

WOKING BOROUGH COUNCIL

DRAFT NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK WORKING GROUP

HELD ON 21 JULY 2021 IN VIRTUAL MEETING

Present: Councillor Tahir Aziz (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Steve Dorsett
Councillor Gary Elson
Councillor Adam Kirby
Councillor Louise Morales (Chairman)

Giorgio Framaliccio
Ernest Amoako
Daniel Ashe
Gillian Bernadt
Stephanie Broadley

Absent: Councillor Simon Ashall
Councillor Will Forster

Actions

8. Review of Statement of Community Involvement

Ernest Amoako introduced the report and explained that the purpose of it was to seek authority to publish the draft revised Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) for public consultation between September 2021 and November 2021.

The Chairman queried whether we should be asking if there were any new Neighbourhood Forums, Residents Associations etc. that needed to be included since this list had been drawn up. The Group was advised that this list was managed by Andy Denner in Marketing and Communications and that this was not restricted in anyway, the wider the better for consultation.

Following a question regarding the inclusion of Woking People of Faith Forum in consultation exercises, Stephanie Broadley confirmed that the Forum was on the database list, but commented that they contact information may need to be updated if they were not receiving the consultation requests. It was agreed that the Chairman would provide Stephanie Broadley with an up to date contact.

Ernest Amoako also commented that if Members were aware of any businesses that they would like to be included on the database, then the Team would be very happy to receive their suggestions. Following a query, Gillian Bernadt advised that the Woking Chamber of Commerce did circulate the Council's policy consultations to their members.

The Chairman queried whether Members were included on the consultation list.

Councillor S Dorsett suggested Facebook Groups across Woking would provide an extensive source for consultation. Officers could liaise with the administrators of these groups so that they could circulate policy consultations. It was agreed that this had the potential of reaching a huge audience. Ernest Amoako confirmed that he would ask that this suggestion be explored further.

The Chairman commented that it would be beneficial for the 'Woking 2020' link to be located higher up on the webpage so that it was easier to access.

The Working Group RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to the Executive that;

- (i) the draft Statement of Community Involvement be approved for public engagement and consultation between September 2021 and November 2021; and**
- (ii) delegated authority be given to the Director of Planning in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning to approve amendments to the revised SCI to reflect new information before it is published for community engagement and consultation.**