

23 February 2018

To: **All Members of the Council**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the North East Derbyshire District Council to be held **on Monday, 5 March 2018 at 2.00 pm in the Council Chamber**, District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield.



Assistant Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1 For Members' information the following room arrangements have been made for Group Meetings prior to this Council meeting:

Labour Group	-	Council Chamber
Conservative Group	-	Executive Meeting Room
- 2 Members are requested to bring their laptops and iPads to the meeting where assistance will be provided to anyone who may require it in order to follow the meeting electronically.

A G E N D A

- 1 **Apologies for Absence**
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any item on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 **To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the attached Minutes of the Council meeting held on 19 February 2018 – TO FOLLOW**

4 **Chair's Announcements (if any)**

5 **Public Participation**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 8 to allow members of the public to ask questions about the Council's activities for a period up to fifteen minutes. The replies to any such questions will be given by the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

- (a) Question submitted to Councillor Michael Gordon, Portfolio Holder with Responsibility for Environment and Asset Management from Enid Lumb:-

Re: The North East Derbyshire Draft Local Plan, February 2018, which contains proposals to build 1,275 homes on Green Belt land in Dronfield, Eckington and Killamarsh.

Residents are dismayed to see that the Local Plan still contains housing proposals for Green Belt. They are concerned that neighbouring Councils, particularly Sheffield and Chesterfield, have not been pressed to do more to help North East Derbyshire meet its housing targets. We know there is a lot of brownfield land in these nearby areas.

Can you tell us when exactly you asked Sheffield City Council and Chesterfield Borough Council to help and can you explain the outcomes of these discussions?

- (b) Question submitted to Councillor G Baxter MBE, Leader of the Council from John Harvey:-

The Local Plan proposed building on Dronfield Green Belt whilst the draft Neighbourhood Plan aims to protect the Green Belt.

How does NEDDC proposed reconciling this conflict of aims given that the Neighbourhood Plan is likely to have over whelming public support? What is your position given that you have endorsed the adoption of both Plans?

- (c) Question submitted to Councillor G Baxter MBE, Leader of the Council from Hermione Salt:-

Regarding proposals within the draft Local Plan, February 2018, to build houses on Green Belt land in Dronfield, Eckington and Killamarsh.

I, like many other residents, have concerns that the communication and information related to the public about these plans, plus that the collation and consideration of the public response had not adequately served the public.

Many residents have recently raised wide ranging and detailed concerns with you and your Cabinet Members about the consultation Process conducted on these plans last year. They have received a dismissive, unacceptable "stock"

*letter in response from the Planning Department and been informed that Councillors will not be entering into correspondence with them about this. Hence, I wish to put this question to you, as Leader of the District Council: **What consideration and weight did you give the consultation when drawing up the latest draft of the Local Plan and do you have any plans to look at this again?***

6 Minutes of Meetings held between 27 November 2017 and 14 February 2018

The following meetings have taken place. To access these documents on the Council's website go to: <http://www.ne-derbyshire.gov.uk/index.php/your-council/document-library/committee/minute-book/may-2017-may-2018-minute-book>

	MEETING	DATE
(a)	Strategic Alliance Joint Committee	5 December 2017 6 February 2018
(b)	Planning Committee	12 December 2017 – 10 am – Special 12 December 2017 – 2 pm 2 January 2018 13 February 2018
(c)	Cabinet	13 December 2017 3 January 2018 14 February 2018
(d)	Standards Committee	14 December 2017
(e)	Licensing Committee	20 December 2017
(f)	Growth Scrutiny Committee	18 January 2018 8 February 2018
(g)	Organisation Scrutiny Committee	10 January 2018
(h)	Communities Scrutiny Committee	12 January 2018
(i)	Audit & Corporate Governance Scrutiny Committee	25 January 2018
(j)	Licensing Sub-Committee (Taxis)	1 February 2018 *Re-convened on 7 February 2018

Arrangements will be made to project an electronic copy of the above Minutes onto the screens in the Council Chamber should any Member have a specific question they wish to raise.

