

# **REGENERATION SERVICES COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES AND DECISION RECORD**

18 October 2019

The meeting commenced at 12.30 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

### **Present:**

Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher (In the Chair)

Councillors: Paddy Brown, Tom Cassidy, Jim Lindridge and Leisa Smith

### **Also Present:**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.2 Councillor Tony Richardson was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Lee Cartwright and Councillor S Akers-Belcher was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Ann Marshall

Officers: Denise McGuckin, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods  
Andy Carter, Assistant Director, Economic Growth and Regeneration  
Matthew King, Planning Policy Team Leader  
Jim Ferguson, Planning and Development Manager  
Chris Scaife, Countryside Access Officer  
Steve Hilton, Senior Public Relations Officer  
Denise Wimpenny, Principal Democratic Services Officer

### **15. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cartwright and Marshall.

### **16. Declarations of Interest**

None

### **17. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2019**

Received

**18. Wynyard Masterplan** *(Assistant Director, Economic Growth and Regeneration)*

**Type of decision**

Part of Budget and Policy Framework

**Purpose of report**

To present to the Regeneration Services Committee the Wynyard Masterplan for endorsement. The Masterplan had been jointly produced with Stockton Borough Council.

**Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee**

The report provided background information in relation to the development of the Wynyard Masterplan for the delivery of approximately 732 dwellings. In line with the requirement to produce a Masterplan as required by Policy Hsg6 of the Local Plan officers had liaised with relevant teams and departments to ensure sufficient detail within the document to help guide the development of the site over the Local Plan period of 15 years. The Masterplan covered issues such as phasing, access and infrastructure, housing, community facilities, landscaping and open space and design.

Planning applications continued to be submitted on sites in the Masterplan area by developers and officers were working to incorporate the proposals into the Masterplan process. Subject to endorsement by this Committee, the Masterplan would become a material consideration in the determination of current and future planning applications on the site and would ensure that decisions taken were in conformity with the 2018 Hartlepool Local Plan. The Committee was referred to the risk, financial, legal and consultation arrangements in relation to the proposals.

Members' approval was sought to endorse the Masterplan and that authorisation be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee, to undertake any minor changes required to the Masterplan.

A Member expressed a view that Hartlepool's determination of planning applications in relation to the Wynyard development should not be delayed as a result of Stockton's democratic processes.

The Chair took the opportunity to pay tribute to officers for their hard work and contributions in relation to the local plan and this development.

## **Decision**

- (i) That the Wynyard Masterplan be endorsed.
- (ii) That authority be delegated to the Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee, to undertake any minor changes required to the Masterplan.
- (iii) It was agreed that Hartlepool's determination of planning applications in relation to the Wynyard development should not be delayed as a result of Stockton's democratic processes.

## **19. The Way of St Hild – A Pilgrimage of Discovery - Presentation** *(Assistant Director, Economic Growth and Regeneration)*

### **Issue(s) for consideration by the Committee**

The Committee was provided with a detailed presentation in relation to the way of St Hild which was a new 48 mile interpretive trail starting at St Hilda's Church on the Headland in Hartlepool along the north east coast to Whitby Abbey using a wide range of interpretive media, ranging from the traditional booklet to a modern smart phone 'app', using augmented reality. The trail will celebrate the life and times of a foremost Northern Saint. The presentation included details of the route, links as well as stations along the Way. St Hild had been represented using iconography throughout the ages and a family of fossil ammonites had been named after her.

In the discussion that followed, officers responded to queries raised arising from the presentation. Clarification was provided in relation to the funding arrangements. Members welcomed that European funding had been secured from the Rural Payment Agency to develop the augmented reality smart phone 'app' and work was ongoing to secure match funding to cover costs of producing the booklet.

Thanks were expressed to officers who had been involved in this initiative, the benefits of which were outlined. The Committee was pleased to note that this walk would likely be the first pilgrimage walk in the country to use augmented reality. A Member commented on the importance of publicising the walk as widely as possible and requested that a downloadable version to be provided to share with walking clubs.

## **Decision**

That the contents of the presentation and comments of Members be noted.

## **20. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was reported that the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 13 November 2019 at 10.00 am.

The meeting concluded at 1.05 pm.

**H MARTIN**

**CHIEF SOLICITOR**

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