employment and Housing sites consultation.
- Town Plan (July 2014).

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