

Local Development Framework – Brighton and Hove Core Strategy: Submission

PROTOCOL

- The Core Strategy will be considered by the Cabinet on the 12th November.
- Any amendments arising from the Cabinet meeting will be incorporated in full into the final report prepared for Council.
- There will be an open debate for councillors to express their views and the views of their constituents about key issues arising from the Core Strategy;
- The key themes to be debated are:
 - **The Spatial Strategy, Housing and Urban Fringe** - accommodating growth, housing numbers and the urban fringe housing contingency
 - **The Economy** – including enterprise and employment, tourism, retail and major projects
 - **Transport and Infrastructure** – including air quality
 - **Reducing Inequalities** – including delivering other strategies and consultation
 - **Open Space, Biodiversity, Sports and a Healthy City**
 - **Sustainable Development, Design and Public Places and Climate Change** – including built heritage and density

The Process

- Party Groups will be required to table their amendments to the recommendations on the themes prior to the debate at Council by submitting them to Liz Hobden, Local Development Framework Manager by no later than 5pm Thursday 3rd December.
- All Groups' amendments will be evaluated by officers to determine the service, financial and legal implications of including those proposals and will be held confidential from the other political parties by the officers involved. All proposals must have been "signed off" by the Local Development Team Manager no later than 12noon Tuesday 8th December.
- Only the Chief Executive, Director of Environment and Assistant Director – City Planning (with appropriate officers from the Local Development Team and Democratic Services) will be aware of the full range of amendments being proposed and they will not be shared with any parties until the morning of the day before the Council meeting.

- The Assistant Director – City Planning should have a “brokering” role if this would appear to facilitate agreement on particular amendments or proposals. To this end, the Assistant Director may put forward any potential composite amendments to the proposers of any amendments for consideration and agreement prior to the final deadline of 12noon on the 8th December.
- The Mayor will refuse to accept any amendment subsequently moved that has not been “signed off” by the Director of Environment.
- All amendments will be shared at 9am on the 9th December (the day before the Council) between the Group Leaders by the Head of Democratic Services.

Public Involvement

The debate will be open to the public. Members of the public will be able to submit questions on the Core Strategy in advance of the Council meeting on the 10 December 2009 (Deadline for submission being 12noon on the 3rd December).

Any questions submitted will not be answered in the usual way, instead questioners will receive confirmation of receipt and be informed that their question will be included in the addendum papers circulated to all Members for their reference during the debate and that written answers will be provided after the meeting.

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To help Members at Council on 10 December 2009 the procedure to be followed in respect of the Core Strategy debate is set out below:-

25. Declarations of Interest.

27. Mayor’s urgent communications, including the following:

The Council will be asked to agree that the Procedural Rules be suspended to the extent that it is necessary to enable the business of the meeting to be dealt with as set out in agenda item 36 below.

36. Local Development Framework – Brighton and Hove Core Strategy: Submission. (Adoption of the Core Strategy)

- (a) The **Mayor** will invite the Leader of the Council to move the Adoption of the Core Strategy and Councillor Theobald to formally second. Councillor Mears will have 5 minutes and Councillor Theobald will have 3 minutes.
- (b) The **Mayor** will then call on the relevant Cabinet Member to introduce each theme, followed by the Opposition Groups’ Spokespersons to move their amendment for each of the themes:

- (c) Where Groups have recognised there are a number of elements that they agree upon, a Joint amendment can be moved under each theme, notwithstanding that individual Groups may also wish to move amendments under a corresponding theme. However, any Joint amendment cannot be moved and seconded by those Members moving their respective Group's amendment:

(i) The Spatial Strategy, Housing and Urban Fringe

Councillor Theobald and Councillor Caulfield to make their presentation to the Council and to move and second the Spatial Strategy, Housing and Urban Fringe theme, together with any amendment. Councillor Theobald will have 5 minutes and Councillor Caulfield will have 3 minutes.

Councillor Mitchell and Councillor Elgood/Watkins to respond and move the Joint Liberal Democrats/Green/Labour Groups' amendment. Councillor Mitchell will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Elgood/Watkins will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

Councillor Meadows and Councillor Marsh to respond and move the Labour Group's amendment. Councillor Meadows will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Marsh will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

Councillor Wrighton and Councillor West to respond and move the Green Group's amendment. Councillor Wrighton will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor West will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

(ii) The Economy

Councillor Kemble and Councillor Smith to make their presentation to the Council and to move and second the Economy theme, together with any amendment. Councillor Kemble will have 5 minutes and Councillor Smith] will have 3 minutes.

