

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN STRATEGY COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, GREENACRE CENTRE, VALARIAN WAY, STOTFOLD

Committee Members present:

Cllrs D Matthews (Chairman), S Buck, S Hayes, J Headington, J Smith (Vice Chair), H Wightwick

Also present:

Cllr J Bendell
E Payne, Town Clerk

8/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All Members were present.

9/23 DISCLOSURES OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No disclosures were made and there were no requests for dispensations.

10/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None present.

11/23 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 May 2023 were received and it was **RESOLVED** to:

Adopt the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

12/23 CLERK'S REPORT, CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & MATTERS ARISING FOR INFORMATION

Nothing to report.

13/23 PROPOSALS FOR LONG TERM STRATEGIC PLANNING OF STOTFOLD

Members discussed the upcoming Strategic Planning Session scheduled for Saturday 13 January. Members considered the length of the plan, achievements of the current plan and any matters that hadn't been resolved during the previous plan. Members welcomed the opportunity to get together informally with an opportunity consider a wide range of proposals.

Consideration should be given to consulting with residents on anything coming out of the strategic planning session, to see if they align with what they consider is important to the Town.

The function of this committee was discussed, in relation to the delivery of the strategic plan. The strategic plan needs to be delivered by the individual committees as they have

the expertise to deliver. This committee would have a scrutiny role, meeting quarterly to ensure that the plan was being delivered within agreed timescales.

14/23 STOTFOLD AND ASTWICK NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members discussed the current status of the neighbourhood plan. The Town Council is currently without the staff resources to deliver a neighbourhood plan. With CBC consulting on their current Local Plan, Members considered that there isn't any opportunity at present to start the Neighbourhood Plan process and would wait for CBC to finish consulting and updating their own Local Plan.

15/23 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES, RELEVANT TO THIS COMMITTEE ONLY

Nothing to report.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed 1934.

16/23 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Members considered that due to the Strategic Planning Session, Members wanted to carry on with the impetus of the planning day and a meeting was agreed for Wednesday 21 February 2023, with the following meeting being held on Wednesday 27 March 2024.

MINUTES APPROVED (date): _____

SIGNED BY CHAIRMAN: _____