Flintshire Local Development Plan

Key Stakeholder Forum – Notes

Friday 27th February 2015 – Alyn & Deeside Room

Name	Organisation	Table
Brian Coleclough	FUW	4
Chris Martin	Clwyd Powys Archaeological Trust	4
Gerry Kitney	50+ Action Group	3
Ann Woods	Flintshire Local Voluntary Council	3
Ashley Batten	CADW	4
Mike Moriarty	CPRW	4
Catherine Morgetroyd	Cheshire West and Chester	3
Andrew Frazer	Wirral MBC	3
Sharon McCairn	North Wales Police	3
Danielle Royce	Wales and West Utilities	2
Steve Jackson	Coleg Cambria	2
Alan Roberts	Leisure Services FCC	2
Nia Lowe	Scottish Power	2
Louise Edwards	Scottish Power	2
Adrian Barsby	Flintshire Tourism Association	1
Mike Pender	HBF	1
David Johnson	Betsi Cadwallader Health Board Trust	1
Linda Sharp	Wrexham BC	1
Dewi Griffiths	Welsh Water	1
Mark Billing	Dee Valley Water	4
Bryn Bowker	Denbighshire CC	4
Chris Nott	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service	3
Niall Waller	Economic Development FCC	2
Apologies		
Colin Brew	West Cheshire and North Wales Chamber of Commerce	
Sue Maughan	Sport Wales	
Christine Artus	Flintshire Tourism Association	
Richard Grundy	Airbus	
David Adams	Airbus	
Angharad Crump	NRW	
Tony Hughes	Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB	
John Roberts	Ramblers Association	
Heledd Cressey	WG Planning Directorate	
Nicola Corbishley	Wrexham CBC	

Attendees

Presentation

Andy Roberts (Planning Strategy Group) introduced the FCC Policy present and all participants introduced themselves. Andy Roberts went through briefly the purpose of the

first meeting of the KSF and sought clarification from particpants that there were no concerns about the terms of reference for the Forum. A presentation then followed about the LDP based on the following headings:

- What is the LDP?
- Purpose of the LDP

- How does the LDP differ from the UDP?
- Decision making and the role of the Forum
- LDP key stages
- LDP programme and timetable
- Where are we up to?
- Candidate Sites
- Capacity to deliver the LDP
- Key challenges in delivering the LDP
- What next
- Lessons and learning

Workshops

Andy Roberts introduced the workshops which sought to sesurte feedback on Officer / Member work in terms of a vision for the LDP, the issues facing the LDP and the objectives for the LDP. The issues and objectives had been grouped under 3 broad headings based on the key components of sustainability i.e. i) enhancing community life, ii) delivering growth and prosperity and iii) safeguarding the environment.

Workshop 1 – Vision

'*The LDP is about people and places. It seeks to achieve a sustainable and lasting balance which provides for the economic, social and environmental needs of the County through realising its unique position as a regional gateway and area for economic investment whilst protecting its strong historic and cultural identity'*.

Table 1

- OK so far as it is able through the planning system
- Identifying and enhancing the role of settlements
- Capacity for growth
- Little emphasis on rural
- Gateway – can work both ways

Table 2

- Should the vision open with 'people, places and land'?

Table 3

- Could be more locally distinctive

Table 4

- Opens with 'people and places' but then talks about places more than people

- Include natural environment in the last line
- Could include welsh langauge

Workshop 2 – Enhancing Community Life (issues and objectives)

Table 1

- Objectives missing anything on rural hinterland
- Definition for 'district' centre
- How would the Plan facilitate transport and utility infrastructure?

Table 2

- Objective 8 - Strengthen town centre roles as social hubs and service centres
- Objective 8 - Diversifying town centres
- Objective 4 could include opportunities / scope for community renewable energy projects

Table 3

- Emphasised the importance of links to other visions, strategies etc

Table 4

- Objective 1 - Considered it was unclear what constitutes 'communities'
- Objective 1 - Questioned phrase 'mix of services and facilities' – 'appropriate' might be better
- Should be more focus on 'regeneration'.

Workshop 3 – Delivering Growth and Prosperity (issues and objectives)

Table 1

- Objective 12 - Concern about the use of 'appropriate' as this is subjective
- Objective 9 - Agree with directing growth to viable and deliverable sites
- Objective 6 - Concern re specifying 'skilled high value employment' – why not a range of employment?
- Objective 7 - Support regarding economic driver – possible include reference to 'gateway'
- Possibly include reference to other infrastructure eg schools and health

Table 2

- Objective 12 could refer to 'visitor' rather than 'tourism' i.e. a broader view

Table 3

- Objectives 6/7 - Are these underselling Flintshire as the County is already an established economy

Table 4
- Objective 6 should refer to a 'balanced' economy rather than 'diversification'
- Objective 6 - All lpas trying to achieve skilled jobs – how realistic?
- Objective 8 - Importance of accessibility to town centres
- Objectives 9 and 10 re housing could be merged.

Workshop 4 – Safeguarding the Environment (issues and objectives)
Table 1
- The need to be locally specific in terms of key environmental features
- Identifying what is unique about Flintshire
- Managing recreational and tourism pressures with the environment
Table 2
- Objective 18 – questions the use of 'where appropriate'
- Objective 13 – should 'effects' of climate change be replaced with 'impacts'?
Table 3

- Objective 13 – promote development which respects village 'character'

Table 4

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Considered 'historic' environment should be included in issues.

Closing remarks

Andy Roberts closed the session and stressed that any additional comments / feedback from the workshops would be welcomed. He advised that notes of the meeting would be discussed by Council's Planning Strategy Group before being placed on web and circulated to participants.

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