



245. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER PROCEDURAL RULE A9

There were no questions submitted under Procedural Rule A9.

246. PLANNING POLICY GOVERNANCE

The Planning Manager presented the report, the purpose of which was for Members to consider proposals for the review of Governance arrangements relating to the review of the North Devon & Torrington Local Plan 2011 – 2031 and wider planning policy.

The Planning Manager endorsed the following:

- It is a formal Committee and Agenda's and Minutes will be published in line with all other formal Committee's.
- To be reported to Joint Member Workshops (not Full Council) – this will ensure transparency and allow for all Members to be included in the decision making.
- Committee Membership.

Following a brief discussion, it was proposed by Councillor James, seconded by Councillor Watson and –

Resolved:

1. That the formation of a Joint Planning Policy Committee in accordance with the "Agreement for a Joint Planning Policy Committee" attached to the report (subject to a successful North Devon Council resolution for the same) be agreed.
2. That alternative arrangements for political balance under s17(1) Local Government and Housing Act 1989 be approved and that membership of the Joint Committee be as set up in the Agreement and as determined by Full Council.

(Vote: For - Unanimous)

247. NORTHERN DEVON FUTURES

The Chief Executive presented the report, the purpose of which was for Members to decide if they wished to join the Northern Devon Futures Partnership, and to appoint the Leader of the Council as the representative on the Northern Devon Futures Strategic Board.

The Chief Executive advised Members that the Appendix 1 attached to the report "Northern Devon Futures – the Way Forward" had been sent to all organisations for feedback. The Chief Executive confirmed that the purpose of this meeting was to feedback Members comments to the Board and to seek representation.

Members referred to the aims and aspirations of the Board and were concerned to note that the agricultural sector is not represented. The Chief Executive confirmed that Members comments would be fed back to the Board.

Additional comments made included:

- There is no regional representative from NFU on the Board
- Only Urban based industry on the Board
- Groups not to be all Barnstaple based

Councillor James addressed the meeting and emphasised the importance of moving forward with this matter.

Following comments made in relation to input and feedback from the Board meetings, Councillor James confirmed he will be reporting back to Members.

It was proposed by Councillor Bushby, seconded by Councillor Newton and –

Resolved:

- That Torridge District Council join the Northern Devon Futures partnership and commit to its vision
- That the Leader of the Council be the nominated representative on the Northern Devon Futures Strategic Board

(Vote: For – Unanimous)

248. PETITIONS

There were no petitions.

249. NOTICES OF MOTION

There were no notices of motion.

250. PART II - (CLOSED SESSION)

There were no Part II items.

The meeting commenced at 18.30 and closed at 19.04.

Chair:

Date: