

Eden District Council

Scrutiny Co-ordinating Board Minutes

Date: 15 November 2018 Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith Time: 6.00 pm

Present:

Vice Chairman:	Councillor J Raine	
Councillors:	I Chambers J Derbyshire R Sealby	J G Thompson M Tonkin
Standing Deputies:	Councillor A Meadowcroft Councillor M Robinson	
Officers Present:	Lisa Tremble, Assistant Director Legal Services	
Others Present:	Councillor D Holden (for part of meeting) Councillor M Eyles (for part of meeting) Councillor Nicolson (for part of meeting) Councillor Owen (for part of meeting) Councillor Taylor (for part of meeting)	
Democratic Services Officer:	Vivien Little and Claire Watters	

SCb/40/11/18 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Banks, Councillor M Robinson attended as substitute and Councillor R Orchard, Councillor A Meadowcroft attended as substitute.

SCb/41/11/18 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest made at this meeting.

SCb/42/11/18 Request for call-in - Eden Development Portfolio Plan 2018-2019

Members considered report G102/18 from the Deputy Chief Executive which set out the details of a request for a call-in of a decision made by the Eden Development Portfolio Holder at his meeting on 23 October 2018 with regard to the progress report given on the Eden Development Portfolio Plan 2018-2019.

The Chairman outlined the procedure for the meeting and outlined the options open to the Committee to resolve either:

- a. that the decision is contrary to the policy framework or budget and to refer the decision to Council, or
- b. it has concerns and to refer the matter back to the decision maker for re-consideration (such concerns must be specified by Members), or
- c. to take no further action.

Councillor D Holden presented the case for the call-in on behalf of herself and the other signatories to the call-in, Councillors M Eyles and V Taylor. The following reasons were given to support the call-in:

- a. The Penrith Master Plan public engagement process ends after the decision date of this Portfolio Plan, which does not allow time to study and compile the results of this process.
- b. The Saturn modelling update may not be ready until March next year, and the Strategic Flood Assessment on the 32 optioned sites are not available yet.

Councillor Holden also expressed concerns in relation to inconsistencies in the terminology used in reference to the Master Plan.

Councillor Nicolson attended as a witness and expressed procedural concerns regarding the call-in, in that no decisions in relation to the Master Plan had been made by the Executive. He asked that the call-in be withdrawn.

Councillor Owen, Eden Development Portfolio Holder advised that the decision made on the 23 October was to note the progress against the portfolio plan, and that this did not amount to predetermination of the Master Plan. He confirmed that responses to the public engagement will be considered and that the Portfolio Holder Plan is a 'living document' as such it will be subject to amendments.

The Assistant Director Legal Services, asked Members to ensure the questions they asked remained within the scope of the call-in.

Councillor Owen answered questions from Members and explained that the information contained within the Portfolio Plan was correct as at 30 September 2018.

Councillor Holden, Councillor Eyles, Councillor Nicolson, Councillor Owen and Councillor Taylor withdrew from the meeting at 6.48pm whilst Members considered the issues and received advice in relation to the call-in.

Proposed by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Chambers

and **RESOLVED** that no further action be taken.

Councillor Holden, Councillor Eyles, Councillor Nicolson, Councillor Owen and Councillor Taylor re-joined the meeting at 7.03pm and were informed of the resolution.

The meeting closed at 7.07 pm

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