

Notes of the meeting of the **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK GROUP** held at the Council Offices, Whitfield on Tuesday 12 October 2005 at 4.00 pm.

Present:

Chairman: Councillor N S Kenton

Councillors: S F Bannister  
S G Leith  
Mrs J M Munt  
A F Richardson  
Mrs A C Willshaw

Also Present: Mr R Haines – LSP Dover District Chamber of Commerce  
Mr R Christian - LSP Dover Harbour Board  
Town Councillor M B Trussler  
Parish Councillor B A C Curtis

Officers: Strategic Director (Community and Regeneration)  
Forward Planning Manager  
Principal Planning Officer (Forward Planning)  
Senior Planning Officer (Forward Planning)  
Committees & Member Services Officer

70 NOTES

The Notes of the meeting of the Group held on 26 July 2005 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

71 SOUTH EAST PLAN: EMPLOYMENT HOUSING AND INFRASTRUCTURE IN KENT

The Forward Planning Manager advised that the following amendments were required to pages 10 and 11 of the report:

Page 10, final paragraph, add reference to an additional 1000 homes to be tested elsewhere in the District; and page 11, second line, the figure 4000 to be replaced by 5000.

It was agreed:

That, subject to the following changes, the responses to the consultation on the SE Plan: Employment, Housing and Infrastructure in Kent be recommended for consideration by Cabinet:

- (a) response to second Housing question, third paragraph: after "growth levels" add "together with an additional 1000 homes elsewhere in the District" and fourth paragraph, second line change "4000" to "5000".
- (b) response to Infrastructure and Community Services question, first bullet point replace "rather" with "very much"; second bullet point after "believes that" add "it is essential"; add further bullet point to read "It should be stressed in the sub-regional Strategy that the overall aim is to foster stronger and

more sustainable communities, as opposed to simply delivering housing growth, and that the timely provision of all forms of infrastructure is essential to this process."

72 KENT AND MEDWAY STRUCTURE PLAN: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS

The Forward Planning Manager advised that the modifications were supported with the exception of Proposed Modifications 8.5 and 8.15. The Structure Plan housing provisions had originally extended to 2021 but the Government Inspector had subsequently recommended that they should not go beyond 2016. Although this undermined a main purpose of the review, KCC had proposed the modification and also a modification to increase DDC's housing provision by 900 dwellings in the period 2011–2016.

Mr Christian and Mr Haines took issue with the objection to proposed modification 8.15 and Councillor Bannister requested more emphasis be given to air quality.

It was agreed:

That, subject to the last sentence of paragraph 13 being amended after "already poor" to add "especially in relation to air quality", the responses to the Kent and Medway Structure Plan Proposed Modifications be recommended for consideration by Cabinet.

73 GENERAL UPDATE ON PROGRESS

The Principal Planning Officer distributed copies of documents sent to statutory bodies and landowners concerning the options for the LDF Core Strategy, Dover Area Action Plan and Site Allocations Development Plan. Landowners had been contacted with regard to bringing forward available development sites and these were identified on the plans. The Forward Planning Manager advised that it was hoped to merge the results of consultation on Dover Pride and the Dover Urban options. The closing period for comments was 4 November 2005 and a further report would be brought to the Group in order that it could make recommendations on the preferred options.

The annual Monitoring Report was to be submitted to GOSE in December 2005 and the draft of the Housing section had already been sent to the Government Office. Progress with the LDS was not currently on target and GOSE would consider the need for any changes in December. The Preferred Options report could also be put back by some weeks as the draft documents referred to above were needed first.

It was agreed:

That all Councillors be provided with a copy of the documentation on the LDF Core Strategy and a list of statutory bodies and landowners to whom it had been sent.

74 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Principal Planning Officer reported that guidelines on conversion of properties in Folkestone Road, Dover would be put to the November meeting of the Planning

Committee. A document on Affordable Housing S106 agreements had been commissioned and a report was anticipated in December.

75 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed:

That the next meeting of the LDF Group be held on 29 November 2005 at 2.30pm.

The meeting ended at 5.30pm.