



Sizewell C Joint Local Authority Group

9th Jan 2012 at 10.00am

Deben Room, Suffolk Coastal District Council

Notes

In attendance:

Cllr Andrew Nunn (SCDC Portfolio Holder for the Green Environment & Leiston TC)
Cllr Andrew Reid (SCC Wilford)
Cllr Andy Smith (Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Planning and Coastal Protection, SCDC)
Cllr Geoff Holdcroft (SCDC Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Economic Development)
Cllr Guy McGregor (SCC Portfolio Holder for Roads, Transport and Planning)
Cllr Judy Terry (Portfolio Holder for Greenest County and Economic Development, SCC)
Cllr Rae Leighton (SCC Blything)
Cllr Richard Smith (SCC Leiston/Aldeburgh)
Cllr Tony Cooper (SCDC & Leiston TC)
Cllr Trevor Hawkins (SCDC & Leiston TC)

Supporting Officers:

Bob Chamberlain (SCDC Principal Planning Officer, Major Projects)
John Pitchford (SCC, Spatial Planning Manager)
Nicky Corbett (Sizewell C Project Support Officer, SCDC/SCC)
Paul Wood (Sizewell C Project Manager, SCDC/SCC)
Philip Ridley (Head of Planning Services and Coastal Protection, SCDC/Waveney)
Stephen Baker (Chief Exec, Suffolk Coastal/Waveney)

Apologies:

Cllr Tony Goldson (SCC); Cllr Ray Herring (SCDC); Bryn Griffiths (SCC)

1. Introduction

Members of the group were introduced and welcomed.

2. Election of Chair

There was some discussion around the merits of a shared Chairmanship or a Chair and Vice-Chair. The majority were in agreement that a Chair and Vice-Chair should be appointed. Cllrs Guy McGregor (proposed by Cllr Rae Leighton and seconded by Cllr Andrew Reid) and Andy Smith (proposed by Cllr Andrew Nunn and seconded by Cllr Geoff Holdcroft) were both nominated for Chairman. They received the same number of votes and as a result it was agreed that following the meeting Cllrs McGregor and Smith would discuss who would take the respective roles of Chair and Vice-Chair and report back at the next meeting.

Cllr Andy Smith was nominated as Chair for the remainder of the meeting. This was agreed unanimously.

Action

- *Cllrs Guy McGregor and Andy Smith to report back at next meeting*

3. Agree Terms of Reference

A draft had been circulated. Items were scrutinised and following a number of amendments, final wording was agreed (a revised copy will be made available with these notes).

Actions:

- *The agreed amendments to the Terms of Reference will be presented at the next meeting.*
- *MPs Dr Dan Poulter, Dr Therese Coffey and Peter Aldous will be invited as observers on this group.*
- *Draft options for engagement with town and parish councils (to be included in the ToR) will be presented at the next meeting.*

4. Update on SZC Programme (Paul Wood)

Following the presentation, there was some discussion around the EDFE consultation process and further clarification has been requested by members.

A report back from the quarterly Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) Board was also requested.

Members requested that the presentation slides be circulated to them.

Actions:

- *A 'route map' of the determination process will be presented at the next meeting.*
- *SZC Project Office agreed to circulate the presentation slides to members of the group*
- *Paul Wood agreed to report back to the group following PPA Board Meetings*

5. Key Issues Arising

The following list of key issues was included in the presentation:

- Transport infrastructure incl. 4 villages by-pass
- Maximising economic opportunities for local population/ businesses
- Coastal management
- Community benefit
- Landscape/ design impact
- Density of development
- Accommodation campus & EPZ
- P&R locations

During discussion around the emerging issues, members showed concern about the selection criteria regarding the Chair for the EDFE Community Forum and requested that they should be given the opportunity to nominate a potential candidate. This not seeming to be an unreasonable request, members were encouraged to bring suggestions to the next meeting.

Action

- *JLAG members to consider suitable candidates for the Chair of the EDFE Community Forum*

6. Engagement with EDFE

Members were advised that the Group would need to keep up to date with EDFE consultation documents as they emerge and to give some prior thought to their response, given the relatively short timescale for the consultation process.

Sizewell Task Group at SCDC will re-convene in the near future.

It was thought prudent to give some thought to a media strategy fitting both local authorities, should members be approached for a comment on SZC.

Action

- *Press & Comms at both LAs will give advice on a media strategy.*

7. Future Agenda Items

- Meeting with MPs (Chair/Vice-chair)
- Meeting with leads at EDFE New Build (whole group)
- Transport report a priority
- Other issues as and when requested by members

Action:

- *Transport WP report will be on the agenda at the next meeting*
- *Officers to present a recommended priority list of issues to be scrutinised at next meeting*

There being no further business, the date of the next meeting was arranged for:

Friday 3 February at 2pm – venue to be confirmed