

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PANEL

26 FEBRUARY 2007

Chairman: * Councillor Marilyn Ashton

Councillors: * Keith Ferry * Narinder Singh Mudhar (1)
* Thaya Idaikkadar * Joyce Nickolay
* Manji Kara * Navin Shah

* Denotes Member present
(1) Denote category of Reserve Member
† Denotes apologies received

[Note: Councillor Mrs Kinnear also attended this meeting to speak on the item indicated at Minute 32 below].

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS**RECOMMENDATION 2: Local Development Scheme 2007: Preparation of a Joint Waste Development Plan Document (DPD)**

The Panel received a report of the Director of Planning Services, which set out the latest position in West London on the production of a Joint Waste Development Plan Document (DPD). The report advised that the constituent boroughs were reporting to their respective Executives/Full Councils on formal agreement to produce a Joint Waste DPD, and the Memorandum of Understanding underlying the process, including financial commitments.

In response to questions from Members, the officer clarified the following points:

- The Joint Waste DPD would be binding on all authorities, providing an overarching policy for the sub-region.
- The officer group, currently led by a project officer employed by Hillingdon Council, would be seeking to be thorough in the technical appraisal of sites and effective community engagement, without incurring undue costs.
- The draft Memorandum of Understanding had initially been scrutinised by legal and planning officers in all boroughs.
- The proposed start date of 1 March 2007 for the agreement, specified in the report of the Director of Planning Services, was probably no longer achievable.
- If any of the authorities wished to withdraw from the agreement at a later date, they could do so, leaving the remaining boroughs to continue the production of a Joint Waste DPD.
- Harrow's position meant that it was largely dependent upon the use of facilities outside of the Borough, and it would not be in the Council's interests to pursue a single borough approach to waste management.
- The proposal in the London Plan alterations to expand the West London Local Authorities to include Kensington and Chelsea would need to be explored further to determine whether there would be any benefit to Harrow.

Resolved to RECOMMEND (to Cabinet)

That (1) the Council participates in the production of a Joint Waste DPD for West London; and

(2) the timetable for production of the Joint Waste DPD be included in the updated Local Development Scheme.

Reason for recommendation: The West London boroughs have progressed their joint working to a stage whereby formal agreement is required.