Councillor Elgood and Councillor Randall to respond and move the Joint Labour/Green/Liberal Democrats Groups' amendment. Councillor Elgood will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Randall will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

Councillor Hamilton and Councillor Carden to respond and move the Labour Group's amendment. Councillor Hamilton will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Carden will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

Councillor Kitcat and Councillor Taylor to respond and move the Green Group's amendment. Councillor Kitcat will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Taylor will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

(iii) Transport and Infrastructure

Councillor Theobald and Councillor Young to make their presentation to the Council and to move and second the Transport and Infrastructure theme, together with any amendment. Councillor Theobald will have 5 minutes and Councillor Young will have 3 minutes.

Councillor Mitchell and Councillor West to respond and move the Joint Green/Labour/Liberal Democrats Groups' amendment. Councillor Mitchell will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor West will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

Councillor Turton and Councillor Lepper to respond and move the Labour Group's amendment. Councillor Turton will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Lepper will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

Councillor Davey and Councillor Phillips to respond and move the Green Group's amendment. Councillor Davey will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Phillips will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

(iv) Reducing Inequalities

Councillor Simson and Councillor Oxley to make their presentation to the Council and to move and second the Reducing Inequalities theme, together with any amendment. Councillor Simson will have 5 minutes and Councillor Oxley will have 3 minutes.

Councillor Elgood and Councillor McCaffery to respond and move the Joint Liberal Democrats/Labour/Green Groups' amendment. Councillor Elgood will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor McCaffery will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

Councillor Wakefield-Jarrett and Councillor Fryer to respond and move the Green Group's amendment. Councillor Wakefield-Jarrett will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Fryer will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

(v) Open Space, Biodiversity, Sports and a Healthy City

Councillor Norman and Councillor Brown to make their presentation to the Council and to move and second the Open Space, Biodiversity and a Healthy City theme, together with any amendment. Councillor Norman will have 5 minutes and Councillor Brown will have 3 minutes.

Councillor Randall and Councillor Elgood/Watkins to respond and move the Joint Green/Liberal Democrats/Labour Groups' amendment. Councillor Randall will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor x will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

(vi) Sustainable Development, Design and Public Places and Climate Change

Councillor Fallon-Khan and Councillor Older to make their presentation to the Council and to move and second the Sustainable Development, Design and Public Places and Climate Change theme, together with any amendment. Councillor Fallon-Khan will have 5 minutes and Councillor Older will have 3 minutes.

Councillor Kennedy and Councillor Allen to respond and move the Joint Labour/Liberal Democrats/Green Groups' amendment. Councillor Kennedy will have 5 minutes to move the amendment and Councillor Allen will have 3 minutes within which to second the amendment.

- (c) The **Mayor** will then open the matter up for a general debate by all Councillors on the proposed Adoption of the Core Strategy and the amendments that have been moved.

NOTE: Speakers will be limited to three minutes each and no extensions will be granted.

The Director Environment / Monitoring Officer shall have discretion at any stage to remind Members of the proposed substantive motion and its implications following acceptance of any amendments.

- (d) At the conclusion of the debate the **Mayor** will invite Councillor Theobald to give the final right of reply on behalf of the Administration. Councillor Theobald will have five minutes.

- (e) The Mayor will then put the amendments to the vote (up to a maximum of 6 separate votes for each of the Joint and individual Group's amendments) for each of the themes in the following order:

(1) Any Joint amendments:

- (i) Spatial Strategy, Housing and Urban Fringe
- (ii) The Economy
- (iii) Transport and Infrastructure
- (iv) Reducing Inequalities
- (v) Open space, Biodiversity, Sports and a Healthy City
- (vi) Sustainable Development, Design and Public Spaces and Climate Change;

The Director Environment / Monitoring Officer shall have discretion at any stage to remind Members of the proposed substantive motion and its implications following acceptance of any amendments.

(2) The Labour Group's amendments:

- (i) Spatial Strategy, Housing and Urban Fringe
- (ii) The Economy
- (iii) Transport and Infrastructure

The Director Environment / Monitoring Officer shall have discretion at any stage to remind Members of the proposed substantive motion and its implications following acceptance of any amendments.

(3) The Green Group's amendments:

- (i) Spatial Strategy, Housing and Urban Fringe
- (ii) The Economy
- (iii) Transport and Infrastructure
- (iv) Reducing Inequalities

The Director Environment / Monitoring Officer shall have discretion at any stage to remind Members of the proposed substantive motion and its implications following acceptance of any amendments.

- (f)** The **Mayor** will put the substantive motion, that the Core Strategy and supporting documents (as amended) (if amended) be approved and adopted for submission to the Secretary of State, preceded by a 6 week publication stage, subject to any minor editorial changes agreed by the Cabinet Member for Environment in consultation with the Director of Environment.

The Director of Environment / Monitoring Officer may at any stage advise Members, especially if there is a need for consequential adjustment to parts of the Core Strategy and supporting documents resulting from the separate votes under (e) (1, 2, 3 and/or 4 above).

The Director of Environment / Monitoring Officer may advise the Mayor of the need for a short adjournment in order to adjust the strategy in light of amendments just agreed.

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