

**Policy and Planning Committee Meeting
4 August 2022**

Present: Councillors Dodson, Hardacre, Hird, Hirst, Kenyon (non-committee member), Middleton, Moran, A Westmorland, G Westmorland, Wilson (non-committee member) and the town clerk.

Twenty-one members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed via Zoom.

132 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All committee members were in attendance.

133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations other than those already stated in members' respective register of interests.

134 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

- WMDC's Local Plan hearings.
- Councillors' attendance at WMDC's Local Plan hearings.

135 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2022 be approved.

136 WMDC PLANNING ENFORCEMENT PLAN – CONSULTATION

Resolved that WMDC's planning enforcement plan be noted.

137 WMDC LOCAL PLAN LP21 – UPDATE FROM JON TRICKETT MP

The chair provided an update from Jon Trickett MP on WMDC Local Plan LP21 and confirmed that he is vigorously pursuing the matter, especially in view of the wildlife/environmental concerns.

138 ABUSE POLICY

Resolved that a working group be set up consisting of Cllrs Hird, Middleton, Moran and A Westmorland to review the council's 'abuse, intimidation or rudeness' policy and to report back to the committee with any resultant recommendations.

139 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

140 STAFFING MATTERS

Resolved that the respective three months and six months probationary periods of the two members of staff concerned be approved.

The meeting closed at 19:50.