Minutes of Local Plan Working Party

30 October 2017

Present:

Councillor C.B. Barnard Councillor I.T.E. Harvey Councillor S.C. Mooney Councillor R.A. Smith-Ainsley Councillor H.A. Thomson Councillor H.R.D. Williams

Apologies:

Councillor A.C. Harman, Deputy Leader of the Council

1 Election of Chairman

Cllr Ian Harvey was elected Chair.

2 Report of the Strategic Planning Manager

a) Local Development Scheme

It was agreed to recommend that Cabinet approve the Local Development Scheme for publication.

b) Authority Monitoring Report 2017

Subject to the correction of minor factual errors and final editing requirements, it was agreed to recommend that Cabinet approve the report for publication.

c) Spelthorne Functional Economic Area

It was agreed to recommend that Cabinet approve the Spelthorne Functional Economic Area report, together with the table of comments and responses, for publication.

d) Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

It was agreed to recommend that Cabinet approve the Sustainability Scoping Report for publication.

e) Memorandum of Understanding between Spelthorne Borough Council and Slough Borough Council

It was agreed to recommend that Cabinet give approval for Cllr Colin Barnard as the Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development to sign the MoU on behalf of the Council.

f) Green Belt Assessment

It was agreed to recommend that Cabinet approve the Green Belt Assessment for public consultation and for officers to consider next steps and report back to the Local Plan Working Party following consultation.

g) Request from Residents' Association

The request for members of the public to be able to observe (but not participate in) Local Plan Working Party meetings was considered but it was agreed that they should remain closed to the public. In reaching their decision, the Chair on behalf of the Working Party wished it to be noted that the interests of all members of the public, residents' associations and other stakeholders are always taken into account and that they will be consulted throughout the Local Plan preparation process.

3 AOB

There was none.

4 Next meeting

Date to be agreed but likely to be January 2018.