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Summary of notes, recommendations and actions following a meeting of the Newport Neighbourhood Development Plan Process Management Group (PMG) held in The Guildhall, The High Street on Wednesday 1st October 2014

Present:

Cllr Tim Nelson – Steering Group Chairman

Cllr Lyn Fowler – Town Council

Cllr Peter Scott – Newport Town Council

Lee Jakeman - Town Clerk

Sheila Atkinson – Deputy Town Clerk

Apologies:

N/A

Meeting started at 7.00pm.

Agenda Topic	Summary	Actions/ comments/ outcomes
To review and consider a post workshop report from URS	Report Noted.	Report to be distributed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• all those that attended the workshop.• all members of the NDP Steering Group• all members of Newport Town Council Planning Committee. Report to be published on Town Council web-site.

<p>To consider next steps and a date for the NDP Steering Group</p>	<p>Date of next meeting of the Steering Group to be Wednesday 22 October at the Guildhall, starting at 7pm.</p> <p>Items for the agenda:</p> <p>To receive the URS workshop report. To identify the key findings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirm the vision with the Steering Group • A number of the topics raised were considered to be difficult to capture within the NDP process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Parking ○ Housing Supply (unless we want more) ○ Greater selection of services (market led) ○ Greater use of Market and Market Hall. ○ Public Transport. ○ Canal – extension to Norbury (land not within Newport). • Prominent/recurring themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recycling centre – (consider land allocation) ○ Student housing – (consider supporting student specific housing in and around the town). • Green Spaces: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Not widely discussed at workshop • New themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Harper Adams University Agri-tech initiative (identify a site and purpose). 	<p>Clerk to advise members of Steering Group.</p> <p>PMG to create a draft vision (based on the 3 'postcards' from the workshop)</p> <p>Noted – Manage expectations.</p> <p>Should we look to identify sites?</p> <p>However a number of 'green' sites had been documented and a significant start on documenting their existence and prominence had begun).</p> <p>Harper Adams to be consulted.</p>
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Direction for the Steering Group (from the PMG):

- Confirm the vision (provide a draft)
- Reminder of the boundary (we are of course interested and concerned with development on the edge/outside of Newport. However, the Plan can only set policy inside the boundary.
- Potential policy themes:
 - Identifying/ encouraging recycling premises.
 - Sustainable transport infrastructure.
 - Existing and New Green and Blue Spaces.
 - Mitigate against future parking demand. Houses and schools.
 - High grade communications infrastructure.
 - Benefits of increased employment opportunities in connection with HAU expertise.
 - Water Lane Development – mixed use.
 - Policies to reduce the ‘studentification’ of Newport.
- Documenting the existence and prominence of green spaces had begun (thanks to Newport 21). Can we do more of the same to capture all the sites however small and insignificant?
- Should we be considering specific site allocations as part of the NDP?

<p>To consider the revised 'offer' of support from URS</p>	<p>Members noted that workshop had identified additional pieces of work to be undertaken before, primarily around identifying technical evidence that exists and what (if any) gaps are evident.</p> <p>Members noted that the Clerk had obtained grant funding of £6,200 from the 'Community Development Fund' to contribute to the cost of the external consultancy work.</p> <p>A revised offer from URS was considered (£8,800). Members authorised URSs engagement in the additional piece of work identified.</p> <p>Members considered a request from the Town Team manager for funding of the AMT high street health check.</p>	<p>-</p> <p>Clerk to increase ND budget in line with additional grant funding.</p> <p>Clerk to confirm arrangements with URS</p> <p>Not approved. Members felt that as a similar survey had been conducted only last year and that (in respect of the ND process) the evidence obtained then was still relevant.</p>
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Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm.

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Town Clerk