

REGENERATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD

25 February 2019

The meeting commenced at 2.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

Present:

Councillor Kevin Cranney (In the Chair)

Councillors: Paddy Brown, Rob Cook, Jim Lindridge, Shane Moore and Mike Young

Also Present: Councillor Ann Marshall

Officers: Andy Carter, Assistant Director, Economic Growth and Regeneration
Matthew King, Planning Policy Team Leader
Rebecca Cockburn, Planning Policy Officer
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

56. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Leisa Smith.

57. Declarations of Interest

None.

58. Minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2019

Received.

59. Local Development Order – The Port 2019 *(Assistant Director, Economic Growth and Regeneration)*

Type of decision

Part of the Budget and Policy Framework

Purpose of report

To endorse the Port Local Development Order (LDO) and to seek permission to take to Council the amended LDO (**Appendix 1**) for adoption.

The LDO was subject to a public consultation between 2 November 2018 and the 11 January 2019. Following the consultation a consultation statement (**Appendix 2**) has been prepared and necessary amendments have been made to the document where changes were considered necessary.

Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee

The report provided background information to the Enterprise Zones Programme, which had been pursued by the Government to stimulate economic growth. Whilst some of the Enterprise Zones ceased to exist from the end of March 2018, along with their individual LDO's, the financial incentives as part of the Enterprise Zone at the Port at Hartlepool would be in place until the end of March 2020.

Given that the previous LDO expired in March 2018, it was necessary to comply with the requirements of the Enterprise Zone to put the LDO in place again. The Committee's endorsement of the LDO, attached at Appendix 1, was sought for referral to Council for adoption.

Following adoption of this document, the Port site would benefit from simplified planning controls, meaning that certain developments would not need to submit a full planning application, the financial implications of which were provided, as set out in the report.

Members were advised that the consultation period for this document commenced on 2 November 2018 running until 11 January 2019. A total of 8 responses had been received from a range of consultees including the Environment Agency, Natural England, PD Ports and Highways England, details of which were included at Appendix 2.

In the discussion that followed presentation of the report, officers responded to queries raised in relation to the proposals. In response to clarification sought regarding the outcome of the consultation, Members were advised that feedback in response to the consultation had been positive and in accordance with what had been anticipated.

A Member queried the risk implications in terms of potential restrictions in relation to timescales as to when the funding must be utilised. The Planning Policy Team Leader reported on the background to the expiry of the previous LDO and highlighted that the amended LDO would be in place until the end of 2020. The potential economic and investment benefits for the site were discussed. It was noted that information regarding the plans for the site would not be available until detailed proposals were received from potential developers.

Decision

That the Local Development Order be endorsed and referred to Council for adoption.

60. Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was reported that the next meeting would be held on Monday 18 March 2019 at 2.00 pm.

The meeting concluded at 2.15 pm.

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CHIEF SOLICITOR

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