

## **DEVELOPMENT PLAN WORKING PARTY**

Meeting: 25 November 2024

At: 4.00 pm

PRESENT

Councillor Mark Roberts (Vice-Chair); Councillors Asa Caton, Liz Crix, Colin Foster, Mark Hunter, Mark Jones, David Meller and Catherine Stuart.

### **1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR**

RESOLVED – That Councillor Mark Roberts be elected Vice Chair of the Working Party for the period until the next Annual Council Meeting.

Vice Chair, Councillor Mark Roberts, in the Chair

### **2. MINUTES**

The minutes (copies of which had been circulated) of the meeting held on 22 April 2024 were approved as a correct record.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors and Officers were invited to declare any interest that they had in any of the items on the agenda for the meeting.

No declarations of interest were made.

### **4. STOCKPORT LOCAL PLAN - UPDATE**

A representative of the Assistant Director Place Making and Planning submitted a report (copies of which had been circulated) which outlined the work that had taken place in relation to the SLP consultation since the decision was made to pause and provided the most up-to-date information in relation to the publication of the revised NPPF publication and proposed next steps for the local plan.

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- The Vice Chair expressed his thanks to the Edgeley Community Association for their work in connection with the local plan.
- With regard to looking for sites, would this be based on an interpretation of the draft NPPF or would this happen once the full details were published? In response, the Working Party was advised that in terms of review and assessment of sites, this would wait until the new NPPF was published, but the exercise would start before the process but will run to around the same time as the NPPF is published.
- If Members have any ideas about suitable sites then please could these be forwarded to officers.
- A short discussion took place as to why and how the Council found itself in the current position with regard to the local plan.

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- Will the sites previously identified be retained or would the call for sites be starting from scratch? In response, the Working Party was advised that previous sites would be considered.
- Members emphasised the importance of having the strongest evidence position.
- Members requested an update of the Council's supply position with regards to the strategic land availability assessment, could this be supplied in order to avoid duplication?

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

### **5. FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE WORKING PARTY**

The following comments were made/issues raised:

- A short discussion took place relating to whether or not meetings of the Working Party should be held remotely or face to face. It was agreed that this matter would be considered when considering future meetings.

RESOLVED – that future meetings of the Development Plan Working Party would take place on:

11 December 2024  
15th January 2025  
6 February 2025

The meeting closed at 6.25 pm