The Council previously decided to dispose with going through the Minutes of previous meetings page by page and not to produce a hard copy of the Minute Book on condition that Members could make a specific request for any set of minutes to the Governance Team.

There are no recommendations within the above Minutes requiring Council approval that are not already covered on the agenda.

7 To answer any questions from Members asked under Procedure Rule No 9.2

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 9.2 to allow members to ask questions about Council activities. The replies to any such questions will be given by the Chair of the Council or relevant Committee or the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer seven clear working days before the meeting.

No questions have been submitted under Procedure Rule No 9.2 for this meeting.

8 To consider any motions from Members under Procedure Rule No 10

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 10 to consider motions on notice from members. Motions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon seven clear working days before the meeting.

- (a) To consider the following motion from Councillor Angelique Foster and seconded by Councillor Kevin Tait:-

That this Council:-

- (1) Notes that the latest draft Local Plan still proposed the removal of a substantial amount of land from the Green Belt in the North of the District.*
- (2) Believes that the current Green Belt in the Northern settlements of Dronfield, Eckington and Killamarsh fulfils the five purposes identified in the NPPF and the importance of which is evidenced by the overwhelming response from local residents during the last consultation. The loss of these parcels of land would mean the loss of vital green fields, which help to improve air quality and bring enormous benefits, not only for the population living close by but also populations much further afield. Some of these green fields are also still used for agricultural purposes.*
- (3) Believes that building on the Green Belt in the northern settlements of the District will not enhance those places but burden them with more traffic, more air and noise pollution and more carbon emissions. It will also increase the out-commuting from the District to Sheffield and Chesterfield, which is contrary to what the Local Plan sets out to achieve in some of its policies. Removing those parcels of land from the Greenbelt is also unnecessary as North East Derbyshire's housing needs could be accommodated elsewhere in the District.*
- (4) Withdraws the latest draft of the Local Plan until further work is undertaken to maintain the existing Green Belt boundaries as they are presently.*

- (b) To consider the following motion from Councillor Alex Dale:-

That this Council notes that in terms of meeting the District's housing needs, the latest draft Local Plan:-

- (1) Is making a case for more housing than is actually required by the local population, due to its assumptions about economic growth in the District.*
- (2) Acknowledges that of an over-inflated target of 6,600 new homes, 975 have already been built and a further 3,882 are commitments with planning permission, leaving just 1,764 still to deliver.*
- (3) Has failed to include windfall sites within the allocations, which could, based on recent trends, deliver up to 1,250 homes over the remaining plan period.*
- (4) Has unnecessarily excluded from the total other key developments which could deliver over 1,000 further new homes.*

That this Council pauses consultation on the Local Plan immediately in order to undertake an urgent review of housing strategy and allocations to ensure:-

- (1) The Plan is grounded in meeting local needs and not the unrealistic and misguided ambitions of the ruling administration.*
- (2) Windfalls and other key developments are being effectively utilised to reduce the burden on the communities in the Green Belt.*

9 Protocol for Members Appointed to Represent the Council on Outside Bodies

To consider reports (if any) from Members nominated to represent the Council on outside bodies.

10 Outcome of By-Election

Council to note the election of Councillor Richard Marriott to Grassmoor Ward on 15 February 2018.

11 Appointments to Committees and Advisory Groups

To appoint:-

- (a) A Labour member to the Communities Scrutiny Committee (nominated Member: Cllr R Marriott), Planning Committee (nominated Member: Cllr C Hunt and Site Inspection Group (nominated Member Cllr G Butler).*

In appointing to the Committees and Advisory Groups set out in (a) above, the political groups may wish to make changes to their representatives on other Committees and Advisory Groups.

** These appointments are in accordance with the political balance requirements of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989*

12 Report of Councillor P R Kerry, Portfolio Holder with Responsibility for Economy, Finance & Regeneration and ICT

Level of Council Tax 2018/19 – (Ref: DC)
